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Eddie Wold



Mike Passell



Petra Hamman & Nancy Passell

Eddie Wold & Mike Passell Win Senior KO; Bill St. Clair Second in 0-10K IMP Pairs; Petra Hamman & Nancy Passell Second in Women's Pairs

David Sokolow
 Senior NABC
 Correspondent



San Diego is a *great* place for a national. The weather is perfect, the bayfront setting is breathtaking, and the playing conditions are among the best at an NABC. Several players from District 16 took full advantage and fought their way to the top of the San Diego heap.

Houstonian Eddie Wold and Mike Passell of Plano (does that make him a Planonian?) won the Senior Knockout Teams. Each had a previous win in this event, Mike in 2009 and Eddie in 2010. After comfortable wins in the early rounds, their team won their semifinal by 8 IMPs after trailing by 10 at the three-quarter mark, then vanquished the vaunted Nickell team in the final by 11, after being down by 1 IMP with a quarter to go. Now that is clutch! A round of well-deserved applause, if you please.

Mike's (much!) better half, Nancy, and Petra Hamman of Dallas came in second in the Women's Pairs. Nancy won the event last year (with our own Shawn Quinn). Nancy and Petra peaked at the right time: they averaged 62.15% in the final two sessions, and finished a little more than a board out of first. They couldn't be nicer; Petra even set me up with a partner for the Senior Mixed Pairs. Theirs was a popular win. Keep it up, girls!

Bill St. Clair of Cypress took second place in the 0-10K IMP Pairs. I don't like to play IMP Pairs because it is so random—if your opponents get to a marginal slam that makes, you're game goes down the toilet! So I am in awe of players who do well in that event, like Bill. His score of 61.20 in the final session would have been good enough for fourth, even if he had scored no IMPs in the previous three sessions! Congratulations on a fine showing.

A bevy of other District 16'ers captured top-ten finishes in NABC events. Hemant Lall, Plano, finished third in the North American Swiss Teams. In the premiere pair event at the Fall NABC, the Blue Ribbon

Pairs, Babu Koneru, San Antonio, and Dan Morse, Houston, came in fourth, Bart Bramley, Dallas, ended up sixth, and Nagy Kamel, Plano, landed ninth. Bart also finished seventh in the Reisinger BAM Teams, arguably the most demanding NABC team event. Mark Feldman, Austin, was sixth in the Nail LM Open Pairs. In the 0-10K IMP Pairs, Mary Ann White and Jimmy Reynolds, Laredo, were sixth, while Virgil Massey, Driftwood, and Charlene Sands, Pflugerville, ended up tenth. Bob Hamman, Dallas, tied for seventh in the Open BAM Teams. In the Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs, Yan Song and Hua Yang, Plano, also finished seventh. Tobi Sokolow and Louis Sachar, Austin, came in ninth in the Senior Mixed Pairs. Finally, Patricia Herrera, Mexico City, ended up tenth in the 0-10K Mixed Swiss Teams. Kudos to all of you for your hard-won honors!

The Spring NABC is March 8-18, 2018, at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown. Philly is one of the most underrated cities in the US. It has so much to recommend it: noted historical sites, like the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall; great museums, like the Philadelphia Museum of Art and Barnes Collection (get tickets on line); and a flourishing culinary culture, both high- and low-brow (you *have* to try a Philly Cheese Steak if you've never had one). Even better, Philadelphia is one of the best walking cities in America: it's littered (pardon the expression) with parks, squares and boulevards to explore. Do what the Orlons suggested back in 1963: "Meet me on South Street—the hippest street in town." Be there or be square!

Tobi and I wish you and all your loved ones a happy, healthy and satisfying 2018.

169 Players from District 16

- 190.65 Bart Bramley, Dallas
- 177.43 Mike Passell, Plano
- 158.44 Eddie Wold, Houston
- 154.31 Hemant Lall, Dallas
- 150.79 Dan Morse, Houston
- 135.29 Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio
- 113.25 Petra Hamman, Carrollton
- 108.35 Nancy Passell, Plano
- 88.46 Bob Hamman, Dallas
- 79.62 Chris Compton, Dallas

- 78.14 Bill St Clair, Cypress
- 77.47 Greg Hinze, San Antonio
- 77.43 Nagy Kamel, Plano
- 71.27 Mark Feldman, Austin
- 63.10 John Sutherlin, Dallas
- 57.84 Hua Yang, Plano
- 55.64 Michael Heymann, Fort Worth
- 52.47 Yan Song, Plano
- 49.74 Tobi Sokolow, Austin
- 49.73 Martyn Cooper, Katy
- 48.76 Ira Hessel, San Antonio
- 40.37 Virgil Massey, Driftwood
- 40.37 Charlene Sands, Pflugerville
- 39.76 Tom Breed, Kingwood
- 39.60 Sam Dinkin, Austin

NAIL LIFE MASTER PAIRS - 78.0 Tables / Based on 162

- 9 Mark Feldman, Austin
- 14 Bart Bramley, Dallas ;

Mitchell Open BAM - 66 Tables / Based on 136 Tables

- 9 Bob Hamman, Dallas
- 14 Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio
- 21 Dan Morse, Houston
- John Sutherlin, Dallas
- 23 Hemant Lall, Dallas
- 36 Greg Hinze, San Antonio
- Chris Compton, Dallas
- 37 Bart Bramley, Dallas

Seniors KO Teams - 26 Tables

- 1 Eddie Wold, Houston
- Mike Passell, Plano

0-10000 IMP PAIRS - 26.0 Tables / Based on 46 Tables

- 1 Bill St Clair, Cypress
- 6 Mary Ann White - Jimmy Reynolds, Laredo
- 10 Virgil Massey, Driftwood
- Charlene Sands, Pflugerville
- 12 Susan Stubinski - Bruce Wick, Houston

WHITEHEAD WOMEN'S PAIRS - 26.0 Tables / Based on 51 Tables

- 2 Nancy Passell, Plano
- Petra Hamman, Carrollton
- 12 Georgiana Gates, Houston ;
- 15 Stefanie Scott, Little Elm
- Kristen Onsgard, Dallas

0-5000 BLUE RIBBON PAIRS - 26.0 Tables / Based on 111 Tables

- 7 Yan Song - Hua Yang, Plano
- 19 G Thomas Rush, Houston
- 38 Judith Ortiz, San Antonio

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Tomi Storey

**District 16
 President**



wanted to say it.)

Bridge players would rather call you to ask a question rather than look it up on the website and they often don't care what time it is. (Hey, the job can't be fun all the time.)

The ACBL is trying hard to improve things. Our new CEO, Bahar Gidwani, has put together a very ambitious long term plan. I have seen more communication to the District presidents and Board of Governors members in the last 6 months than I have seen in the last 2 years. I am very encouraged, particularly with the new programs regarding youth and college bridge.

Players care. They truly do. They don't just care about making their contract or doubling you in yours. They care about you. This was never more evident than after Hurricane Harvey. There was such an incredible outpouring of support. It isn't just big catastrophes, though. It's a player overwhelmed with medical bills and clubs raising money to help. It's an elderly player who can't get to the games anymore and partners taking turns picking her up. It's The Longest Day raising money each year to end Alzheimer's. It is friends taking care of friends.

So for one last time, I want to thank my Executive Committee – Rebecca Brown, Nancy Strohmmer, Dan Leightman, and David Pearlman. I'm truly confident that they will guide our district well. Thanks also to the unit representatives and committee heads for making my position a pleasure.

Most of all, thank YOU for allowing me to represent you. It has truly been an honor and a privilege.

Tomi

Well, this is it! This is a little love letter from me to each and every one of you. When I first stepped into the office, I thought it would be for one year and then I was lucky enough to get another. It's been not only a pleasure, but a real joy. I've met so many of you and heard your opinions. I have appreciated your thoughts, your honesty, and your ideas.

I thought I'd share a few things I learned in those two years:

We cannot survive without retaining the players we have and finding new ones. Some of this needs to come from ACBL programs to support teachers and clubs. Districts and units need to be involved. But some of it needs to come from you. Greet new players. Be nice to novices. (Every one of us has been there.) Treat your partner and your opponents kindly. Make it simple - just be nice to everyone. You can do it.

Our volunteer system really works. There are more players than you realize who are happy to help. Some just need direction and some like to direct. It's a perfect world! Just don't wait for people to come up and offer. Ask. You'll be amazed at the number of people who will happily say yes.

If you want to make a bridge player happy, give them free food. It cures a lot of ills in almost any situation. This is certainly not limited to our district – it is an ACBL-wide fact. (Okay, I knew that already, but I

Paul Cuneo

**District 16
 National BOD**



reinstatement.

Term Limits for ACBL Board members passed on the first reading. Since a By-laws change is required a second vote will be taken in Philadelphia and if successful, then it needs to be ratified by the Board of Governors. Beginning with terms starting January 1, 2019, Board members will be limited to four 3-year terms under this proposal which I co-sponsored.

A Temporary Membership was created to introduce new players to ACBL. It lasts for 30 days and will cost only \$7.99. Temporary memberships will be available from Teachers, Clubs and Tournaments but not online or by phone. Teachers and Clubs will receive an incentive rebate for each temporary membership. The discussion centered around a \$5 rebate. Players may purchase multiple temporary memberships and it will also replace the \$4/session charge at tournaments for non-members and lapsed members. While this initiative has several purposes, it is expected to stimulate membership growth and will enable better tracking of students and players.

Uniform Electronic Device Policy for NABCs and Regionals – Requires regional tournaments to have the policy used at NABCs. The District 16 Board already adopted the same policy, but expect more rigorous enforcement at our regionals.

Beginning in 2019, the fall NABC will feature the Soloway KO event.

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San Diego Report

San Diego is a beautiful city and the Manchester Grand Hyatt is a great venue for an NABC. The weather was great and the views spectacular. Table count for the NABC was 11747, 253 tables under budget.

Jay Whipple for District 9, Florida, was elected as ACBL Board of Directors President for 2018 to replace Bob Heller from District 7. The Board thanked Bob for his year of service and I am especially appreciative as Bob allowed me to be fully engaged with committee and task-force work in my first year on the board.

The following is a summary of key Board actions taken in San Diego:

NABC Online Event – The Toronto event was a success and the Board approved having three in 2018. They will probably be run prior to the start of each NABC.

Anyone who joined ACBL prior to Jan 1, 2010 and whose membership lapsed prior to that date will retain the 300 masterpoint requirement for Life Master. If the member is reinstated prior to July 1, 2018, there will be no additional charge other than paying current dues. For those who reinstated after July 1, 2018 an additional \$50 fee will apply. To be reinstated with inclusion of masterpoints won while the membership was lapsed, a person must buy a three-year membership at the time of

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Keith Coates	Ajjic	Life Master	183 Jean Helmers	Fort Worth	Silver LM
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176 Ari Sippola	Richardson	Life Master	176 Bogumil Knypinski	N Richland Hls	Silver LM
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187 Katherine Powers	Rockport	Life Master	207 Thomas Smith	Austin	Silver LM
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174 Judith Earle	Houston	Bronze LM	174 John Heath	Houston	Ruby LM
207 Linda Garrett	Austin	Bronze LM	174 Chris Kollenberg	Houston	Ruby LM
176 Louise O'Brien	Dallas	Bronze LM	176 Larry Laudig	Waxahachie	Ruby LM
207 Robin Tucker	Austin	Bronze LM	174 Kyle Lueders	Houston	Ruby LM
172 Mike Vivian	San Antonio	Bronze LM	174 Constance Singleton	Houston	Ruby LM
174 Martyn Cooper	Katy	Bronze LM	174 Geoff Booth	Houston	Sapphire LM
172 Eugene Haddock	Comfort	Bronze LM	174 Rose Marie Cleveland	Houston	Sapphire LM
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172 Marjorie Miller	San Antonio	Bronze LM	205 Jimmy Reynolds	Laredo	Sapphire LM
183 Judy Nixon	Flower Mound	Bronze LM	176 Hua Yang	Plano	Sapphire LM
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174 Steven Bell	Cypress	Silver LM	174 Sandra Clark	Houston	Sapphire LM
183 Ann Curry	Arlington	Silver LM	183 Edwina Corn	Hurst	Sapphire LM
207 Shawn Drenning	Austin	Silver LM	173 Michel Paragot	San Miguel	Sapphire LM
174 Joyce Givens	Houston	Silver LM	174 Jack LaVigne	Houston	Emerald LM
183 Rosalee Hacker	Southlake	Silver LM	201 Aiyannadar Bharathi	Beaumont	Diamond LM
176 Penny Hawkins	Dallas	Silver LM	183 William White	Arlington	Emerald LM

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Limited Sectionals may now include players with up to 750 masterpoints which is increased from 500.

A change was made for Open Swiss events to award higher masterpoints by being credited for flighted Gold Rush events whether the Gold Rush is a pairs or Swiss event. Open Pairs events already enjoy this benefit and the change was made to have equity between Swiss and Pairs.

Unit Championships – These are currently sanctioned by day and session, morning afternoon or evening. The Board approved a change to allow every club to participate in a Unit Championship provided they hold a sanction for the day of the event and the Unit is NOT conducting a Unit Wide Championship where multiple clubs compete and overalls are awarded across the clubs.

10 Big Ideas – Continued development of Advertise, Promote Sponsor and Improve Teaching Effectiveness were agreed. Specific funding proposals for these ideas are expected in Philadelphia. More study will be done on Integrate Social Bridge, Simplify Masterpoints and Strength Based Ratings. Another round of Big Ideas is expected early in 2018.

Both the Club and Tournament Taskforces made reports. Study will continue around the issues including the Life Master masterpoint requirements.



Magic Valley Bridge Club Sectional January 26-28, 2018

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Club Director Course Houston Regional

Jan 27-29, 2018

Saturday & Sunday Noon – 9PM, Monday 9AM Test

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* denotes Life Master

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Qualifying for Flights B and C for the Grand National Teams 2018 by BJ Sanders

This Season, District 16 has made a major change in how one can Qualify for Flights B* and C** to play in the District Finals for the Grand National Teams (GNTs.) Historically, B and C teams played at a Unit-Sponsored Qualifying two-session event in the late Winter/early Spring timeframe. Those Teams then competed at the District level in the Spring and the winners of that event went on to compete in the Finals at the Summer Nationals in July/August.

Starting this GNT Season, to be eligible to play in the District 16 Finals, Flight B and C players can now qualify at single-session GNT Club games or Unit two-session events. One only needs to qualify one time, but may qualify multiple times. Additionally, a B or C Flight player can qualify at any GNT event in District 16. Players qualify as individuals and are free to switch teammates for the District Finals. Please note that all members of the Team must be within the masterpoint specifications for the Team to be able to qualify and there is no handicapping or mp averaging permitted in a Qualifier. The Conditions of Contest are available on the District 16 website under Conditions of Contest>GNT.

So, Flight B and C players, must Qualify at a Club Qualifier by the end of March or a Unit Qualifier. Then, SuperFlight, Flight A, and Qualified B and C players will play at the District GNT Finals the first weekend of May (4th – 6th) at the Marriott Westchase in Houston. Flight B competition begins Friday evening, continuing through the weekend. All other Flights compete on Saturday and Sunday. The winners of this event will advance to the National GNT Finals which are from Wednesday, July 25 through Sunday July 29 at the NABC in Atlanta.

Here is a list of scheduled Club Qualifiers:

Austin Area

Bridge Center of Austin Sunday, January 28 @ 1:30 pm
San Marcos Activity Center Friday, March 9 @ 10:00 am

Dallas Area

Bridge Academy of North Dallas 500/NLM Thursday, January 18 @6:30 pm
Bridge Academy of North Dallas 0-2500 Saturday, January 27 @1:30 pm
- Please check BAND calendar for potential additional Qualifiers in Feb and March

Houston Area

Bridge Club of Houston Saturday, January 27 @Noon
Bridge Club of Houston Saturday, February 24 @Noon
Clear Lake Bridge Club Sunday, January 14 @1:00 pm
Clear Lake Bridge Club Sunday, February 18 @1:00 pm
Westside Bridge Academy Sunday, January 7 @6:00 pm
Westside Bridge Academy Sunday, February 11 @6:00 pm
-Due to the number of Club Qualifiers offered, Unit 174 will not hold a Unit Qualifier

San Antonio Area

Fiesta Bridge Club 0-2500 Wednesday, January 31 @11:00 am

Unit Qualifiers are listed at the District 16 website under the District Calendar. And, please check with your local clubs for any Club Qualifiers that may not have been scheduled at press time for this article.

Finally, please note that many of these Club Games will have people participating with more than 2500 mps. They will earn mps but not be included in the Qualifying calculations.

*** Flight B is players with 0-2500 mps as of August 6, 2017**

****Flight C is players who are non-Life Masters and have 0-500 mps as of August 6, 2017 SuperFlight and Flight A players only need to compete at the District Playoff.**

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Senior Mixed Pairs - 56.0 Tables Based on 114 Tables

9 Louis Sachar-Tobi Sokolow, Austin
38 Susan Stubinski-Bruce Wick, Houston

26/27 Nancy & Stephen Kornegay, N Richland Hls ;
Joe Quinn - Shawn Quinn, Sugar Land
Barry Schaffer, Frisco
Nancy Passell, Plano

Reisinger B-A-M - 10 Tables /
7 Bart Bramley, Dallas

North American Swiss Team - 32 Tables / Based on 124 Tables
3 Hemant Lall, Dallas

13 Eddie Wold, Houston
Mike Passell, Plano
Chris Compton, Dallas
Greg Hinze, San Antonio
18 Dan Morse, Houston
John Sutherlin, Dallas
Mark Feldman, Austin
25 Steve Shirey, Fort Worth
Kenneth Schutze, Austin
Ira Hessel, San Antonio

NABC+ MIXED SWISS TEAMS - 58 Tables / Based on 114 Tables
13 Yan Song - Kun He, Plano

McAllen Sectional

March 2-4, 2018

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Friday

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

Saturday

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

Sunday

10:00 am and TBA Swiss Team

\$25.00 per team member All Events Are Stratified
(average of both players) A 2000+ B 750-2000 C 0-750

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Board of Governors



Dewitt Hudson

The 2017 Fall National was held on November 23-December 3, 2017 in the city of San Diego, California, Short sleeves and shorts were, most certainty, in order for this event. The temperature ranged from 75 to 85 degrees and it felt like, we surmise, being in paradise. All the bridge events were played in the Manchester Grand Hotel with the San Diego International Airport just 10 minutes away,

Table Count

The table count for the tournament was 11747 Y2 tables, in comparison, to the Fall National in Orlando, Florida count of 10, 592. Weather is speculated to have played a large factor in the increase in the count.

Membership

ACBL current membership is 162, 786

ACBL President

President Bob Heller will complete his term and has done a fantastic job_ He will be replaced by Jay Whipple, as our new President an January 1, 2018_ jay is from Florida, District 9.

ACBL-CEO

Bahar Gidwani, current CEO, never ceases to amaze us with his innovative ideas. He seems to have conceptualized that ideas are not valuable unless they are realized in everything he

touches. He is not just talking but he is putting his strategies into action. He announced a plan to allow Canadian clubs to pay ACBL fees in Canadian dollars and stated that there were similar plans for clubs in Mexico_ He, further, added that arrangements are in the making to establish 800 phone numbers for clubs so that owners can get support after regular ACBL hours. He is certainly a born visionary.

Welcome Committee

Tournament chair is Ken Monzingo and Co-Chair Bonnie Bagley. They both, did an outstanding job in planning and creating a hospitable atmosphere for our enjoyment The atmosphere was beautiful, You could see San Diego Bay, Colorado Island and many U. S. Naval Ships. Most noticeable was the 1155 Midway aircraft carrier, For entertainment, Greg Miller of Blue Hawaii, performed on Thursday at the Thanksgiving dinner. Greg was, at one time, an Elvis Presley impersonator_

Humor

Two little old ladies were trying., impatiently, to see the leader board. The players, in front of them, were blocking their view to even part of the board_ Suddenly, one of the ladies had a light bulb moment and very politely said to the other, "I know what we can do to see our names, let's try crawling on the floor between their legs, until we get to the board, and that should bring us in there at the right eye level.

See you in Philadelphia, March 8-18, 2018

Be a Unit Photographer! *Many thanks to Julie Mckenna for this.*

Taking pictures for Unit 207 is fun! Seeing all the happy faces at Regionals and Sectionals is great.

Here are some tips and tricks that I have learned since I started:

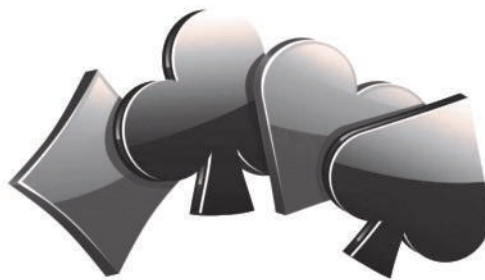
- The best camera is the one you have! I use an iphone to photograph the photos. Whatever camera you have will work.
 - Find a suitable spot to take the pictures. You don't want a background that is too busy or an area that will distract from the participants.
 - Try to find an area with good lighting to show everyone's face. Everyone looks better in good light.
 - When taking pictures of teams, have the two tallest people sit down and have the other two stand behind them.
 - Try to get the participants to smile or even laugh!
 - After taking the photo ask participants to look at the picture to be sure that they are pleased. Make sure that their eyes are open, collars down, happy faces.
 - Be sure to write down everyone's name so that they can be identified properly when the photo is printed in the *Scorecard!*
 - The photo form below can help. Label players left to right, top to bottom:
- O Date
- O Flight
- O Event
- O Player 1, Player 2,
- O Player 3, Player 4
- With the information above, each photo is renamed so the scorecard editors can correctly identify the players and the event they won. For example:
- O Fri Aft Open Pairs Flt A Ira and Ellen Hessel, San Antonio.pdf
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Chris Compton Wins Barry Crane Top 500

Chris Compton has unofficially won the Barry Crane top 500 for 2017.

This honor goes to a player who wins the most masterpoints in a calendar year. It is Chris' fifth time to win and his fourth in a row. He also won in 2011, 2014 and 2015 and 2016. At the end of the San Diego NABC Chris had 2622.06 points. Kevin Dwyer had 2523.24 and no one else had a realistic chance. Although the totals won't be verified by publication it is clear from December tournaments that no one will overtake him. The record is held by Jim Barrow of Lake Charles who won 3584.26 in 1999.





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Continental Breakfast 8am
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Catered Lunch & Free Time 11:30am-2pm
Afternoon Supervised Play 2-4:30pm
Free Time 4:30-5:30pm
Drinks & Hors d'Oeuvres 5:30-6pm
Dinner 6-8pm

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**Unit 172
San Antonio**



Rebecca Brown

Holidays are wonderful and difficult; we share festive meals with friends and family, eat too much, drink too much and spend too much. We also confront all the unmet expectations we cling to like the children we are at heart. For some of us, it is also a time to grieve the loss of loved ones. I hope that your holidays were healthy and filled with good company and good cards!

Our new Unit Board of Directors was installed in November, welcoming back members Beth Gale and Ed Rawlinson and new member, Rich Lampman. We appreciate the help and service that Jan Wingate offered during her term. New officers: Rebecca Brown, President; Jerry Harrington, Vice President; Beth Gale, Secretary and Geneva Johnson, Treasurer. One of the decisions of the new board is to extend for 2018 the policy of making all Unit games free except for the NAPs and GNTs. Hope you come out and play and enjoy yourselves!

At our annual Holiday Party, held on December 9, hosted by Beth Gale, Ed Rawlinson, and Kathy Sinkin-Amor, there were 34 tables in play, mountains of delicious food, and prizes. Top place winners: Jeri Tribo and Fran Vanecko (1st in A, B); Kathy Sinkin-Amor and Hank Norvell (1st in C). I certainly believe everyone had a great time!

The District really hopes to increase participation in the Grand National Teams (GNTs), especially among Flights B and C players. This year, clubs and units are encouraged to offer GNT qualifiers. You qualify as an individual and don't need to go on to play with the same team with which you qualify. In fact, just have fun! You don't need to go on to another level even if you qualify. You may play in one or more GNT games (like the NAPs) to get a chance to "Q". You also have a chance to earn extra points. Come out and play with a team at the club on Wednesday, Janu-

**FIESTA MARCH SECTIONAL
SAN ANTONIO**



**March 1 - 4, 2018 @ FIESTA BRIDGE CLUB
2112 NW MILITARY, SAN ANTONIO 78213**

Thursday, March 1

**10 am Stratified Open Pairs & 499'er Pairs
2:30 pm Stratified Swiss Teams
2:30 pm Stratified 499'er Pairs**

Friday, March 2

**10 am Stratified Pairs & Stratified 499'er Pairs
2:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs & 499'er Pairs
2:30 pm KO Teams (1 of 3 sessions)**

Saturday, March 3

**10 am Stratified Open Pairs & 499'er Pairs
10 am KO Teams (2 of 3 sessions)
2:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs & 499'er Pairs
2:30 pm KO Teams (3 of 3 sessions)**

Sunday, March 4

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: Laurie-Anne Levin (210) 213-3631 laurie-anne@satx.r.com

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ary 31 and/or in the Unit 172 qualifier on February 24.

On a sad note, Wayne Rauschuber passed away in November. He was the 2014 Texas Star winner, teacher, mentor and friend to many of us. His involvement in Unit 172 dates back to the 1980's, during which time he served as President of Unit 172. He was Tournament Chair for both Austin and San Antonio units for 6 years

and even co-chaired the 1984 Spring NABC held in San Antonio. He made many contributions to our world of duplicate bridge. We will miss him immensely.

Milestones: New life masters: Charlotte Schuepach and Mike Vivian; Bronze: Dr. Eugene Haddock, Marjorie Miller, Ann Perry; Ruby: Mary Rita de Hoyos. Congrats to all!

After eight years of writing this column, I think it's time to give someone else a chance to "bend your ears." I know you will welcome the fresh perspective and voice of Lew Spurlock, member of Unit 172's Board of Directors and subject of one of my previous "Table Tidbits" segments. Thank you to all of you who have let me know you enjoyed my column.

Upcoming events: Winter Sectional (January 18-21/Omni); D16 NAPs finals (January 20-21/ Omni); Unit Qualifier for GNTs (Feb 24/Fiesta Bridge Club); Fiesta Spring Sectional (March 1-4 /Fiesta Bridge Club)

**Willson Davis, Jr.
Election Sectional**

San Antonio,
Oct 19-22, 2017

186 players : 212 tables.

- 1 28.72 Ed Rawlinson,
- 2 27.45 Dave Swarthout,
- 3 27.03 Gary Anziani,
- 4 25.76 Donna Swarthout,
- 5 24.52 Bill Walker,
- 6 22.48 Virgil Massey,
- 7 22.48 Charlene Sands,
- 8 22.24 Rosemary Kelley
- 9 22.23 Terry Riely,
- 10 22.23 Carolyn Riely,

Thu Aft 499er Pairs - 4.0 Tables A1. Ann McMullan - Jim McMullan A2B1. Paul Fafoutakis-Janina Kuzma B2. Jim Gorman - Yesh Singh

Thu Aft Open Swiss - 25 Tables / Based on 29 Tables A1. Charles Jefferson - Rebecca Brown - Beverly Santos- Bill Walker A2. Ed Rawlinson-Gary Anziani - Dave Swarthout - Donna Swarthout B2/3C2. Elisabeth Kay-James Cuccia -Joe Ramirez - Geneva Johnson B2/3 Sharon Dameron-Thomas Smith - Gary Anderson - Jerry Barrett

Thu AM Open Pairs - 21.0 Tables / Based on 29 Tables A1. Rebecca Brown-Bill Walker A2. Tom Olsson - Ann Olsson B1. Eugene Lux-Jean B 2 Kay Laird - Richard Curtin C1. Sunny Won - Eleanor Siegal C2. James Cuccia-Elisabeth Kay

Thu AM 499er Pairs - 7.5 Tables ABC1. Patricia Angelides - Isa Soe-

marman A2. Ann McMullan - Jim McMullan BC2. Evelyn Pitman - David Holcomb

Fri AM Open Pairs - 22.0 Tables / Based on 31 Tables AB1. Sharon Dameron-Thomas Smith A2. Roxie Tom - Pat Prichard B2. Karen Fillis - George Fillis C1. Cindy Ferguson - Caenie Pyrcz C2. Janina Kuzma- Gail Hadovsky

Fri AM 499er Pairs - 8.5 Tables AB1. James Cuccia-Lynn (Ann) Pierson AB2. Mary Lou Anziani - Richard Arnold C1. Jon Pack - Anni Pack C2. Marcy Wallace - Candace Jacobson

Fri Aft Open Pairs - 19.0 Tables / Based on 24 Tables A1. Dave Swarthout - Donna Swarthout A2. Charlene Sands-Virgil Massey B1. Bob Steidel - Kathy Sinkin-Amor, B2C1. Elisabeth Kay-Ann Kuehler C2. Carol Ellis - Rena Lunke

Fri Aft 499er Pairs - 4.5 Tables ABC1. Suzanne Miller - Charlene Johnson ABC2. Beverly Flannery - June Eubank

Sat Aft Open Pairs - 23.0 Tables / Based on 28 Tables A1. Charlene Sands-Virgil Massey A2. Rosemary Kelley - Thomas Trudeau B1. Jean Blilie-Eugene Lux B2. John Moore - Roxann Swenson C2. Carol Ellis - Joe Ramirez

Sat Aft 499er Pairs - 5.0 Tables A1. Jim McMullan - Ann McMullan A2B1. Jan Wingate - June Reimer B2. Mary Lou Anziani - Richard Arnold

Sat AM Open Pairs - 23.0 Tables / Based on 30 Tables A1. Gary Anziani- Ed Rawlinson A2. Charlene Sands-Virgil Massey, B1. Sharon Dameron- Jerry Barrett B2C1. Carol Ellis - Joe Ramirez C2. Margaret Crumpler - Melissa Plumb,

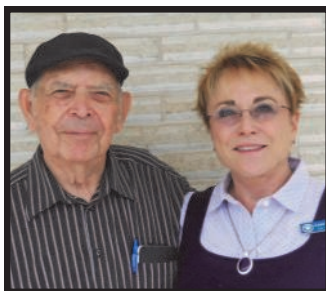
Sat AM 499er Pairs - 7.0 Tables AB1. James Cuccia-Evelyn Pitman AB2. Carol Ramberg-Takako Malley,

Sunday Stratified Swiss - 21 Tables A1. Terry Riely - Carolyn Riely - Venkatrao Koneru-David Ticen A2. Gary Anziani - Dave Swarthout - Donna Swarthout-Ed Rawlinson B1. Gloria Wilson - Robert Tyler - Thomas Smith - James Moody B2C1. David Holcomb - Joe Ramirez - Marilyn Weinstein - Evelyn Pitman C2. Cindy Ferguson - Cathy Bird - Caenie Pyrcz - Sandy Jean Robinson

WILLSON DAVIS, JR. ELECTION SECTIONAL WINNERS



Isa Soeraman, Trish Angelides
Thursday Morning 499erS



Jim Cuccia, Lynn Pierson
Friday Morning 499er



Gene Lux, Jean Blilie
Thursday Morning Pairs B
Saturday Afternoon Pairs B



Eleanor Siegal, Sunny Won
Thursday Morning Pairs C



Jim & Ann McMullan
Thursday Afternoon 499ers
Saturday Afternoon 499ers



Chuck Jefferson, Rebecca Brown,
Beverly Santos, Bill Walker
Thursday Swiss A



Bill Walker, Rebecca Brown
Thursday Morning Pairs A



Donna & Dave Swarthout
Friday Afternoon Pairs A



Sharon Dameron, Tom Smith
Friday Morning Pairs A/B



Caenie Pyrcz, Cindy Ferguson
Friday Morning Pairs C



Suzanne Miller, Char Johnson
Friday Afternoon 499ers



Charlotte Schuepach,
Mike Vivian, Carol Lahser
Thursday Swiss B/C



Bob Steidel, Kathy Sinkin-Amor
Friday Afternoon Pairs B



Ann Kuehler, Elisabeth Kay
Friday Afternoon Pairs C



Jim Cuccia, Evelyn Pitman
Saturday Morning 499ers



Ed Rawlinson, Gary Anziani
Saturday Morning Pairs A



Jerry Barrett, Sharon Dameron
Saturday Morning Pairs B



Carol Ellis, Joe Ramirez
Saturday Morning Pairs C



Debbie Schweiss, Bob Steidel
Saturday Afternoon Pairs C



Charlene Sands, Virgil Massey
Saturday Afternoon Pairs A



Dave Ticen, Babu Koneru,
Terry & Carolyn Riely
Sunday Swiss A



Gloria Wilson, Robert Tyler,
James Moody, Tom Smith
Sunday Swiss B



Marilyn Weinstein, Evelyn Pitman,
Joe Ramirez, David Holcomb
Sunday Swiss C

**Unit 174
Houston**



Carol Ann
Wilson

Unit News:

We are anxious to see our friends return to our **Lone Star Regional** January 29-February 4, Marriott Houston Westchase, 2900 Briar Park Drive, Houston TX 77042 (reservations 713-978-7400 or 888-236-2427), \$119 rate with cutoff January 19. We believe we will set a new record, because of the great schedule and events—especially the many GOLD opportunities! If you are on a quest for gold, the Lone Star Regional is your GOLDEN ticket! Plan to be in Houston January 29-February 4 and reach your goal.

To give you a peek into the events, we start with our superb speakers (all at 2 p.m.): **Gary King** 1/29; **Janice Seamon-Molson** 1/30; **Mike Passell** 1/31; **Carolyn Fox** 2/1; **Shawn Quinn** 2/2; and **Sylvia Shi & Daniel Korbel** 2/3. *What a lineup!* You cannot help but improve your game with the tips from these greats. And while we're dropping names, ACBL President **Jay Whipple** will be with us, and you can meet him on Thursday at the reception after the 2:30 game.

Let's talk about that schedule that has proven to be so pleasing to our players. Most games will be at 10 and 2:30, with the night series games at 7:30 (and we look forward to those midnight ZIP Swiss games). Daily Bracketed Swiss (such a favorite with so many!) and the same schedule for Gold Rush Pairs at 10 and 2:30—all leaving you time for a fine dinner at Houston's award-winning restaurants. A very special event is the new BIG Texan Lease-Laird Championship Pair Game, with a 2-session qualifier on Wednesday and the 2-session finals on Thursday (both days at the very popular times of 10 and 2:30). But wait; *there's more!* Cash prizes of \$1,000 for first place and \$500 for second place—which has been donated by **Larry Laird!**

If you've attended our Lone Star Regional, you know that the hospitality just can't beat! Get your special tournament gift at the hospitality desk, and we are offering **free labels** again this year! More than that, we have door prizes from the nearby restaurants within walking distance, and snacks every day. We want you to know we appreciate your support of our regional! Friday brings

Teacher Appreciation Day with hot dogs and cake after the 2:30 game. Novices and Intermediates can vie for trophy awards and other special surprises planned by I/N Chair **Nancy Guthrie**. Tournament Chairs **Nancy Strohmmer** and **Ken Hudson** are working very hard to make sure you have your best tournament ever! And our special Partnership Chair **Lauri Laufman** is ready to help you put pairs and teams together. Entry fees are \$14 Monday-Friday, \$15 Saturday, and \$16 Sunday. We promise you will get your money's worth, so plan now to be there! Get the updated flyer from our Website, www.acblunit174.org.

Success Stories from Unit 174: Once more **Eddie Wold** has made us very proud. He has added another national win to his string of victories as he and teammates **Mike Levine, Mike Passell, Marc Jacobus, Dennis Clerkin,** and **Jerry Clerkin** won the Baze Senior KO event at the Fall Nationals. We can all take heart with this: they were down 28 IMPs at halftime and rallied to win it! **Congratulations!**

New 70% Milestones: Spring Branch Duplicate Club reports these big games: **Shirley McKee** and **Bobby Maynard**, 72.68% on 10/23; **Gabe Perry** and **Sanford Lobliner**, 71.49% on 10/30; **Victor Sitton** and **Marsha Bernstein**, 71.28% on 11/16; and on 12/4, **John and Virginia Zilic** posted a 70.32% game. At **Bridge Club of Houston**, **Cheryl Banash** and **Jane Lawson** had a 71.19% game on 11/10. At **Westside Bridge Academy** in their open games, **Bill St. Clair** and **Gil Micheletti** 70.02% on 11/1, **Lew Levy** and **David Henke** 70.94% on 11/7, **Bill Kienhoff** and **David Crooks** 79.17% on 11/21, **Mary Watters** and **Brenda Solovitz** 71.39% on 11/27, **James Breihan** and **Kenneth Bray** 70.49% on 11/28, and **James Breihan** and **Bill McCarty** 73.61% on 11/29; in their I/N games, **Debbie Ballard** and **Daryl Dunn** 73.83% on 10/26, **Leslie Cauffman** and **Sharla Pappito** 70.83% on 11/8, and **Mary Elle Price** and **Bailey Price** 86.25% on 11/15. On 11/10 at **Apple II DBC**, **Richard Wilson** and **Judith Hoffing** posted a 70.66% game. Our final reports this issue come from **Clear Lake BC:** In the 0-200 game on 10/19, **Terrance Harris** and **Charles "Chuck" Brom** had a 70% game; in the 299er games **Rubin Chang** and **Jackie King** had

72.28% on 11/7, and two Big Games on 11/21 were posted by **George Feng** and **Rubin Chang** 75.14% and **Chin Lin** and **J. H. Chuan** 71.91%; and on 11/27 in the Open Game, **Julia Blancet** and **Charles Ensor** had a 72.22% game. **Congratulations to all for these rare achievements!**

Remembering Those Who Have Passed On: Deaths we have learned about not previously reported include **Daniel Sutty, Faye Boland, Marilyn Christian, Carolynne Gibson, Joseph Perkovich, Alex Siegel, Elaine Rippner,** and **Donald Rodgers**. On 11/16 we lost a beloved stalwart, **Dr. Daniel Jackson**, just two weeks and two days short of his 100th birthday; **Roger Stark** left us on 11/18; **Harold Condara** died 11/21; and **Sue Gill** passed away on 12/1. The Unit 174 bridge community will miss them all mightily, and our prayers are with their families and friends.

Till next time . . .

Fall Festival Sectional

Houston TX
Oct 27-29 2017
455 players. 431 tables.

- 1 39.87 Jack LaVigne
- 2 39.84 Thomas Peters
- 3 39.84 John Zilic
- 4 39.84 Dan Morse
- 5 33.58 Ed Groner
- 6 30.95 Mildred Breed
- 7 27.88 John Erickson
- 8 27.39 Tom Breed
- 9 27.23 Victor Sitton
- 10 26.54 Geoff Booth
- 11 26.36 Robert Sandfield
- 12 24.59 Raleigh Williamson
- 13 24.59 Harold Copeland
- 14 23.54 Robert Whitcher
- 15 23.54 J Gittelman
- 16 23.54 Gary King
- 17 23.54 Anthony Bianchi
- 18 20.30 Sally Wheeler The
- 19 20.30 Ralda St Pierre
- 20 20.30 Buddy Hanby
- 21 17.36 Ashok Shingavi
- 22 17.36 Abid Mumtaz
- 23 16.47 Janice Sandberg
- 24 16.47 Eric Sandberg
- 25 16.28 Carolyne Fox
- 26 15.78 L Laird Sugar

Friday Morn 299er Pairs-16.0 Tables AB1. Dorothea Faubion-Judith Britton AB2. C Tsai-Mary Love Timmerman C1. Adrienne Juno-Carol McCord C2. Vera Annenkova-Paul Fafoutakis
Friday Morn Side Pairs-6.0 Tables A1. Shirley McKee-Bill Joplin A2BC1. Robert Lee-Gary Hercules BC2. Pushpa Bharani-Anil Bharani
Friday Open Pairs-15.5 Tables /

Based on 32 Tables A1 Ed Groner-Victor Sitton A2 Pat McMullin-Nancy Boothe
8.12 3 1 Harold Copeland-Raleigh Williamson
6.09 4 2 Anne La Cour-Judy Northup
1 Alok Bhargava-James Cauble 2
Tekin Kunt-Christian Lipfert
Fri Aft Side Game-2.5 Tables 1/2 Gregory Andrews-Paul Andrews 1/2 Brett Elliott-Robert Reichek
Friday Aft 299er Pairs-11.0 Tables ABC1. Susan Thom-Sadashiv Pethe A2. Bruce Weiner-Ede Weiner BC2. Jennifer Reichek-Linda Helbach
Friday Bracket Swiss-1-7 Tables 1. Dan Morse-John Zilic-Gil Micheletti Md-Thomas Peters- Tom Breed 2. Anthony Bianchi-J Gittelman-Gary King-Robert Whitcher
Friday Bracket Swiss-2-7 Tables 1. Ashok Shingavi-Abid Mumtaz-Chris Curran-John Lester 2. Janelle Frusha-Frances Robbins- Mavis Warren-; Robert Hannasch
Friday Bracket Swiss-3-7 Tables 1. Ann McDougal-Errol LeCesne-Laura Jones- B J Renshaw 2. Jeffery Parker-Dianna Gittelman-Lisa Zummo-Carol Jewett
Friday Bracket Swiss-4-7 Tables 1. Victoria Ornowski-Jessie Schoppe-Mary Lou Fowler-Mary Ann Polk 2. David Wicks-Linda McReynolds-Connie Conover-Mary Cris Emmons
Friday Bracket Swiss-5-7 Tables 1. Jane Boozalis-George Nelson-Mary Nelson-John Caudill 2. Thomas Martinsen-Linda Martinsen- Jerry Hoffman-Jerry McNeely
Friday Bracket Swiss-6-7 Tables 1. William McDonald- Jim Nicas- Carol Lombardino-John Montgomery 2. Susan Mandel-Sandra Maalouf-Norma Lampkin-Janice Walker
Friday Bracket Swiss-7-7 Tables 1. Linda Windham-Michael Windham-Ronald Pare-Ann Pare 2. Robert Vilyus-Marilyn Gale Vilyus-Kenneth Hudson- Sheryl Thomas
Saturday Morn Side Pairs-4.0 Tables A1. Nancy Carlin-Amaldas Makken A2B1. Carl Hogan- Mary Love Timmerman
Saturday Morn 299er Pairs-11.0 Tables A1. Jack Adams-Rony Klein A2BC1 1 Joseph McCormack- John Alderman 4 2 2 Kimberly Sunderland -Stacy Lodden
Saturday Open Pairs-18.0 Tables / Based on 27 Tables A1. Sally Wheeler-Buddy Hanby A2.. Ed Groner-Jack LaVigne X1. Bobbi Kauffman-Tom Hogle X2. Vic Sowers-J Evans B1. David Crooks-Bill Kienhoff B2. Debi Balter-Raymond Alexanian
Saturday Aft 299er Pairs-9.0 Tables ABC1. Paul Fafoutakis-Vera Annenkova ABC2. Phyllis Dillard-Joan Slayden
Saturday Bracket Swiss-1-7 Tables 1/2 John Zilic-Dan Morse-Gil Micheletti Md-Thomas Peters- Tom Breed 1/2 Anthony Bianchi-J Gittelman-Gary King- Robert Whitcher

Saturday Bracket Swiss-2-7 Tables 1. Susan Kaplan-Alfred Fortier III-Lily Andre-James Andre 2. Paul Cuneo-Carmen Keys- Kailash Sachdev-Rani Sachdev
Saturday Bracket Swiss-3-7 Tables 1. Ashok Shingavi-Abid Mumtaz-Barry Morgan- Nandlal Khatri 2.. William Daniel III-Christy Morrissey - Beverley Cheatham- Donna Frederick
Saturday Bracket Swiss-4 1. Eric Sandberg-Janice Sandberg-Raleigh Williamson-Harold Copeland 2. Mike Goldberg-Sherry Greisen- Evvie Gilbert- Wayne Miller
Saturday Bracket Swiss-5-7 Tables 1.. Wolfie Kotzen- Steve Vaughn-Louis Bockman- David Kuykendall 2. Carol Lombardino-John Montgomery- Frederick Gregory-Sam Khayatt
Saturday Bracket Swiss-6-11 Tables 1.. Jill Spence-Toni Roesler-Helen Wren- Rita Hanlin 2.. James Simmons-Frances Simmons-Sue Taylor-Carolyn Clapp
Sunday Open Pairs-3.0 Tables A1. Linda Sutton-Sandra Clark A2. Arthur Giovannangeli-Wayne Christensen Jr
Sunday A/X Swiss-20 Tables / Based on 55 Tables A1.. Jack LaVigne-Geoff Booth-Robert Sandfield-Mildred Breed A2/3 John Zilic-Dan Morse-Thomas Peters-Tom Breed A2/3 John Erickson- St Pierre-James Breihan Carolyne Fox X1. Max Levit -Debi Balter-David Henke-Joyce Ryan 2. Daniel Jackson- Mike Doyle-Marilyn Adams- Anton (Tony) Haddad
Sunday Flt B Swiss-1-7 Tables 1. Eric Sandberg-Janice Sandberg-Raleigh Williamson-Harold Copeland 2. Debra Bellan-Phil Bellan- Kyle Lueders-Jack Rawitscher
Sunday Flt B Swiss-2-7 Tables 1. David Littmann-Pamela White-Sharon Haley-Constance Singleton 2. Wolfie Kotzen- Phyllis Kuchta-Kenneth McAllister-David Kuykendall
Sunday Flt B Swiss-3-7 Tables 1. David Wicks-Linda McReynolds-George Nelson-Mary Nelson 2/3 Carol Lombardino-John Montgomery - Frederick Gregory- Sam Khayatt 2/3 Richard Polunsky- Gary Hercules -Bharat Shrestha- A Ansari
Sunday Flt B Swiss-4-7 Tables 1. Ede Weiner-Bruce Weiner-Mary Jane Kinnebrew-Susan McLaurin 2. Karen Baer-Tonya McNabb-Carole Samuels -Lisa Zummo
Sunday Flt B Swiss-5-7 Tables 1. Julia Thompson-Myra Marsh-Sandra McMinn Jo Anne Knodel 2. Mark Levy-Jennifer Reichek- Gigi White- Helbach
Sunday Aft Open Pairs-2.5 Tables 1. Arthur Giovannangeli- Wayne Christensen Jr 2. Joan Sitton- Sharon Campbell



Friday Open Pairs A
Ed Groner, Victor Sitton



Friday & Sat Teams Bkt 1
Tom Breed, John Zilic,
Tom Peters, Dan Morse



Saturday Open Pairs A
Sally Wheeler, Buddy Hanby



Saturday Swiss Team Bkt 1
Anthony Bianchi, Gary King,
Robert Whitcher, J Gittelman



Sunday Swiss Team A
Jack LaVigne, Mildred Breed,
Geoff Booth, Robert Sandfield



Friday Teams Bkt 2
Abid Mumtaz, Chris Curran,
Bob Lester, Ashok Shingavi



Friday Teams Bkt 3
Laura Jones, Ann McDougal,
Errol LeCesne, BJ Renshaw



Friday Teams Bkt 4
Mary Ann Polk, Victoria Ornowski,
Mary Lou Fowler, Jessie Schoppe



Friday Teams Bkt 5
George Nelson, Mary Nelson,
Jane Boozalis



Friday Teams Bkt 7
Ann Pare, Linda Windham,
Ronald Pare, Michael Windham



Friday Teams Bkt 6
John Montgomery, Carol Lombardino,
Jim Nicas, William McDonald



Friday Open Pairs B
Harold Copelend, Raleigh Williamson



Friday Aft Side Pairs
Robert Reichek, Bret Elliott



Saturday Teams Bkt 2
Lily Andre, Susan Kaplan,
Jim Andre, Alfred Fortier



Saturday Teams Bkt 3
Barry Morgan, Nandlal Khatri,
Ashok, Shingavi, Abid Mumtaz



Saturday Teams Bkt 4
Sunday BCD Swiss Bkt 1
Janice Sandberg, Harold Copeland,
Eric Sandberg, Raleigh Williamson



Saturday Teams Bkt 5
Wolfie Kotzen, David Kuydendall



Sunday Swiss X
Debi Balter, Joyce Ryan,
Max Levit, David Henke



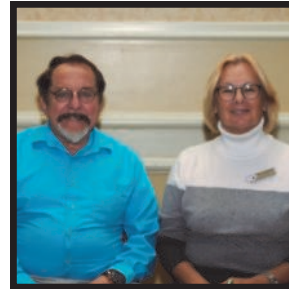
Sunday BCD Swiss Bkt 2
Pamela White, Sharon Haley,
David Littmann, Constance Singleton



Friday Morn 299ers
Adrienne Juno, Carol McCord



Friday 299ers
Linda Helbach, Jennifer Reichek



Saturday Aft 299ers
Paul Fafoutakis, Vera Annenkova



Sunday BCD Swiss Bkt 3
George Nelson, Linda McReynolds,
Mary Nelson, David Wicks



Sunday BCD Swiss Bkt 4
Mary Jane Kinnebrew, Susan McLaurin,
Ede Weiner, Bruce Weiner



Sunday BCD Swiss Bkt 5
Sandra McMinn, Jo Anne Knodel,
Julia Thompson, Myra Marsh

HOUSTON FALL SECTIONAL WINNERS



Unit 176
Dallas

Mary Jane
McGinnis

Since the last article, the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays are behind us. I hope you each had a safe and pleasant holiday season. Besides eating your share of turkey over Thanksgiving, many traveled to San Diego for the NABC's with much success. Go Dallas! The December Unit Game was a delightful holiday party at Richardson Civic Center on December 10th. Unit 176 provided a free dinner with all the fixings for all its members as well as free plays for all. Also, the unit gave out 16 door prizes-wow! We collected a mountain of toys to be donated to a local charity, Network of Community Ministries as well as canned goods to be donated to another local charity, North Dallas Shared Ministries. Unit 176 bridge players are always so generous. You certainly exhibited the holiday spirit. Everyone please be sure to thank Cathie Tucker since she planned and steered this event to its completion.

Our October 26-29 Sectional Tournament was very successful. Players reported their approval of the new

schedule of games at 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, and 7:00 pm. Players especially liked that we provided a light lunch between the morning and afternoon sessions since there is such a short lunch break. Glad you liked it!

Since I am writing this before the Dallas Winter Sectional, January 4-7, 2018, I am anxious to know how you liked the schedule of 10:00 am and 2:30 pm games with no evening session except for the Saturday night social game at 7:00 pm. This is our board election tournament, and we had 6 well-qualified nominees so I hope you all remembered to vote.

I'm thrilled to report our program at Gooch Elementary is continuing. Every Tuesday after school from 3:30 -5:00, students first have an outdoor activity, then a snack, and then bridge. Sheri Wolkenstein and Ann Parker are sponsoring this worthwhile activity.

For 2017, Unit 176 has awarded the Good Will Awards to Joan Pyne and Sheri Wolkenstein. The Texas Star Award was presented to Cheryl Clark. Congratulations to these ladies!

Happy New Year and Best Wishes for 2018! See you at the table

Richardson, Oct 26-29, 2017 466 players. 510 tables

- 1 57.58 Stephen Kornegay,
- 2 57.58 Nancy Kornegay,
- 3 57.58 Nagy Kamel,
- 4 57.58 Mark Bumgardner,
- 5 36.36 Tomi Storey,
- 6 36.36 Jeff Dater,
- 7 31.20 Milton Neher,
- 8 28.86 Bart Bramley,
- 9 28.35 Scott Nason,
- 10 27.07 Sharon Dameron,

Thu Morn Open Pairs-19.5 Tables / Based on 34 Tables ABC1. Jack Schober-Nancy Young AB2. Diane Klein- Ann Berning, C2. Mark Sherman-Nancy Morse
Thu Morn 299er Pairs-14.0 Tables AB1. Alice Ogle-Carolyn New AB2C1. John York-John Kalb A2. Judy Evans-Keith Koets
Thu Aft Open Pairs-19.5 Tables / Based on 37 Tables A1. Jay Gibson-Martha Young, Dallas A2B1. Pat Measley-Ira Nemazie B2C1. Sharon Dameron-Jarek Langer C2. Randy Earle-Richard Witttrup,
Thu Aft 299er Pairs-17.0 Tables ABC1. Kenneth Melvin-Robert Alfors AB2. Margie Portela-Marcia Messinger C2. Ross Ramsey-Franca Torellini
Fri Morn Open Pairs-20.0 Tables / Based on 33 Tables a1. Michael Hout

-Thomas Leberman A2BC1. Jack Schober-Nancy Young B2. Hazel Schoenberg-Jules Schoenberg C2. Ira Nemazie-Maryanne Hon
Fri Morn 299er Pairs-13.0 Tables AB1. Louise Shanley-Pat Glaser AB2. Jole Luehrs-David Bamberger C1. Anne Goodman-Gano Ehlers C2. Sue Ann Arthur-Jane Canning
Fri Aft Open Pairs-23.0 Tables / Based on 40 Tables A1. Bryan Storey -Tom Edwards A2. Thomas Leberman-Michael Hout BC1. Ira Nemazie -Maryanne Hon B2. Jon Browne-Adrienne Feuer C2. Joyce Armstrong -Sandra Martinez
Fri Aft 299er Pairs-17.0 Tables ABC1. Keith Koets-Judy Evans ABC2. Angela Johnson-Kurt Smit
Thu Eve Open Pairs-6.0 Tables ABC1. Jun Li-Vivian Li AB2. Pawel Hanus-Ari Sippola C2. Genny Lemeshev-Yuri Lemeshev
Friday B Swiss-Brkt 1-7 Tables 1. Nancy Kornegay-Stephen Kornegay-Nagy Kamel-Mark Bumgardner 2. Hua Yang-Kun He-Tiger King-Danny Feng,
Friday B Swiss-Brkt 2-7 Tables 1. Joseph Gill-Wayne Evans-William Driscoll-Rich Brandenburg 2. Scott Nason-Jeff Dater-Tomi Storey-Milton Neher,
Friday B Swiss-Brkt 3-7 Tables 1. Ginger Morgan-Ann Parker-Robert Holliday-Liane Tsai 2. Sharon Dameron-Jerry Barrett-Jarek Langer-Gary

Anderson
Friday B Swiss-Brkt 4-11 Tables 1. Janet Borg-David Borg-Fred Seipp-Sharon Seagraves 2. Kate Hopkins-Rosalind Smith-Joe Fletcher-Floyd Gerwig
Bracket 1-7 Tables 1. Nancy Kornegay-Stephen Kornegay-Nagy Kamel-Mark Bumgardner 2. Jeff Dater-Scott Nason-Tomi Storey-Eric Diamond
Brkt 2-7 Tables 1. Brian & Janet Gelles-Liane Tsai-Robert Holliday 2. Frank Durante-Nancy Latner-Marj Frederiksen-Louise O'Brien, 1. James Rider-Cheryl Rider-Fonse Ragland-Bruce Harbour, 2/4 Sandra Fedro-John Jackson-Bonnie Arnold- Tommie Anglemyer,2/4 Martha Ward-Judy Nixon-Jim Nixon, Flower Mound ; Carla Joiner 2/4 Floyd Gerwig-Jerry Frankel- Mary Lynn Genovesi- Rosalind Smith
Fri Eve Open Pairs-8.0 Tables ABC1. Jianbo Chen-Jin Chu AB2. Richard Page-Rebecca Page 2. Robert Stewart -Nancy Stephens,
Sat Morn Open Pairs-17.5 Tables / Based on 33 Tables A1. Bart Bramley -Marcia Hutchison A2BC1. Lynne Wood, -Peter Grenier B2. Connie Martin-Barry Martin C1. Cindy Cox-Cox 2. John Moore-Roxann Swenson
Sat Morn 299er Pairs-15.5 Tables ABC1. Stuart Nelan-Victoria Sublette AB2. Heather Williams-Anna Gail Chapman,

Sat Aft Open Pairs-20.5 Tables / Based on 36 Tables A1. James Lilly-Bob Scallan A2. Greg Resz-Jeff McKee, B1. Eileen Smith Davidoff-James McCommons, B2C1. Bob Dingle -Jin Chu C2. John Moore-Roxann Swenson
Sat Aft 299er Pairs-15.5 Tables AB1. Margie Portela-Marcia Messenger AB2C1. John Kalb-John York
 C2. Tony Arthur-Carol Arthur
Saturday B Swiss-Brkt 1-7 Tables 1. Nancy Kornegay-Stephen Kornegay-Mark Bumgardner-Nagy Kamel 2. Tomi Storey-Milton Neher- Jeff Dater-Scott Nason
Saturday B Swiss-Brkt 2-7 Tables Rank Names Score 1. Frank Durante, Addison ; Nancy Latner-Ari Sippola- Robert Schmidt 2. G Morey-Stephen Hibbard-Mickey Tryon- Stephen Bennett,
Saturday B Swiss-Brkt 3-7 Tables 1. Sharon Dameron- Jerry Barrett-Gary Anderson-Jarek Langer 2. Fred Curtis Jr- Cheryl Clark-David Greims-Sharon Tomnitz,
Saturday B Swiss-Brkt 4-11 Tables 1. John Pelletti-Hellen Revelle-Fred Seipp- Michael McShane 2. Mark Dumdei- Randy Field-Deanna Davis-David Luzzatto
Sat Eve Open Pairs-4.0 Tables A1. Suresh Agrawal-Gail Wells A2B1. Jun Li-Vivian Li B2. Robert Scrimale-Paul Taylor
Sunday Aft Open Pairs-5.5 Tables A1. Nancy Stanton, -Lynne Wood A2. Gail Wells-Suresh Agrawal B1. Sidney Perutz-Barbara Ferm B2. Preston Morrow-Jean Jensen
Sun A/X Swiss Teams-11 Tables / Based on 47 Tables A1. Bart Bramley-Peggy Sutherland-John Sutherland-Bob Hamman A2/3 S Kohan-James Thurtell-James Bauer-Linda Spangler-John Schwartz A2/3 Nancy Kornegay-Stephen Kornegay-Nagy Kamel-Mark Bumgardner X1. Milton Neher-Tomi Storey-Kim Brinkman-Jeff Dater X2. Bogumil Knypinski-Pawel Hanus-Ari Sippola-Robert Schmidt
Sun B/C/D Swiss Teams-27 Tables BC1/2D1 Jan Mogged-Charles Mogged Jr- Rosalee-Letty Garek, B1/2 Sharon Dameron- Jerry Barrett-Gary Anderson-Jarek Langer C2. Jianbo Chen, Frisco ; Jin Chu, Plano ; Jonathan Wang-Hanchang Wang
Sun 499er Swiss Teams-9 Tables AB1. Floyd Gerwig-Carla Joiner-Gretchen Cash-Barbara Taylor AB2. Michael Chockley-Debrah Chockley -Sherra Kay Read-David Croissant C1. Jill Hartel -Jack Hartel-Karen Brennan-J Brennan

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Bracketed Swiss
 Teams bracketed into groups by total MPS
 Teams will play within their assigned bracket

Sunday AX Swiss & Bracket B Swiss
 A:4000+ X:0-4000 B:0-2500

Open Stratified Pairs
 A:5000+ B:2000-5000 C:0-2000

1499r Stratified Pairs
 A:750-1500 B:500-750 C:0-500

299r Stratified Pairs
 A:200-300 B:100-200 C:0-100

49r Stratified Pairs
 A:20-50 B:5-20 C:0-5

Pair average masterpoints used for stratification

Entries: \$13 for ACBL Members/Person/Session
 \$16 for Non-ACBL Members/Person/Session
 Extra \$1 /person/session on Sunday

Chairperson: Donna Compton
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Thursday, March 1st

Open Pairs 10:30am
 1499r Pairs 10:30am
 299r Pairs 10:30am
 49r Pairs 10:30am
 Bracketed Swiss (1st of 2) 10:30am

Open Pairs 3pm
 1499r Pairs 3pm
 299r Pairs 3pm
 49r Pairs 3pm
 Bracketed Swiss (2nd of 2) 3pm

Friday, March 2nd

Open Pairs 10:30am
 1499r Pairs 10:30am
 299r Pairs 10:30am
 49r Pairs 10:30am
 Bracketed Swiss (1st of 2) 10:30am

Open Pairs 3pm
 1499r Pairs 3pm
 299r Pairs 3pm
 49r Pairs 3pm
 Bracketed Swiss (2nd of 2) 3pm

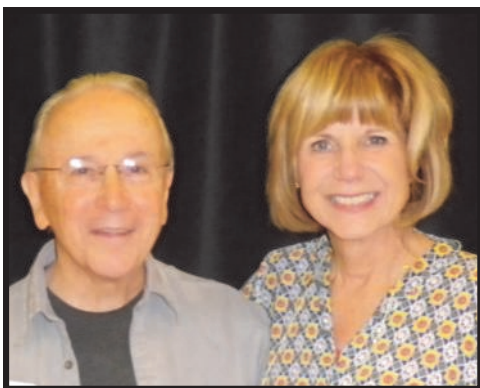
Saturday, March 3rd

Open Pairs 10:30am
 1499r Pairs 10:30am
 299r Pairs 10:30am
 49r Pairs 10:30am
 Bracketed Swiss (1st of 2) 10:30am

Open Pairs 3pm
 1499r Pairs 3pm
 299r Pairs 3pm
 49r Pairs 3pm
 Bracketed Swiss (2nd of 2) 3pm

Sunday, March 4th

Lunch for players who play both sessions.
 A/X Swiss 10am & TBA
 Bracketed B Swiss 10am & TBA
 Open Pairs 10am
 49r Pairs 10am
 Open Pairs 2pm
 49r Pairs 2pm



Jack Schober, Nancy Young
 Thursday Open Pairs A

Want a partner? Email requests to partnerships@mindspring.com
 Overall Winners' Pictures Posted on BAND Social Media & in D16 Scorecard

UNIT 176 DALLAS SECTIONAL CHAMPS



Friday Swiss Team Bkt 3
 Ginger Morgan, Liane Tsai,
 Bob Holliday, Ann Parker



Friday Open Pairs B
 Peter Grenier, Lynne Wood



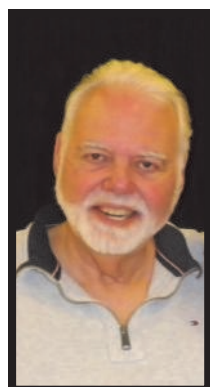
Friday Swiss Team Bkt 4
 Janet Moore, Sharon Seagrave,
 David Borg, Fred Seipp



Thursday Aft Open Pairs A
 Martha Young, Jay Gibson



Friday Swiss Team Bkt 2
 Rich Brandenburg, Bill Driscoll,
 Wayne Evans, Joe Gill



Friday Aft Pairs A
 Bryan Storey



Friday Morning Pairs A
 Tom Leberman, Mike Hout



Saturday Eve Pairs A
 Suresh Agrawal, Gali Wells



Saturday Morning Open Pairs A
 Bart Bramley, Marcia Hutchison



Sunday Swiss Team A
 Bart Bramley, Peggy Sutherland,
 John Sutherland, Bob Hamman





Thursday Swiss Team Bkt 2
Liane Tsai, Janet Gelles,
Bob Holliday, Brian Gelles



Saturday Swiss Team Bkt 2
Frank Durante, Robert Schmidt,
Nancy Latner, Ari Sippola



Saturday Swiss Team Bkt 3
Sunday BCD Swiss Tie
Sharon Dameron, Jarek Langer,
Gary Anderson, Jerry Barrett



Saturday Swiss Team Bkt 4
Hellen Revelle, John Pelletti,
Michael McShane, Fred Seipp



Saturday Aft Pairs B
Eileen Smith, Jim McCommons



Sunday Swiss Team X
Kim Brinkman, Tomi Storey,
Jeff Dater, Milt Neher



Sunday Swiss 499ers
Carla Joiner, Gretchen Cash
Barbara Taylor, Floyd Gerwig



Sunday BCD Swiss Tie
Rosalee Hacker, Letty Garek,
Charles & Jan Mogged



Thursday Aft 299ers
Ken Melvin, Bob Alfors



Saturday Afternoon 299ers
Marcia Mellinger, Margie Portela



Friday Aft 299ers
Deborah Chockley, Judy Bouska



Thursday Morn 299ers
Carolyn New, Robbie Ogle



Friday Aft 299ers
Kurt Smith, Angela Johnson



Friday Morn 299ers
Pat Glaser, Louise Shanley




Saturday Afternoon 299ers
John York, John Kalb



Saturday Morn 299ers
Stuart Nelan, Victoria Sublette

Unit 183
Fort Western



Bill Walker

HO! HO! HO!

It's that time of the year again. Club houses are gaily decorated, there are parties, extra food, decadent desserts, door prizes, and the general spirit of goodwill. It doesn't seem as though Jack Frost will nip at your nose this

year, but you may be certain the dealing machine Grinch will put a lump of coal in your stocking.

Whether we call it Christmas, Hanukkah, or some other name, the meaning is the same. It's our season of rejoicing and good cheer. Let's all try to be just a little nicer to each other and remember, bridge is not a form of warfare, but is a game we play for enjoyment.

By the time you read this the party season will likely be over. So, without further ado, let's move on to other

things.

This year we celebrate the tenth anniversary of "The Greatest Gift Catalog Ever." ACBL is a valued partner of these forty charities, and two years ago over \$6000 in donations were collected. Where does the money go? It all stays with Tarrant County charities. For example a \$40 contribution provides a winter coat for a local homeless child. An anonymous donor will match the first \$600 of contributions. For more information please contact Mike Goldman.

Paul Cunco, our District 16 ACBL board member, in his latest Scorecard column, made two interesting points. The first concerned the declining participation by intermediate and novice players (I/N) in regional tournaments. This could be carried further to a general lack of opportunities for I/N players to play in restricted games against their peers. I have no idea how Unit 183 stacks up against District 16, or ABCL as a whole in I/N games, but I suspect we do pretty well. By my count Unit 183 has fifteen I/N games with over 200 tables in play every month.

In keeping with Unit 183's commitment to I/N players a non-life master tournament was held on November 11 and 12 at the Fort Worth clubhouse. Winners were:

Saturday Morning Overall:

A1B1 Brian Eaton and John Alexander ; **A2** Patricia and Ken McDowell; **A3B2** Sherra Kay Read and Dave Croissant; **A4** Joyce Anderson and Mary Ellen Little; **A5/6B3** Al Mince and Barry Malone; **A5/6** Susan and Steven Jennings

Saturday Evening Overall:

A1 Joyce Anderson and Mary Ellen Little; **A2B1** Donna and Gene Michel; **A3B2** Sue Economy and Sue Feiling; **A4/6B3/5** Constance and Kenneth Javor; Susan and Steven Jennings; Marylin Hicks and Donna Beene

Sunday Teams:

First: Dave Croissant, Jeff Lyon, Sherra Kay Read, and Rebekah Hahn

From what I have heard the event was a success and the players are looking forward to the next tournament.

Cunco's other point is of more general interest to us all. ACBL is going

forward with a concept for Regional Tournaments at Clubs. This would be similar to STACs, but with more playing opportunities paying red and gold points. Sounds like an excellent idea, as is anything that brings more people to our games.

As the year comes to a close, I offer the following good wishes to you, one and all:

"May your Chestnuts roast by an open fire,

May your trump suits never split five and oh,

May Jack Frost always keep your trump honor protected,

And may your partner never open in your void."

(Written in the style, if not the spirit, of Sandy Klaws.)

Unit 187
Corpus Christi



Melissa Plumb

Happy New Year and blessings to all!

Unit 187 would like to thank those who attended our Regional Tournament. We had bridge patrons from near and far, including Canada. We will be hosting our Corpus Christi Shoreline Tournament February 16-18th at the Holiday Inn Downtown Marina. We look forward to your attendance.

Our Christmas celebration was a festive occasion. With a bridge game, great food, and company it is hard not to have a blast. The unit would like to thank Martha DeCou for her hard work in preparing yet another successful event for our club.

It is with a sad heart that I announce the passing of our beloved Dee Schade on December 2, 2017. Dee was an asset to our club for decades. She was on the Board of Directors, Ethics Committee, a game Director, and editor of the Scorecard for numerous years. Dee Schade was an avid reader and extremely studious bridge player. She was very competent with director rules and regulations, always wanting a just response with decision making during games. Being fair at the bridge club was highly important to her at our club. Dee often reminded our rebellious patrons of our zero-tolerance policy. Dee Schade loved to travel, spend

time with her family and friends, and dote on her grandchildren. Dee and her husband Gene, have two children, Jackie and Terry whom she adored.

As a novice player, I can say that since my return to the bridge club in May of 2015, Dee always offered help with my game. Once I became a director, she offered help with rules and regulations. Shortly after, I was elected to the Board of Directors and again, guidance was available from Dee. Six months later, I took over the editor position and once again she offered help and archives. I feel it is safe to say, that if Dee Schade offered this enormous amount of assistance to one person, I can imagine the number of bridge patrons she has helped in her decades at the club!

Dee Schade is loved and will be missed by her many bridge friends. Our deepest condolences to Gene, Jackie, Terry, and extended family and friends.



Corpus Christi Regional

Oct 30-Nov 05, 2017
199 players.371 tables.

- 1 77.74 Ed Rawlinson, Helotes
- 2 69.30 Ira Hessel, San Antonio
- 3 69.30 Ellen Hessel, San Antonio
- 4 66.56 Donna Swarouth, San Antonio
- 5 66.56 Dave Swarouth, San Antonio
- 6 66.53 Dan Morse, Houston
- 7 63.56 Thomas Peters, Grapeland
- 8 44.57 Kim Brinkman, Highland Vlg
- 9 43.94 Gary Anziani, San Antonio
- 10 39.59 Joe Black, Austin
- 11 33.98 Babu Koneru, San Antonio
- 12 33.80 Larry Levin, San Antonio
- 13 33.19 Howard Huynh, Lubbock
- 14 32.46 Robert Morris, Houston
- 15 32.46 Mary Pat Gentry, Houston
- 16 32.35 Sharon Dameron, Cedar Park
- 17 32.27 Linda Elmore, Victoria
- 18 32.27 Chris Compton, Dallas
- 19 32.27 Billy Cohen, CA
- 20 32.27 Allan Graves, VT
- 21 30.94 Eddie Wold, Houston
- 22 30.94 Betty Starzec, Sugar Land
- 23 29.92 David Ticen, Victoria
- 24 27.22 Terry Peterson, Victoria
- 25 27.08 Anita Albert, Austin

CORPUS CHRISTI SHORELINE TOURNAMENT
February 16-18, 2018
Holiday Inn Downtown Marina



Friday, February 16

Stratified Open Pairs (single sessions) 1:00 P.M. & 7:00 P.M.
Hurricane Harvey Relief Charity Game \$1 more at 7:00 P.M.

Saturday, February 17

Stratified Open Pairs (single sessions) 10 A.M. & 2:30 P.M.
Newcomer 0-299er Games according to attendance

Friday & Saturday Strats A 2000+ B 500-2000 C 0-500

Sunday, February 18

Swiss Teams 10 A.M. & TBA
stratified by average masterpoints

This is a non-smoking tournament with smoking breaks scheduled.

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

Evening Side Series-14.5 Tables
 AB1. Larry Levin, San Antonio ; Ed Rawlinson, Helotes A2. Dave Swarthout-Donna Swarthout, San Antonio A3B1. Jane Ardoin, Eunice LA; David Friedrichs, Lafayette LA A4. Kim Brinkman, Highland Vlg ; David Ticen, Victoria A5.B2. Elizabeth Hutchison, Harlingen ; W Lynn Swinger, Corpus Christi B3. Jerry Barrett-Gary Anderson, Austin B4. Ginger Hebert-William Freeman, Lafayette LA B5. Janice Fletcher-Georgia Baron, San Antonio C1. Barbara Rodriguez, Volente ; Sally Disanza, Austin C2. Patricia Webb-Laurene Jacob, Austin C3. Diana Afflerbach-Margaret Kennedy, Corpus Christi C4. William Whittle-Melissa Plumb, Corpus Christi
Tuesday Bracketed Swis-1-7 Tables
 1. Robert Morris-Eddie Wold-Mary Pat Gentry, Houston ; Betty Starzec, Sugar Land 2. Dan Morse, Houston ; Thomas Peters, Grapeland ; Ellen Hessel-Ira Hessel, San Antonio 72.00
Tuesday Bracketed Swis-2-11 Tables
 1. Judith Glasco, Houston ; Mimi Lempert, Plano ; Marilyn Slaughter-Sophie Chen, Missouri City 2. Linda Banks, San Marcos ; Joanne Davis-Mary Rita de Hoyos-Barbara Morgan, New Braunfels
Tuesday Choice Pairs-10.0 Tables
 A1. Donna Compton-Kay Moran, Dallas A2B1. Wayne Tindall, San Juan ; Rene Wallace, Edinburg B3. Rebecca Landon-H Robert Gerberich Jr, Corpus Christi A4B2C1. Elizabeth Hutchison, Harlingen ; Mary Dries-

bock, Corpus Christi A5. Mary Ross-Martha De Cou, Corpus Christi B3C2. Jim McMullan-Ann McMullan, San Antonio B4C3. Margaret Kennedy-Diana Afflerbach, Corpus Christi
Ann Crumpier-A/B Pairs-9.0 Tables / Based on 27 Tables ABC1.
 Jerry Barrett-Gary Anderson, Austin A2. Penny Snow, Corpus Christi ; Terry Peterson, Victoria A3/4 H Robert Gerberich Jr, Corpus Christi ; Mary Tryer, Kingsville A3/4 Neal Perlman, San Angelo ; Janise Saul, San Antonio A5 Robert Morris-Mary Pat Gentry, Houston BC2. John Burgoin, Brownsville ; Cheryl Macintosh, Orleans ON BC3. Mary Rita de Hoyos-Barbara Morgan, New Braunfels B4 David Ticen, Victoria ; Kim Brinkman, Highland Vlg
Wednesday Gold Rush Pairs-12.0 Tables B1. Gerhard Faleide, Lafayette LA; Jane Ardoin, Eunice LA B2CD1. Karen Leber-Betty Hybner, Corpus Christi B3CD2. Adrienne Juno, Cypress ; Carol McCord, Hockley B4C3. Joanne Davis, New Braunfels ; Linda Banks, San Marcos B5. Elisabeth Kay, Spring Branch ; Ann Kuehler, New Braunfels C4. Stanley Broadwater, San Antonio ; Hilda Hahn, Center C5. Ann McMullan-Jim McMullan, San Antonio D3. Judith Boyce, Pasadena ; Marion McKernan, Pearland
Martha DeCou-Choice Pairs-18.0 Tables / Based on 19 Tables A1.
 Larry Levin, San Antonio ; Ed Rawlinson, Helotes A2. Mildred Breed, Cypress ; Phillip Grothus,

Houston A3. Eddie Wold, Houston ; Betty Starzec, Sugar Land A4. Mary Ross, Corpus Christi ; Terry Peterson, Victoria A5. Robert Morris-Mary Pat Gentry, Houston B1, John Hilbig, Bulverde ; Jo Neesvig, San Antonio B2. Pam Barksdale-Sheila Harrison, Houston B3C1. Jim McMullan-Ann McMullan, San Antonio B4. Thomas Smith, Austin ; Sharon Dameron, Cedar Park B5C2. Margaret Kennedy-Diana Afflerbach, Corpus Christi C3. John Dover-Kay Mrazek, Corpus Christi C4. Susan Picone-Gerhard Faleide, Lafayette LA
Wed-Thu Gerberich-KO2-1-6 Tables
 1. Chris Compton, Dallas ; Linda Elmore, Victoria ; Billy Cohen, Sherman Oaks CA; Allan Graves, Saint Johnsbury VT 2. Dan Morse, Houston ; Thomas Peters, Grapeland ; Ellen Hessel-Ira Hessel, San Antonio
Wednesday/Thursday Swiss-7 Tables AB1. Richard Frankeny-Diana Frankeny, Cedar Park ; Becky Ellisor-Buddy Ellisor, Wimberley A2. Ginger Hebert-Bonnie Angers-Gerald Angers, Lafayette LA; Grady Gravel, Alexandria LA A3B2C .1 Melissa Plumb-Jason Kiker-W Lynn Swinger -William Whittle, Corpus Christi
Donna McGee-Choice Pairs-13.0 Tables
 A1.. Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio ; Kim Brinkman, Highland Vlg A2.. Howard Huynh, Lubbock ; Joe Black, Austin A3. Judy Northup, Grapeland ; Janise Saul, San Antonio A4. Marilyn German, Corpus

Christi ; Terry Peterson, Victoria A5. Donna Compton-Kay Moran, Dallas B1. Pam Barksdale-Sheila Harrison, Houston B2. Esther Ellis, Kingsland ; Sandy Potts, Austin B3. Thomas Smith, Austin ; Sharon Dameron, Cedar Park B4C1. Gregory Newcomb-Robin Elliott, Boulder CO B5. Cheryl Macintosh, Orleans ON; John Burgoin, Brownsville C2. Rebecca Landon-Karen Leber, Corpus Christi
Ronnie Gerberich-KO3-1-7 Tables
 1. Gary Anziani-Donna Swarthout-Dave Swarthout- Ed Rawlinson 2. Dan Morse, Houston ; Thomas Peters, Grapeland ; Ira Hessel-Ellen Hessel, San Antonio ; Joe Quinn, Sugar Land ; Tom Clarke, Lake Charles LA 3/4 Chris Compton, Dallas ; Linda Elmore, Victoria ; Billy Cohen, Sherman Oaks CA; Allan Graves, Saint Johnsbury VT
Ven Shellberg-A/B Pairs-12.5 Tables / Based on 33 Tables A1. Joe Black-Anita Albert A2BC1. Sharon Dameron- Howard Huynh A3. C G Bell, Austin ; Charlene Sands A4. Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio ; Kim Brinkman A5. Mildred Breed, Cypress ; Phillip Grothus, B2. Melissa Plumb-Bill Mac Donald B3. Alfred Fortier III, Katy ; Susan Kaplan B4. Terry Peterson, Victoria ; Martha De Cou B5C2. John Burgoin, Brownsville ; Cheryl Macintosh
Saturday Gold Rush Pairs-6.0 Tables BC1. Jeanne Dawley, San Antonio ; James Cuccia, Schertz BC2. Jim McMullan-Ann McMullan, San Antonio BC3. Gregory Newcomb-Robin Elliott, Boulder CO BC4. Susan

Wheeler-Pat Roeh, Victoria
Marsh-Aft Side Series-10.00 Tables / Based on 5 Tables 1/2 Milton Birmingham, Fort Worth 1/2 Elizabeth Hutchison, Harlingen 3/4 Roxana Tom, San Antonio Anyemarie Weaver, San Antonio
Evening Side Series-19.00 Tables / Based on 11 Tables 1/2 David Friedrichs, Lafayette LA 1/2 Jane Ardoin, Eunice LA 3. Mahesh U Maruvada, Corpus Christi 4. Sharon Dameron, Cedar Park 5/6 Georgia Baron, San Antonio 5/6 Janice Fletcher, San Antonio
Morning Side Series-14.00 Tables / Based on 7 Tables
 1/2 Phyllis Pruet, Corpus Christi 1/2 Jason Kiker, Corpus Christi 3/4 Milton Birmingham, Fort Worth 3/4 Elizabeth Hutchison, Harlingen 5/6 Esther Ellis, Kingsland 5/6 Sandy Potts, Austin 111.
Marilyn German-Swiss-7 Tables 1. Ellen Hessel-Ira Hessel- Joe Quinn-Dan Morse- Thomas Peters, 2. Venkatrao Koneru-C David Mitchell-Kim Brinkman-David Ticen
Sunday Bracketed Swis-1-7 Tables
 1. Gary Anziani-Donna Swarthout-Dave Swarthout- Ed Rawlinson, 2. Dan Morse-Thomas Peters- Ellen Hessel-Ira Hessel
Sunday Bracketed Swis-2-9 Tables
 1. Joe Black-Anita Albert- Sharon Dameron- Howard Huynh 2. John Burgoin- Cheryl Macintosh- Julianne McKenna-Kimi Lambert

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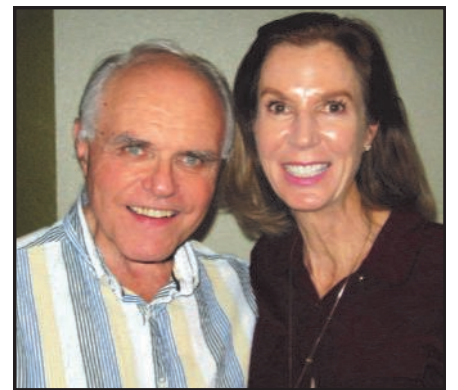
Martha DeCou Choice Pair A
 Larry Levin, Ed Rawlinson



Tuesday Swiss Team Bkt 1
 Betty Starzec, Mary Pat Gentry,
 Robert Morris, Eddie Wold



Wednesday/Thursday Swiss A & B
 Diana Frankeny, Richard Frankeny,
 Becky Ellisor, Buddy Ellisor



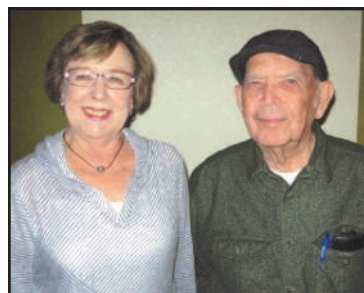
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 Joe Black, Anita Albert



Sunday Swiss Team Bkt 1
 Donna Swarthout, Ed Rawlinson,
 Dave Swarthout, Gary Anziani



Donna McGee Choice Pairs B
 Pam Barksdale, Sheila Harrison



Saturday Gold Rush Pairs
 Jeanne Dawley, James Cuccia



Ven Shellberg Pairs B&C
 Sharon Dameron, Howard Huynh



Sunday Swiss Team Bkt 2
 Howard Huynh, Joe Black,
 Sharon Dameron, Anita Albert



Unit 197 Lubbock

Sandi Krahrmer

Congratulations to our Texas Star Winner--Paula Park. She has served on the boards of various clubs and has been our Unit president for 2 years. She is always first to volunteer for many of our activities and has helped with several parties. The nominating committee for the Texas star is proud to give Paula this award.

Our Life Master Goodwill winner is Pat Williams. She moved here from Ruidoso a couple of years ago. She is willing to play with the newer players and help them and is one of the most pleasant members in our Unit.

Our non-Life Master goodwill winner is Pat Rivers. She supports all our games and doesn't wish to become a Life Master because she wants to be eligible to play in as many of our games as possible. She plays with many different partners and always

helps with clean-up. We are lucky to have both these ladies.

Many thanks to Sue Myers and Gayle Miller and the several others who helped with the Christmas decorations. They used some of Cheryl Thompson's decorations and did a wonderful job. Ginny Hargrove, Walt Langendorf and Carlene Jordan also helped. If I missed anyone, please put a note in my box, and I will catch you next time.

The only 70% games this month were at the Christmas Party by Charlotte and Gary Blaiss.

That's all our news for now. Have a wonderful and Happy New Year and win lots of Master Points.
 Sandi Krahrmer

Unit 201 Sabine Neches

Linda Briggs



In spite of the negative effects suffered by members from Hurricane Harvey, the October 2017 Sabine Neches Sectional Tournament, chaired by **Liz Mackenzie** and **E.W Sweeney**, successfully garnered 81.5 tables. Congratulations to **Dr. Aiyannadar Bharathi** (18.79 MPs), winner of the **Jean Varvil Trophy** for 2018. The trophy is awarded to the U201 member who earns the most points in this tournament. It was donated by **Dr. Aiyannadar Bharathi** and honors the mother of **Tipton Golias**. Other top scorers from U201 were **Nancy Smalley** 17.7, **John Kacher** 11.47, **Tim Stelly** 11.47, **Ed Rasmussen** 11.40, **Arline Meyers** 10.47.

Martha West and the Sam Rayburn bridge group did it up big for the Life Master Party honoring **Richard** and **Marianna Carpenter**, November 11. Every table had seasonal decorations and the event was a fall, festive, fun celebration preceding the game. Placing 1st - **Betty Poindexter** and **Marilyn Adams**; 2nd - **Mary Johnson** and **June Eddingston**; 3rd - **Tip-**

ton Golias and **Dr. Aiyannadar Bharathi**.

Players with 70% or above games in October/November were **Lou Ida Rising** and **Carolyn Worsham**.

October mentor pairs placing: 1st - **Kay Hooper** and **Carol McGill**; 2nd - **Patricia Woods** and **Frankie Hall**; **Kimberly Goodson** and **Tim Stelly**. October mentor teams placing: 1st - **Susan Gore**, **Sylvia Street**, **Dr. Aiyannadar Bharathi**, and **Pat Bell**; 2nd - **Sandra Allison**, **Nixie Lynch**, **Anna Smith**, and **Tim Stelly**. November mentor pairs placing: 1st - **Susan Gore** and **Dr. A. Bharathi** ; 2nd - **Sandra Allison** and **Liz Mackenzie** ; 3rd - **Kay Hooper** and **Carol McGill**. November mentor teams placing: 1st **Susan Nimmo**, **Carolyn Worsham**, **Reggie Cox** and **Marian Jones**; 2nd - **Jane Kalkbrenner**, **Dr. A. Bharathi**, **Sylvia Street**, and **Pat Bell** ; 3rd - **Judy Dishman**, **Flo Gillispie**, **Sandra Allison**, and **Tim Stelly**. The highest monthly totals for October were **Dr. A. Bharathi** , **Arline Meyers**, and **Flo Gillispie**; Novem-

ber - **Dr. A. Bharathi**, **Tipton Golias**, and **Flo Gillispie**.

Members will celebrate the holiday season at several games with Christmas egg nog, Hanukkah traditional snacks, and lots of goodies and good cheer.

U201 Board will host a celebration for the accomplishments of a large group of players at a BLING Party for Silver, Ruby, and Sapphire Life Masters on Saturday, January 13.

Unit 204 Fort Concho

Larry Hettick



Greetings from San Angelo, and Happy New Year!

We'll start our update with the high scores since our last news update. Sherill Jackson and Kaye Marsh earned a 67% score, Bonnie Sansing and Louina Smith paired for a 65% game, Karl Wehner and Anna Thomas reached a 69% score, while

Carol Diminnie and Mary Watson achieved a 72% on a Tuesday night game! Congrats to all these, and keep those scores coming in!

We also want to remind everyone that you are invited to our upcoming sectional tournament set for February Texas Independence Sectional. It is scheduled for February 9-11, 2018 and it will be held at the Suez Shrine Center, 2915 Loop 306, San Angelo, TX 76904. Norma Walker is chairing tournament. For questions, please call (325)949-3354. We promise great hospitality- and lots of good food and beverages.

Finally, we had to share this song put together by our own Pat Bitner arranged for a fun performance at our December club party. You'll want to clip it out and get ready to sing it next year at your own Christmas festivities. It's sing to the tune of "I'm Getting Nuttin for Christmas."

Chorus: I'm getting no points for Christmas, all of my partners are mad. I'm getting no points for Christmas—cause I ain't been nothing but bad!

Trumped my partner's dear old ace, somebody frowned at me, spilled my drink all over the place, somebody frowned at me! (Chorus)

Bid out of turn and ruined our hand, somebody scowled at me! Let partner's negative double stand, somebody scowled at me. (Chorus)

Passed my partner's forcing bid-somebody yelled at me. Revoked and hoped that card was hid-somebody yelled at me. (Chorus)

Then I really got in trouble- somebody cursed at me. And passed my partner's take-out double- somebody cursed at me. (Chorus)

So I'm getting no points, but next year, I promise I'll still be there—cause I'll still be giving y'all a good chance to practice Zero Tolerance! Zero Tolerance! Merry Christmas!



63rd Beaumont Spindletop Sectional March 8-10, 2018

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

Thursday, March 8, 2018

Stratified Open Pairs9:30a, 1:30p
299er Pairs9:30a, 1:30p

Friday, March 9, 2018

Stratified Open Pairs9:30a, 1:30p
299er Pairs9:30a, 1:30p

Saturday, March 10, 2018

Stratified Open Pairs9:30a, 1:30p
299er Pairs9:30a, 1:30p

Host Hotels

MCM Elegante Hotel and Convention Center

2355 I10S, Beaumont 77705, 409-842-3600

Rate: \$99 per night (by Feb 15)

Ask for Sabine Neches Bridge Club

Free WiFi and Parking (8 minutes from BBS)

Fairfield Inn and Suites

2265 I10S, Beaumont 77705, 409-840-5751

Rate: \$89 per night (by Feb 16)

Ask for Beaumont Bridge Tournament

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

Entry Fees - \$10/person/session; NOTE: \$3 additional per session for ACBL non-members and unpaid members

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

Tournament Chairs

Kris Cherry (409-779-6454 or krischerry@hotmail.com)

Sandra Allison (409-656-4478 or tallison2@gt.rr.com)

Partnership Chair: Sandra Allison

Entry fees include coffee, snacks, and lunch between morning and afternoon sessions!



SAN ANGELO TEXAS INDEPENDENCE SECTIONAL

February 9-11, 2018

SUEZ SHRINE CENTER
2915 LOOP 306
San Angelo, Texas

Friday, February 9, 2018

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

Saturday, February 10, 2018

Bracketed KO Teams*I,II,III 9:00 am & 1:30 pm & 7:00 pm
Stratified Pairs Single Session 9:00 am & 1:30 pm & 7:00 pm
0-300 Pairs (3 tables minimum) 9:00 am & 1:30 pm & 7:00 pm

* KO may be handicapped per director's discretion

Sunday, February 11, 2018

George Finley Memorial Swiss Teams 10:00 am & TBA

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

All Strats determined by average master points
Non-smoking & Non-vaping with breaks

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

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

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HOTEL INFORMATION

Day's Inn 3017 West Loop 306
325.223.1273 (Free Breakfast)
\$55.00– ask for bridge rate

Rodeway Inn
2502 West Loop 306
325.944.2578 (Free Breakfast)
\$59.99– ask for bridge rate

Hampton Inn 2959 West Loop 306
325.942-9622 \$129.00– Book Early

It is recommended that you book early to ensure a room,
due to anticipated heavy occupancy.



So many upcoming tournaments in Mexico this year! And what better excuse to visit your neighbors south of the border and enjoy some sunshine and beautiful scenery in the winter months? Here's what you can choose from: We'll be on the beach in Mazatlan for a sectional from January 18–21. Beautiful San Miguel de Allende is up next with a sectional January 25–28. Then it's on to Ajijic on lovely Lake Chapala for the Valentine sectional from February 8–11. The beach beckons again for the sectional in Puerto Vallarta, February 14–16. And the tournament season ends with a trip to the San Miguel Regional, February 27–March 4. That's a lot of bridge, but I know you're up for it!

In other tournament news, Unit 205 hosted the Mexican Resort Regional in Puerto Vallarta from November 13–19. The annual event was held at the Westin Resort & Spa, with sessions at 9:30am, 2:00pm and 8:00pm providing ample opportunity to enjoy the sun and surf and still play two sessions a day. It was another banner year for the tournament, with table counts up 5%. Thanks to everyone for continuing to support us. Fun is the name of the game in Puerto Vallarta, with lots of prizes, hospitality, and many outstanding players. Once you try it, you won't want to miss it. So mark your calendars for November 5–11, 2018. Destination: Puerto Vallarta.

The overall tournament winners, amassing 105.60 points, were Greg Hinze (San Antonio, TX), Ron Smith (Chicago, IL), and David Grainger (Etobicoke, ON). Along with their teammates, Barbara and Gaylor Kasle (Boca Raton, FL), they won the Val-

larta and Cancun KOs and the Wed/Thurs Swiss. The team of Barry and Susan Port (Atlantic Beach, NY), Harriet Goldman (Roslyn Heights, NY), and Ken Lowenstein (Forest Hills, NY) also performed well in the team events, winning the Vallarta KO Bracket 3, Acapulco KO Bracket 2, and Friday Evening Swiss.

Rosemary Kelley (San Antonio, TX) and Mildred Breed (Cypress, TX) excelled in Pairs. They won the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday Choice Pairs. The Monday Charity Pairs was won by Michael Shuster and Shelley Mardiros (Banff, AB), who swept the event in Flights A, B, and C. Excelling in the Novice and Gold Rush Pairs were Carol Ramberg (Boerne, TX) and Evelyn White (Fair Oaks Ranch, TX). Great job!

The side games were dominated by Marjorie Michelin (Laguna Woods, CA) in the morning; Debbie and Alfredo Ringel (Guadalajara, MX) in the afternoon; and Michael Shuster and Shelley Mardiros (Banff, AB) in the evening.

The tournament chairperson was Lew Crippen. Other committee members included Mary Ann White (Partnership and Prizes), Trudy Crippen (Registration), Cindy Thomson, and Mollie Nadler. Thanks also to all of the volunteers who helped along the way, especially Charles Chartier, Louise Morel, Dagmar Rettberg, Janet Mitchell, Sue Torres, Helen Lawson, John Betz, Karen McDonald, Keith Coates, Pat Mitchell, Roger Buckland, and Huguette Joly. We couldn't have done it without you! Thanks to Lew Crippen for publishing the newsletter daily. We all look forward to reading it!

Congratulations to the following LCDBC players who advanced their ACBL ranking: Deborah Camp-Simpson (Junior Master), John Gray (Club Master), Cindy Thomson (Life

Master), Keith Coates (Life Master), and Jimmy Reynolds (Sapphire Life Master).

Bridge Club News. There was one 70% game at the Lake Chapala Club during October and November: Tom Gillett and Jimmy Reynolds scored 71.71% on November 2 (11½ tables). At the Puerto Vallarta Club, Kenneth Lee and William Burns posted 72.92% on November 10 (11 tables).

The Inter-Club Championship Game on October 19 was won by Lew and Trudy Crippen with 62.98%. But it was only Olga Kaplounenko and Lorne Hamblin whose 58.95% was good enough to make the overalls for Flight B in this ACBL event. Way to go!

Congratulations to several LCDBC members who performed well at the Puerto Vallarta tournament. Dagmar Rettberg and Tom Gillett won the Wednesday Morning Side Game. They also won the Thursday Swiss Flight B playing with Jimmy Reynolds and Mary Ann White. Janet Mitchell and Sue Torres, playing with Lucia Teulecke and David Abraham, won the Wed/Thurs Morning Swiss Flight C. Janet and Sue also won Flight C in the Sunday Swiss, this time playing with Roger Buckland and Huguette Joly. Diane van Brocklin and Mike Roney won the Thursday Afternoon Side Game. Charles Chartier and Jeane Treloar were first in C in both the Thursday Open Pairs and Saturday Choice Pairs. High point winner for the Club was Dagmar Rettberg with 29.23 points for the tournament.

Players from our other clubs also made the winners' circle in Puerto Vallarta: Alfredo and Debbie Ringel of Guadalajara won the Afternoon Side Series. Anne Bergman and Arthur Page of Puerto Vallarta won the Wednesday Afternoon Side Game Flight B. Kathy George and Norman

Webb of Puerto Vallarta were first in C in the Friday Choice Pairs. And Linda Lake and Maxine Webb, also from Puerto Vallarta, were first in B in the Saturday Choice Pairs. Congratulations to all!

Puerto Vallarta Regional

Nov 13-19, 2017

318 players. 762 tables.

1 105.60 Ron Smith, Chicago
2 105.60 Greg Hinze, San Antonio
3 105.60 David Grainger, ON
4 99.33 Gaylor Kasle, FL
5 99.33 Barbara Kasle, FL
6 71.88 Joshua Donn, Las Vegas
7 70.11 Miguel Reygadas, DF
8 70.11 Gonzalo Herrera, MX
9 70.11 Gerry Marshall, Calgary
10 70.11 Alberto Cohen, MX
11 69.11 William Bailey, CA
12 66.5 Rosemary Kelley, San Antonio
13 62.57 Mildred Breed, Cypress
14 62.08 Arti Bhargava, CA
15 52.68 Marjorie Michelin, CA
16 52.51 Oren Kriegel, Chicago
17 52.51 Cameron Doner, BC
18 51.94 Ellis Feigenbaum, CA
19 50.92 Aaron Jones, CA
20 49.65 Kay Enfield, NM
21 46.8 Mike Levine, Boca
22 44.84 Michael Gamble, BC
23 44.84 Julius Sigurjonsson, MX
24 44.72 Paul Markarian, CA
25 44.72 Jeffrey Goldsmith, CA
26 44.72 Ellen Anten, CA
27 44.72 Craig Kavin, CA

Monday Eve Charity Side-20.0

Tables ABC1. Michael Shuster-Shelley Mardiros, Banff AB A2. Julius Sigurjonsson, 201 Kopavogur Iceland; Michael Gamble, Shawngigan Lake BC A3/4 Ellis Feigenbaum-Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Woods CA A3/4 Martin Blain, Rancho Mirage CA; Bruce Blakely, San Rafael CA A5. Miriam Rosenberg, Huixquilucan Mexico; Adriana Salinas, Mexico Mexico BC2. Carol Ramberg, Boerne TX; Evelyn Irene White, Fair Oaks Ranch B3. Peter

Andrews-Irma Andrews, Aptos CA B4. David Hoogenberg, Ajijic Mexico; William Heim, Laredo TX B5C3. Jorge Rosen, Mexico Mexico; Gilles Aubin, Cuernavaca Mexico C4. Bob Albert, Laguna Beach CA; Donna Dahl, Calgary AB 51. 5. Rene Reid-Jill Wallace, Reno NV

Tue Swiss Teams-16 Tables A1
Nancy Cord, Sun Valley ID; Margaret Hart, Baton Rouge LA; Bruce Ferguson-Brenda Keller, Palm Springs CA A2. Gonzalo Herrera, Naucalpan Mexico; Miguel Reygadas, Tlalpan Mexico; Alberto Cohen, Naucalpan Mexico; Gerry Marshall, Calgary AB A3/4 Paul Darin-Jim Johnsen-Sam Madison-Jammal, San Diego CA; John Grantam, Bentonville AR A3/B4C1. Richard Peacock-Lucy Peacock, Grosse Pt Shore MI; Fred Batten, Grosse Pointe MI; Patty McCracken, Grosse Pt Farms MI C2. Kathy Swaine-Rand Pinsky, Valencia CA; Victor Bremson, Seattle WA; Judith Rosenthal, Laredo TX Tom Breed, Kingwood TX; Marisa Silverman, Aspen CO; Patricia Herrera, Mexico Mexico; Susan Somogyi, Encino CA C3. Laura Delfeld-Jerry Barrett-Gary Anderson, Austin TX; Terri O'Brien, Leander TX

Mon-Tue KO Teams-1-8 Tables

1. Gaylor Kasle-Barbara Kasle, Boca Raton FL; David Grainger, Etobicoke ON; Greg Hinze, San Antonio TX; Ron Smith, Chicago IL 2. Jeffrey Goldsmith, Tujunga CA; Ellen Anten, Encino CA; Craig Kavin, Oxnard CA; Paul Markarian, Lancaster CA 3/4 Mike Levine, Boca Raton FL; Kay Enfield-John Jacobson, Santa Fe NM; Cameron Doner, Surrey BC; Oren Kriegel, Chicago IL

Mon-Tue KO Teams-2-8 Tables 1.

William Bailey-Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA; Bjorgvin Kristinnson, Minneapolis MN; Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV 2. Dennis Ryan-Barbara Tysdahl, Menomonie WI; Cecil Crowson Jr-Nancy Massey, Morelos Mexico 3/4 Edwin Glickman, Basalt CO; Bernie Weiss, Aspen CO; Charles Fortney, Wheaton IL; Myrlen

Ann Knafelc, Reno NV; Kenneth Lee, Elliot Lake ON
Mon-Tue KO Teams-3-7 Tables A. Barry Port-Susan Port, Atlantic Beach NY; Harriet Goldman, Roslyn Heights NY; Ken Lowenstein, Forest Hills NY 2. David McDougall-Syndi McDougall, Petawawa ON; Robert Calt-Christie McGue, San Miguel Alle Mexico 3/4 Natalie Silverstein-Phil Dowd, Toronto ON; Linda Davies, Burlington ON; Louise Morel, Chapala Mexico
Tue Choice Pairs-27.5 Tables / Based on 25 Tables A1. Ted Heck, Victoria BC; Evelyn Goedhart, Saanichton BC A2B1. Dave Hellwig, Minneapolis MN; Max Chauvet, Naucalpan Mexico A3. Ellis Feigenbaum-Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Woods CA A4. Chuck Wong, Danville CA; Lillian Trac, San Rafael CA A5. B2. Mary Seggerman-Anne Bergman, Puerto Vallarta Mexico B3. Rod Hilderman-Keith Falkenberg, Calgary AB B4. Dave Abraham, Windsor ON; Lucia Teulecke, Laguna Woods CA B5. Donna McElroy, Chapala Mexico; Maxine Webb, High River AB C1. Naida Gubbins-Berry Gubbins, Parksville BC C2. Mollie Nadler, Cote Saint-Luc QC; Cynthia Thomson, Victoria BC 3 Huguette Joly-Roger Buckland, Shediac NB C4. Gerald Simoneau, Ottawa ON; Louis Tesler, Prior Lake MN C5. Mary Kay Leveroni, San Francisco CA; Lucy Buchanan, Dallas TX
Wed Choice Pairs-21.5 Tables A1. Rosemary Kelley, San Antonio TX; Mildred Breed, Cypress TX A2. Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV; William Bailey, Mill Valley CA A3BC1. Michael Shuster-Shelley Mardiros, Banff AB A4. Aaron Jones, Oceanside CA; Ellis Feigenbaum, Laguna Woods CA A5. Wolf Schroeter-Ann McDougal, Houston TX
 BC2. Berry Gubbins-Naida Gubbins, Parksville BC 3 Barbara Tysdahl, Menomonie WI; Nancy Massey, Morelos Mexico A5. B J Sanders-Mark Sanders, Austin B4. Jeane Treloar, Ajijic Mexico; Charles Chartier, Chapala Mexico B5. Donna Dahl, Calgary AB; Bob Albert, Laguna Beach CA
 Wed-Thu AM Swiss Teams-10 Tables 1. Gaylor Kastle-Barbara Kastle, Boca Raton FL; Greg Hinze, San Antonio TX; David Grainger, Etobicoke ON; Ron Smith, Chicago IL 2. Eurydice Nours-Eugene Chan, Richmond BC; Margaret Hart, Baton Rouge LA; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA A3B1. Beth Gale-Kathy Sinkin-Amor, San Antonio TX; Stephanie Stevens-Homer Stevens, Boerne TX A4. Alberto Fernandez, Garza Garcia Mexico; Patricia Cantu, San Pedro Garza Mexico; Paul

Thurston-Jo Anne Thurston, Wellington ON B2C1. Janet Mitchell, Laredo TX; Mary Sue Torres, Ajijic Mexico; Lucia Teulecke, Laguna Woods CA; Dave Abraham, Windsor ON
Thu Swiss Teams-19 Tables A1. William Bailey-Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA; Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV; Aaron Jones, Oceanside CA A2. Bruce Blakely, San Rafael CA; Chuck Wong, Danville CA; Martin Blain, Rancho Mirage CA; Susan Somogyi, Encino CA A3. Ellen Anten, Encino CA; Craig Kavin, Oxnard CA; Paul Markarian, Lancaster CA; Jeffrey Goldsmith, Tujunga CA A4B1. Dagmar Rettberg, Chapala Mexico; Thomas Gillett-Jimmy Reynolds-Mary Ann White, Laredo TX B2. Lawton Hutchison-Barbara Hutchison-Joyce Cooper-Sandy Potts, Austin B3/6 Gilles Aubin, Cuernavaca Mexico; Nancy Massey-Cecil Crowson Jr, Morelos Mexico; Dennis Ryan-Barbara Tysdahl, Menomonie WI B3/6C1/2 Linda Davies, Burlington ON; Phil Dowd-Natalie Silverstein, Toronto ON; Louise Morel, Chapala Mexico B3/6C1/2 Michael Harris-Lazaro Brener-Sandra Harris-Pravina Jani, Austin TX B3/6 Laura Delfeld-Jerry Barrett-Gary Anderson, Austin TX; Terri O'Brien, Leander TX
Wed-Thu KO Teams-1-11 Tables 1. Gonzalo Herrera, Naucalpan Mexico; Miguel Reygadas, Tlalpan Mexico; Alberto Cohen, Naucalpan Mexico; Gerry Marshall, Calgary AB 2. Jim Johnsen-Sam Madison-Jammal-Paul Darin, San Diego CA; John Grantham, Bentonville AR 3/4 Gaylor Kastle-Barbara Kastle, Boca Raton FL; David Grainger, Etobicoke ON; Greg Hinze, San Antonio TX; Ron Smith, Chicago IL 3/4 Mike Levine, Boca Raton FL; Kay Enfield-John Jacobson, Santa Fe NM; Oren Kriegel, Chicago IL; Cameron Doner, Surrey BC
Wed-Thu KO Teams-2-16 Tables 1. Barry Port-Susan Port, Atlantic Beach NY; Harriet Goldman, Roslyn Heights NY; Ken Lowenstein, Forest Hills NY 2. Edwin Glickman, Basalt CO; Charles Fortney, Wheaton IL; Myrleen Ann Knafelc, Reno NV; Kenneth Lee, Elliot Lake ON; Bernie Weiss, Aspen CO 3/4 Lucy Peacock-Richard Peacock, Grosse Pt Shore MI; Fred Batten, Grosse Pointe MI; Patty McCracken, Grosse Pt Farms MI 3/4 Gaylord Brockway, Phoenix AZ; Patricia Mitchell-Donna McElroy, Chapala Mexico; Maxine Webb, High River AB
Thu Gold Rush Pairs-10.5 Tables B1. Carol Ramborg, Boerne TX; Evelyn Irene White, Fair Oaks Ranch TX B2C1. Alicia Reyes Retana-Monica Reyes Retana, Mexico Mexico B3. Mollie Nadler, Cote Saint-

Luc QC; Cynthia Thomson, Victoria BC B4. Keith Coates, Ajijic Mexico; Karen Macdonald, Cranbrook BC B5C3. Donna Dahl-Shirley King, Calgary AB C4D2. Aurora De Gonzalez-Grace Becerra, Mexico Mexico C5. Deborah Wallick-Brian Wallick, Larkspur CO D3. Diane Schaefer, Sandusky OH; Marlene Wildeman, Kamloops BC
Thu Open Pairs-11.0 Tables / Based on 70 Tables A1. Thomas Hyde, Wilmington CT; Edwin Lewis III, Wilmington CT A2. Miriam Rosenberg, Huixquilucan Mexico; Adriana Salinas, Mexico Mexico A3. Rosemary Kelley, San Antonio TX; Mildred Breed, Cypress TX A4. Julius Sigurjonsson, 201 Kopavogur Iceland; Michael Gamble, Shawnigan Lake BC A5B1. Sue Gerard-Adela Naftali, Mexico Mexico B2. Jerry Chamberlain-Winnie Jasper, Moraga CA B3. Amy Treitel, New York NY; Sue Samuels, Chicago IL B4. Judi Roy-Camille Hamel, Bahia de Bander Mexico C1. Charles Chartier, Chapala Mexico; Jeane Treloar, Ajijic Mexico C2 Margaret Mc Glashan, Indianapolis IN; Nancy Jones, Palm Desert CA
Fri Choice Pairs-31.0 Tables / Based on 32 Tables A1. Rosemary Kelley, San Antonio TX; Mildred Breed, Cypress TX A2. Julius Sigurjonsson, 201 Kopavogur Iceland; Michael Gamble, Shawnigan Lake BC A3, Susan Somogyi, Encino CA; Martin Blain, Rancho Mirage CA A4B1. Jerry Barrett-Gary Anderson, Austin TX A5. Diane Van Brocklin, Chapala Mexico; Mike Roney, Ajijic Mexico B2. Laura Delfeld, Austin TX; Terri O'Brien, Leander TX B3. Judy Hansen, Eagan MN; Elizabeth Hughes, Minneapolis MN B4C1. Kathy George, Rochester NY; Norman Webb, Puerto Vallarta Mexico B5. Dave Hellwig, Minneapolis MN; Max Chauvet, Naucalpan Mexico Deborah Brookins-Marilyn Matthews, Midland TX C2. Louis Tesler, Prior Lake MN; Gerald Simoneau, Ottawa ON C3. Michael Shuster-Shelley Mardiros, Banff AB C4, Douglas Larson-Janet Larson, Olympia WA 5 Berry Gubbins-Naida Gubbins, Parksville BC
Morning Side Series-24.25 Tables / Based on 13 Tables 1. Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Woods CA 2/3 Mauricio Smid, Huixquilucan 2/3 Jorge Rosen, Mexico Mexico 4. Ellis Feigenbaum, Laguna Woods CA 5/6 E Elaine Stewart, Calgary AB 5/6 Bernie Lambert, Acme AB
Fri-Sat KO Teams-2-7 Tables 1. Edwin Glickman, Basalt CO; Bernie Weiss, Aspen CO; Kenneth Lee, Elliot Lake ON; Myrleen Ann Knafelc, Reno NV; Charles Fortney, Wheaton IL 2. Linda Davies, Burlington ON;

Phil Dowd-Natalie Silverstein, Toronto ON; Louise Morel, Chapala Mexico 3/4 David Hoogenberg-John Betz, Ajijic Mexico; William Heim, Laredo TX; Helen Lawson, Jalisco Mexico
Afternoon Side Series-34.25 Tables / Based on 19 Tables 1/2 Deborah Ringel, Guadalajara Mexico 1/2 Alfredo Ringel, Guadalajara Mexico 3/4 Sisir Sharma, San Antonio TX 3/4 Ann Perry, San Antonio 5/6 Kerin Zohrab, West Vancouver BC 5/6 John Zohrab, West Vancouver BC
Fri-Sat KO Teams-1-11 Tables 1. Gaylor Kastle-Barbara Kastle, Boca Raton FL; David Grainger, Etobicoke ON; Ron Smith, Chicago IL; Greg Hinze, San Antonio TX 2. William Bailey-Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA; Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV; Aaron Jones, Oceanside CA 3/4 Marjorie Michelin-Ellis Feigenbaum, Laguna Woods CA; Enrico Pagani, Mexico Mexico; Mauricio Smid, Huixquilucan Mexico 3/4 Gonzalo Herrera, Naucalpan Mexico; Miguel Reygadas, Tlalpan Mexico; Alberto Cohen, Naucalpan Mexico; Gerry Marshall, Calgary AB
Evening Side Series-27.25 Tables / Based on 14 Tables 1/2 Shelley Mardiros, Banff AB 1/2 Michael Shuster, Banff AB 3/4 Enrico Pagani, Mexico Mexico 3/4 Mauricio Smid, Huixquilucan 5. Gilles Aubin, Cuernavaca MO
Sat Choice Pairs-24.0 Tables A1. Rosemary Kelley, San Antonio TX; Mildred Breed, Cypress TX A2B1. Linda Lake, Southampton NY; Maxine Webb, High River AB A3. Gerri Knilians-Hal Knilians, Thousand Oaks CA A4B2. B J Sanders-Mark Sanders, Austin TX A5. Jean McCullough, Scottsdale AZ; Victoria Sager, University PI WA B3C1. Jeane Treloar, Ajijic Mexico; Charles Chartier, Chapala Mexico B4. Gary Anderson-Jerry Barrett, Austin TX B5. Peter Andrews-Irma Andrews, Aptos CA C2. Mollie Nadler, Cote Saint-Luc QC; Cynthia Thomson, Victoria BC C3. Gerald Simoneau, Ottawa ON; Louis Tesler, Prior Lake MN C4. Vicky Guindi, Bosque De Chap Mexico; Viviana Ades, Mexico City Mexico C5. Evan Jacoby, Shelton WA; Dennis Johnson, Euless TX
Sat Swiss Teams-14 Tables A1 Dawn Campbell, Portland OR; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; Joel Datloff, Vancouver WA; Bernie Lambert, Acme AB A2. Mike Levine, Boca Raton FL; Kay Enfield, Santa Fe NM; Oren Kriegel, Chicago IL; Cameron Doner, Surrey BC A3. Susan Somogyi, Encino CA; Chuck Wong, Danville CA; Bruce Blakely, San Rafael CA; Martin Blain, Rancho Mirage CA A4/5 Craig Kavin, Oxnard CA; Paul Markarian, Lancaster

CA; Jeffrey Goldsmith, Tujunga CA; Ellen Anten, Encino CA A4/5 Michael Gamble, Shawnigan Lake BC; Julius Sigurjonsson, 201 Kopavogur Iceland; Bjorgvin Kristinnsson, Minneapolis MN; Daniel Hoekstra, Portland C . B1. Lawton Hutchison-Barbara Hutchison-Sandy Potts-Joyce Cooper, Austin TX B2C1. Rene Reid-Jill Wallace, Reno NV; Lillian Trac, San Rafael CA; Gilles Aubin, Cuernavaca Mexico
Sun Swiss Teams-39 Tables A1. Kay Enfield-John Jacobson, Santa Fe NM; Oren Kriegel, Chicago IL; Cameron Doner, Surrey BC; Mike Levine, Boca Raton FL A2. Mauricio Smid, Huixquilucan Mexico; Enrico Pagani, Mexico Mexico; Marjorie Michelin-Ellis Feigenbaum, Laguna Woods CA; Julius Sigurjonsson, 201 Kopavogur Iceland; Michael Gamble, Shawnigan Lake BC A3. Craig Kavin, Oxnard CA; Ellen Anten, Encino CA; Jeffrey Goldsmith, Tujunga CA; Paul Markarian, Lancaster CA A4/7 Gaylor Kastle-Barbara Kastle, Boca Raton FL; David Grainger, Etobicoke ON; Greg Hinze, San Antonio TX; Ron Smith, Chicago IL A 4/7 Bruce Blakely, San Rafael CA; Hal Knilians-Gerri Knilians, Thousand Oaks CA; Chuck Wong, Danville CA A4/7 William Bailey-Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA; Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV; Aaron Jones, Oceanside CA; Bjorgvin Kristinnsson, Minneapolis MN; Daniel Hoekstra, Portland OR A4/7 Gilbert Ramirez, Reno NV; Martin Blain, Rancho Mirage CA; Susan Somogyi, Encino CA; Patricia Herrera, Mexico Mexico B1/2 Dennis Ryan-Barbara Tysdahl, Menomonie WI; Nancy Massey-Cecil Crowson Jr, Morelos Mexico B1/2 Jerry Barrett-Gary Anderson-Laura Delfeld, Austin TX; Terri O'Brien, Leander TX BE.dwin Glickman, Basalt CO; Charles Grimes, Midland TX; Myrleen Ann Knafelc-Rick Weiss, Reno NV; William Burns, Orinda CA B4/5 Keith Falkenberg-Barbara Webster, Calgary AB; Lillian Trac, San Rafael CA; Gilles Aubin, Cuernavaca Mexico B4/5 Irma Andrews-Peter Andrews, Aptos CA; Mary Anderson, Chapala Mexico; John Betz, Ajijic Mexico 65.00 C1, Roger Buckland-Huguette Joly, Shediac NB; Mary Sue Torres, Ajijic Mexico; Janet Mitchell, Laredo TX C2. Berry Gubbins-Naida Gubbins, Parksville BC; Douglas Larson-Janet Larson, Olympia WA C3. Robert Calt-Christie McGue, San Miguel Alle Mexico; David McDougall-Syndi McDougall, Petawawa ON C4. John Gignac-Heather Gignac, Penetanguishene ON; Arthur Page-Anne Bergman, Puerto Vallarta Mexico

PUERTO VALLARTA REGIONAL CHAMPS



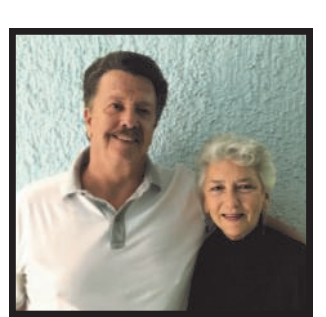
Gaylor Kastle, Greg Hinze, Barbara Kastle, Ron Smith, David Grainger
Vallarta and Cancun KO Bkt 1
Wed-Thurs Morn Swiss A



Gonzalo Herrera, Gerry Marshall, Beto Cohen, Miguel Reygadas
Acapulco KO Bkt 1



Rosemary Kelley and Mildred Breed
Wed, Fri, Sat Choice Pairs A



Charles Chartier, Jeane Treloar
Thurs Open, Sat Choice Pairs C



Ted Heck and Evelyn Goedhart
Tues Choice Pairs A



Thomas Hyde, Ed Lewis
Thurs Open Pairs A



Norman Webb and Kathy George
Fri Choice Pairs C



Ken Lowenstein, Harriet Goldman, Susan & Barry Port
Fri Eve Swiss; Vallarta KO Bkt 3;
Acapulco KO Bkt 2



Michael Shuster, Shelley Mardiros
Monday Charity Pairs A: Wed Choice
Pairs B; Eve Side Series



Lucia Teulecke, David Abraham,
Janet Mitchell, Sue Torres
Wed-Thurs Morn Swiss C



Jimmy Reynolds, Mary Ann White,
Dagmar Rettberg, Tom Gillett
Thurs Swiss B



Liang Fan, Gerry Gastelum,
Nancy Raiche, Laura Gastelu
Tues Swiss C; Wed Eve Swiss C



Carol Ramberg, Evelyn White
Wed 299ers Thurs Gold Rush



Janet Mitchell, Roger Buckland,
Huguette Joly, Sue Torres
Sunday Swiss C

Unit 207
Austin

Sandy Potts

News in Austin is available at:
www.austinbridge.org
www.bridgecenteraustin.com
www.d16acbl.org/D16_Scorecard.html

Upcoming events:
December 16: Holiday Party; two sessions with lunch
January 4-7, 2018: Unit Sectional, held at the Crowne Plaza
Feb. 10-11: Unit sponsored Non-Life Master sectional
Feb. 17: Unit annual meeting at 1:00. (The game afterwards is free to Unit members who attend the meeting!)
March 10: New Life Master recognition for those receiving LM status in 2017.

January through May: Mentee/Mentor Program. Selected applicants will be partnered with a more experienced player up to twice a month (in any Unit club). Mentor's game is paid by the Unit.

Milestones: 100 points: June Beck, Tom Bell, and Ken Hanson; 200 points: June Mattila; **Bronze Life Master:** Karen Logan; **Silver Life Master:** Shawn Drenning and Thomas Smith; **Ruby Life Master:** Anita Albert and Sharon Hoger; **Gold Life Master:** Lawton (Hutch) Hutchison and Terry Richardson
Happy for each of you!

The Unit hosted a two-session free play event with lunch on November 18. We had 25 tables per session and looks like folks had a good time! Thanks to Jo Dee Bowen and Julie McKenna for organizing this event! And thanks to George Watkins for his behind-the-scenes contributions.

We appreciate Pam LaShelle and Beth Tobias for giving lectures for intermediate/advanced players. Pam spoke about Lebensohl and Beth spoke about fourth suit forcing. We are lucky to have these expert players share their know how. It's a learning opportunity for all players. Send topic suggestions for future lectures to any Unit Board member. Tracy Bruce organizes these lectures. Thanks, Tracy!

The Unit Holiday party on Saturday December 16 will be a joyful event. Pam LaShelle, Dean Truair, and Sandy Potts are the organizers, and we wish everyone a great season!

The Unit GNT coordinator, Jerry Barrett, has been actively involved to implement changes to the District 16 event. Clubs can now host qualifying GNT events by March 31, 2018. The **Unit qualifying event will be April 14, 2018.** A District event in Houston will be on May 4-6, 2018 in Houston. Winners there will advance to the Nationals in Atlanta, July 2018. Questions? See Jerry Barrett.

Houston Regional: January 29 - February 4, 2018
If there are 3000 tables at this event, the District will not lose one of its Regional events. Please consider

participating because the District would like to continue to provide regionals covering the entire state of Texas!

-How about seeing the Scorecard in color?

Ken MacMorran, our tireless web master, has a link to the online *Scorecard* on the Unit website: austin-bridge.org. Click on the Scorecard link on the top left. The great thing about this is that **photos are in color.** These could be sent to family/friends. Who knows? Maybe a relative/friend will be encouraged to play bridge, and we all love new players!

The BCA bridge class schedule is offering many classes this spring. Let's grow bridge by encouraging each other to take a class for the first time or to repeat a class for those fine point details maybe missed in the past. Instructors include Laura Delfeld, Gayle Moyers, Sally Sassen, and Jack Lacy. Never too late to learn more!

Deceased: Sig Dahl. Sig was an exceptionally cordial person, a real gentleman. He was married to long-time bridge player Jewel Dahl and was a fighter pilot in the Air Force. As Laura Delfeld said, "He was one of the good ones."

Unit 209
Permian Basin

Ann Parish

Permian Basin bridge players spent some time in October practicing for the big games late in the month and for other games and parties in November. On October 25, we had seven tables for the Instant Matchpoint Game. First N/S were **Jim Hawkins** and **Bob Bacon**; second were **Dorothy Brenneman** and **Paula Baggett**. First E/W were **KC Evans** and **Betty Dickerson**; second were **Flo Curry** and **Marlene Blumentritt**. **KC Evans** and **Betty Dickerson** were first in District with a percentage of 68.25.

On October 26, we held our Halloween party. With twelve tables in play, we had lots of folks in Halloween clothes, and some came in costume--witches, a spider person, a troll, a scarecrow, Count Dracula, and even Death himself. The wigs helped the costumed people maintain their new looks. N/S winners in A and B were **Georgia Temple** and **Marilyn Higgins**. 2nd in A (N/S) were **Brenda Leonard** and **Patti Witt**. 3rd in A and 2nd in B were **Linda Buzan** and **Betty Moore**. E/W first place winners in A, B, and C were **David Hudson** and **Greg Keys**. 2nd in A and B were **Gloria Jackson** and **Kay Sewell**. 3rd in A were **Charlie Grimes** and **Linda Scarpelli**, and 4th were **Belle Harris** and **Phyllis Walker**.

On November 30, we had a going-away party for **Edward McPherson**, who is moving to a new job in Rhode Island. We had 8 1/2 tables, and Edward and his partner, **Ann Parish**, came in first. What a great way for Edward to end his Midland bridge career! E/W 2nd place winners in A were **Charlie Grimes** and **Linda Scarpelli**. N/S winners first in A were **Dorothy Brenneman** and **Paula Baggett**; 2nd were **Kay Sewell** and **Greg Keys**, and 3rd in A were **Linda Buzan** and **Ann Servatius**. The Midland Country Club Christmas bridge party was held on Friday, De-

cember 1. We had 10 1/2 tables in play. In addition to Midland and Odessa bridge players, we were glad to have **Vicki Fisher**, **Judy Wilde**, and **Iris Warren** drive in from San Angelo for the event. Half the rounds were played before lunch, and the other half after. A variety of drinks was available all day, and lunch included salad, chicken crepes, and peppermint ice cream. A winner at each table got to take the centerpiece poinsettia home, and in the afternoon rounds, **Ricki Perry** distributed free plays to winners in lucky seats.

Bridge winners were **KC Evans** and **Debbie Conly** first N/S and overall. **Vicki Fisher** and **Betty Dickerson** were second N/S. The E/W winners were first **Flo Curry** and **Marlene Blumentritt** and second **Iris Warren** and **Judy Wilde**.

Ten of our players went to the Puerto Vallarta Regional Tournament during the week of November 13-19. **Deborah Brookins** and **Marilyn Matthews** got 5.15 points, of which 3.34 were gold. **Charlie Grimes** got 3.97 gold in the Sunday Swiss. Other attendees, most of whom got points, included **Betty Moore**, **Linda Buzan**, **Linda Scarpelli** and her sister **Nancy Moore**, **Ann Servatius**, **Audie** and **Bill Brooks**, and **Terri Tedford** from San Angelo. They reported good food, warm weather, high humidity, and lots of fun.

Because so many players went to Mexico, we had low attendance in November, and we had to cancel some games. However, on November 19, we had five tables at the Unit meeting, and the newly elected Unit officers are **Flo Curry**, President, and **Marilyn Matthews**, Vice-President. New Board members are **Charlie Grimes**, **Marilyn Higgins**, and **Lonnie Yee**. The winners of the bridge game were 1st **Ricki Perry** and **Tommy Strack** and 2nd **Flo Curry** and **KC Evans**.

Midland also held elections. New officers include President **Lonnie Yee**, Vice-President **Marty Massie**, Secretary **Betty Moore**, and Treasurer **Marilyn Matthews**. The new Board member is **Kay Arrell**. Continuing Board members are **Marlene Blumentritt**, **Flo Curry**, **Patti Heard**, **Marilyn Higgins**, **Greg Keys**, **Ricki Perry**, **Ann Servatius**, **Kay Sewell**, and **Nancy Ward**. Stepping down are **Dorothy Baird**, **Belle Harris**, and **Sarana Savage**. **Linda Buzan** will be replacing **Ann Parish** as the Shopper, keeping the bridge house supplied with paper goods, cleaning supplies, and cookies.

Linda McDonald will replace **Belle Harris** as the Decorator, changing our scenery with the seasons. Congratulations to **Charlie Grimes** and **Ann Servatius**, both of whom became Sapphire Life Masters. New classes were started in September on Saturday mornings. **Belle Harris** taught the beginners and **Ann Servatius** taught the intermediate class. Also, weekly bridge lessons continue at the James Brooks Middle School in Greenwood. There are three classes for a total of 63 students. The teaching team includes **Bill Brooks**, **Kay Sewell**, **Dorothy Blair**, **Ann Brooks**, **Belle Harris**, **Patti Heard**, and **Sarana Savage**.

We regret to report that several of our members passed away. We will miss **Gloria Crites**, **Ruby Woods**, and **Carol Warrington**. As this column goes to print, our bridge players are gearing up for the holiday season—lots of parties and lots of bridge!

Unit 224
Fort Phantom

Bette Byrd

This is a rare time in West Texas that we are praying for No Rain. Our bridge building is in bad repair with a leaking roof and tiles falling out of the ceiling. The City owns the land and we lease from them so we are hoping for some help. Otherwise, we will be looking for a place to play.

The board elections are over for another year and the newly elected members are Jerry Riggs and Pat Ramsey with Robert Patton and Jackie Batjer reelected. They join the current members Bob Young, Jeff Lewis, Tiffany Wagstaff and Beverly Joosten. Thanks to Candice Samuelson and Desa Lee-Laird for serving the past two years.

The Board of Directors appointed Robert Patton, Jeff Lewis and Beverly Joosten to amend the current by-laws and ask for suggestions from the members. They also approved moving the Tuesday night game to Monday night hoping for better attendance. This brings to mind that Abilene Duplicate, held on Monday night, was the original Duplicate Club here for approximately 60 years. There were no "Units" in the beginning. Mabel Lillius was the 1st director followed by Joyce Cox and Ed Grant. The final game was the annual Thanksgiving Dinner game held in 2005.

The Abilene Fall Harvest Festival was held and the winners of the most points were Gene Gammill of Mason and Flo Curry of Midland. The most points by a local player was Beverly Walker. We thank Joan Paradel for excellent directing. Good food and a fun time.

Pairs having over 70% games were Jim Alvis and Harriet Connor with 76.39% in the 299 game with 51/2 tables, Mike Sadler and Jo Smith with 72.92% in Ft.Phantom game with 41/2 tables, Bette Byrd and Coleen Grisham with 72.92% in Bridge Etc. with 51/2 tables and Peggy Ford and Betty Henderson with 71% in Ft.Phantom game with 3 tables.

Richard Pike is a regular player at Bridge Etc. with Alan Wakefield. He was born in Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada. His father was a career soldier in the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps. He lived in various places in Canada including London, Ontario, Whitehorse and the Yukon Territory, where he developed a love of Curling still with him today.

Richard was married to Pam in Hamilton, Bermuda, while working there. He held several senior level accounting and financial management positions until 1952 when his Texas based employer moved him from St. Stephens, New Brunswick, to Longview, Texas. Both Richard and Pam are Naturalized U. S. citizens with dual citizenship. He is semi-retired since 1995, and still working in the tax preparation business.

Richard says his mother introduced him to bridge at an early age, but he did not play duplicate until locating in Abilene. Richard is a great asset to our games.

LOOKING BACK Ft. Phantom News October, 1999

Austin February Sectional

February 22-25, 2018

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

Thursday Feb 22—Saturday Feb 24

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

Sunday Feb 25

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

Strats (pair & team games based on average masterpoints)

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

299er Pairs: A: 200-300, B: 100-200, C: 0-100 (adjustable)

Sunday Swiss : A: 3000+, X: 0-3000

B: 500-1500, C: 300-500, D: 0-300

Director has discretion on A/X MP break

General Convention Chart Only Except Midchart for A/X Swiss

Meal Served Between Sunday Sessions ONLY

(Restaurants Within Walking Distance)

Entries: \$11/session (\$14 non/unpaid members)

\$100/ team Sunday Swiss

Fragrance Free Event

Chairpersons

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512-659-1486

Mark McAllister
markmc888@gmail.com
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Partnerships

Cathy Supple
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Suggested Hotels

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

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



Fri Aft. Pairs "A"
Norma Walker - Suzanne Dorris



Fri Eve. Pairs "A & B"
Glynda Groves - Coyita Bowker



Sat Aft. Pairs "A"
Vicky Fisher - Judy Wilde



Sat Morn. Pairs "A"
Flo Curry - Gene Gammill



Sat Eve. Pairs "A"
Neal Perlman - Virginia Nolke



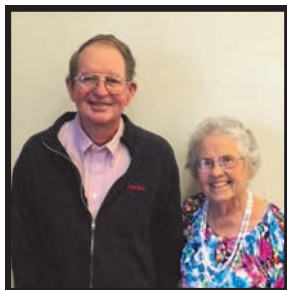
Sun Swiss 1 "A"
Beverly Walker, Pat Ramsey, Betty Henderson, Peggy Ford



Fri Aft. Pairs "B"
Peggy Ford - Carol Whitten



Sat Morn. Pairs "B"
Monte West - John Gibson



Sat Aft. Pairs "B"
Jim Alvis - Coyita Bowker



Sat Eve. Pairs "B"
Glynda Groves - Betty Henderson



Sat Aft. Pairs "C"
Beverly Joosten - Alan Wakefield



Sun Swiss 1 "B"
Mike Sadler, Robert Patton
Bob Young, Ed Grant

ABILENE HARVEST SECTIONAL WINNERS

"Elections for the 1999 Board of Directors will take place at the clubs around the unit the week prior to the membership meeting on October 30. Five of the nominees are incumbents and five are new to the board. The five incumbents willing to place their names in nomination are Pat Wilson, Pat Ramsey, Sassy Furlow and Bette Byrd. New nominees are Delbert Hess, Joy Davis, Sammie Gibson, Lee Wiltrout, and Mary Ellen Headstream. Seven will be elected from the ten. While all will not be elected, each should be appreciated for their willingness to work for the Unit."

It is interesting the number of members of the Board of Directors in 1999 and the fact that it was normal procedure for there to be choices for the members to vote for. When did this change?

Fall Harvest Sectional

Abilene
Oct 20-22, 2017
58 players. 63 tables.

- 1 13.68 Gene Gammill, Mason
- 2 13.68 Flo Curry, Midland
- 3 11.75 Beverly Walker, Abilene
- 4 11.56 Robert Patton, Abilene
- 5 9.68 Pat Ramsey, Stephenville
- 6 9.30 Vicky Fisher, San Angelo
- 7 9.30 Judy Wilde, San Angelo
- 8 9.28 Peggy Jean Ford, Abilene
- 9 9.19 Coyita Bowker, Santa Anna
- 10 8.92 Jo Smith, Abilene

Fri Aft Open Pairs-10.5 Tables A1. Norma Walker-Suzanne Dorris A2. Pat Ramsey-Beverly Walker B1. Carol Whitten-Peggy Jean Ford 2 Barbara Wright-Nancy Jean Harris
Fri Eve Open Pairs-10.0 Tables AB1. Glynda Groves-Coyita Bowker A2. Vicky Fisher-Judy Wilde B2. Edward Grant-Lera Lewis C1. Desa Lee-Laird-Larry Robertson C2. Linda Scarborough-Margie Dawley
Sat Morn Open Pairs-7.0 Tables A1. Flo Curry-Gene Gammill A2. Neal Perlman-Virginia Noelke B1. Monte West-John Gibson B2. Beverly Joosten-Alan Wakefield
Sat Aft Open Pairs-11.0 Tables A1. Vicky Fisher-Judy Wilde A2B1. Coyita Bowker-James Alvis B2. Keith Estep-M Louise Wissler-Estep C1. Beverly Joosten-Alan Wakefield C2.

Jackie Batjer-Jeff Lewis
Sat Eve Open Pairs-6.0 Tables A1. Neal Perlman-Virginia Noelke A2/3 Jo Smith-Robert Patton B1. Glynda Groves-Betty Henderson B2. Beverly Walker-Jackie Sonnenburg
Sun Swiss Teams-9 Tables A1. Beverly Walker-Betty Henderson-Peggy Jean Ford-Pat Ramsey A2. Gene Gammill-Flo Curry-Barbara Wright-Nancy Jean Harris B1. Edward Grant-Robert Patton-Michael Sadler-Robert Young B2. Carolyn Reed-Jones-Linda Cole-Joy Hardy-Frances Grogan

**Unit 225
East Texas**

Greg Cooley

Linda Harrison, Unit 225 President, announced that Sandy Hillard was selected as Unit 225 Texas Star Award. Sandy has made many contributions to bridge, including establishing her own bridge studio in Canton, affectionately known as "Nannie's Bridge House". Sandy has a mentoring program and special game on Mondays for novice players. In addition to her tireless efforts at teaching bridge to middle school students in Canton for the last 2 years, this year the program was expanded to the Van ISD.

Congratulations to Janie Wolaver and Jimmy Hubbard on being recognized by Unit 225 as the recipients of the Goodwill Award for 2017.

North American Pairs Qualifying Unit game was held Sat, Oct 7th in Tyler with Janie Wolaver and Linda Harrison coming in first with 61.61 percent game.

On Saturday, December 9th, Unit 225 held its annual Christmas luncheon and awards program followed by the unit game. Fourteen players were recognized with plaques for achieving various levels of life master status during 2017.

70 PERCENT GAMES

On October 5th., Brenda Baker and Jimmy Wright had a 80% game at Dottie Pirkle's DBC. Nannie's bridge house had a 71.88% game on 9 October by Phyllis & Manuel Alvarez. The Cedar Creek Lake Bridge Studio reported that, Larry Laudig and Barbara McMinn had a 71.73% game on Nov. 27th. Congrats to Helen Sullivan and Cliff Smith on their 70.31 % game on Nov. 27th. at the Lake Cypress Springs Bridge Club.

LAKE CYPRESS SPRINGS BC (LCSBC)-

Jane Johnson games were offered in October with extra points going to the winners.

Also, Linda Harrison continued teaching free Duplicate Basic Bridge classes prior to our Monday games. We welcomed a new ACBL member, Suzanne Smith and new duplicate players, Suzanne Smith and Carol Lawler.

LCSBC will host its Christmas parties on December 3rd and December 11th prior to our games.

PITTSBURG DBC (PDBC)-

October and November games were well attended with the club offering special games, including Jane Johnson Pairs with extra points for the winners.

Players had the opportunity to win extra Gold and Red points in Pittsburg on October 25th at the Instant Match Point Game. Larry Brough and Cliff Smith were top winners with 60.88 percent game.

On November 21, Pittsburg hosted the ACBL wide Charity game with 5.5 tables participating. Jeff Brown and Curtis Bourland from Texarkana won first place with a 66.15 percent game.

The ten-week "Conventions Class" wrapped up November 28 with good attendance and plans for additional classes in 2018.

December 5th is the date for PDBC's annual Christmas Party just prior to our regular game.

THE BRIDGE STUDIO AT CEDAR CREEK LAKE

It's a wonderful time of the year...fall and the beginning of the holiday season. October was Jane Johnson Club Appreciation Month with lots of extra points to earn. Our players especially enjoyed the Friday Swiss team game on Oct. 20th. Since every match won pays a "tiny bit of gold", each of the teams had at least one player who still needed some gold to become a Life Master. Almost every player added a little bit of gold to their coffers.

The Library at Cedar Creek had its semi-annual bridge game at the end of October which raised a substantial amount for our local library through entry fees, raffle tickets and the sale of gift items. Gloria Rowland handed off her director's baton to Barbara Williams so she could be one of the players, the majority of whom were from our bridge studio. The first place winners were Barbara McMinn & Larry Laudig (N/S) and Barbara Austin & Rosemary Mize (E/W).

The November local charity for our club is Santa's Kids which provides Christmas gifts for the foster children

PINEY WOODS SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT February 15 - February 17

HOLIDAY INN - NORTH LONGVIEW
300 Tuttle Circle (just off Loop 281 near Longview Mall)
Longview, Texas 75605
903-663-6464 (Bridge Rate \$89.00)--(Ask for Code SBT)

Thursday - February 15, 2018

Stratified 499er Pairs (single sessions)	10:00 2:30
Stratified Open Pairs (single sessions)	10:00 2:30

Friday - February 16, 2018

Stratified 499er Pairs (single sessions)	10:00 2:30
Stratified Open Pairs (single sessions)	10:00 2:30

Stratifications (Based on average master points of pair)
Open Pairs: A 2000+, B 750-2000, C: 0-750
499er Pairs A:200-300, B: 100-200, C: 0-100

Saturday - February 17, 2018

Bracketed Swiss Teams - 2 Sessions 10:00 TBA

Tournament Chairpersons

Mike Graham	903-918-8642	babalooloop@yahoo.com
Shirley Shelton	903-245-9573	shirleyshelton@live.com

Nelda Avent (Partnership Chair) 903-561-2682/903-530-8522
nelda3064@suddenlink.net

Refreshments Compliments of Longview Duplicate Bridge Club Membership
Saturday Lunch Provided for Swiss Teams
Lite lunch available at hotel for \$10 (Thursday & Friday)

Entry Fees: \$12.00/ACBL members - \$15.00 Non/unpaid ACBL members
Saturday Swiss Teams \$128.00 - Sanction #1802085

of Van Zandt County. All through the month and up to the annual Christmas party in December, players drop money & checks into Santa's Hat to add to the amount contributed through the ACBL entry fees. On the day of the Christmas party, the entire amount is presented to Sandy Hilliard who works with the Santa's Kids organization and sees that each foster child has special gifts at Christmas.

Gloria Rowland and Evelyn Schmidt provide a delicious meal for the Christmas party and some of the players bring snacks & desserts. The entry fee is a new toy or \$10, all of which is presented to a representative of the Gun Barrel City Toys for Tots. We all enjoy being a part of bringing joy into children's lives this holiday season.

LONGVIEW DBC

The Piney Woods Sectional Tournament will take place February 15 to 17, 2018 at the Holiday Inn in Longview. Reservations are available at the tourney rate of \$89 per night by using code SBT & calling 903-663-6464. Tournament co chairs are Mike Graham & Shirley Shelton & Partnerships Chair is Nelda Avent. We hope to see a good turnout from Unit 225.

Black Eye Pea

Athens,

Nov 30-Dec 02, 2017

77 players : 93 tables.

- 1 22.69 Gay Roach,
- 2 18.77 Mark Bumgardner,
- 3 18.77 Ann Parker,
- 4 17.60 Jimmy Hubbard, Point
- 5 13.68 Margaret Ellis,
- 6 10.82 Mary Williams,
- 7 9.63 Laura Murphey,
- 8 9.23 Thomas Peters,
- 9 9.23 Judy Northup,

10 8.89 Carolyn Chapman,
Thu Morn Open Pairs-12.0 Tables / Based on 16 Tables A1. Ann Parker-Mark Bumgardner A2B1. Chester Neel Jr ; Laura Murphey B2C1. Margaret Ellis-Mary Williams C2. Helen Sullivan-; Clifford Smith
Thu Morn 499er NLM Pair-4.0 Tables AB1. Richard McGaugh-Michael Schlueter A2. Susan Jennings-Steven Jennings B2C1. Delores Maddox-Tomme Meadows C2. Donald Gill-Pud Patterson
Fri Aft Open Pairs-10.0 Tables / A1. Carolyn Chapman-Gay Roach A2BC1. Margaret Ellis-Mary Williams, B2/3 Chester Neel Jr-Laura Murphey C2/3 Gloria Rowland-Betty Wilkinson C2. Patsy Gordon-Pansy Blakely
Fri Aft 499er NLM Pairs-6.0 Tables A1. Susan & Jerry Gore A2. Susan Jennings-Steven Jennings B1. Curtis Bourland, -Fredye Alford B2C1.

Delores Maddox-Tomme Meadows C2. Jo Ellen Wade-Mary Adams,
Fri Morn Open Pairs-13.0 Tables / AB1. Gay Roach-Jimmy Hubbard A2. Thomas Peters-Judy Northup B2. Donald & Virginia Hixson C1. Heather Sanders-Clifford Smith C2. Pansy Blakely-Patsy Gordon
Fri Morn 499er NLM Pairs-4Tables ABC1. Curtis Bourland-Fredye Alford AB2. Barbara Wood-Wilton Crocker C2. Delores Maddox, -Tomme Meadows,
Fri Aft Open Pairs-14.0 Tables A1. Ann Parker-Mark Bumgardner A2B1. Gay Roach-Jimmy Hubbard B2. Milton Birmingham Eric Rasmussen C1/2 Patsy Gordon-Pansy Blakely C1/2 Peggy & Cled Painter
Sat Morn Open Pairs-12.0 Tables / Based on 17 Tables ABC1. Peter Hudson-Jimmy Hubbard AB2C1. Donald Gable Hervey-Wesley Crawford C2. Patsy Gordon-Pansy Blakely

Sat Morn 499er NLM Pairs-5.0 Tables ABC1. Delores &Tomme Meadows A2. Susan & Steven Jennings BC2. Curtis Bourland-Fredye Alford
Sat Aft Open Pairs-9.0 Tables ABC1. Margaret Ellis-Wilton Crocker A2. Ann Parker-Mark Bumgardner BC2. Frances Sanders-Laura Murphey
Sat Aft 499er NLM Pairs-4.0 Tables AB1. Barbara Wood-Mary Williams AB2C1. Delores Maddox-Tomme Meadows

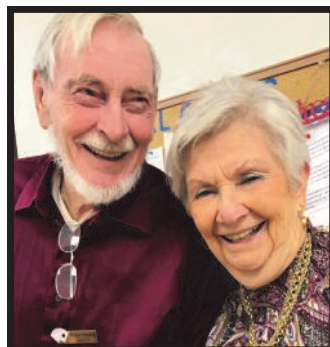
BLACK-EYED PEA WINNERS



Mark Bumgardner, Ann Parker
Thursday Morn Open Pairs A



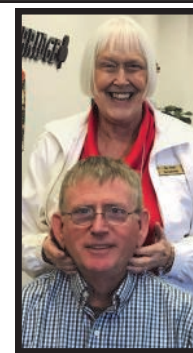
Saturday Morn Open Pairs A&B
Jimmy Hubbard, Peter Hudson



Saturday Aft Open Pairs A,B&C
Wilton Crocker, Margaret Ellis



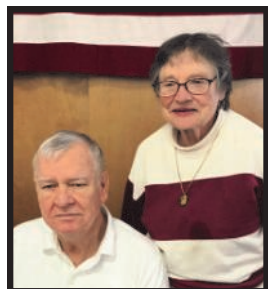
Thursday Aft & Friday Morn 499ers
Fredye Alford, Curtis Bourland



Friday Morn Open Pairs A&B
Friday Aft Open Pairs B
Gay Roach, Jimmy Hubbard



Saturday 499ers
Barbara Wood, Mary Williams



Thursday Morn Open Pairs B
Chester Neel, Laura Murphey



Thursday Morn Open Pairs C
Thursday Aft Open Pairs B&C
Margaret Ellis, Mary Williams



Saturday Morn Open Pairs C
Wesley Crawford, Donald Hervey



Thursday Morn & Aft 499ers
Saturday Morn 499ers
Deloris Maddox, Tomme Meadows



Thursday Aft 499ers
Susan & Jerry Gore

Unit 233
Central Texas

Helen Simonette

Happy New Year to all "bridgers" in Unit 233. We wish you all good health and good fortune for 2018.

Will it be possible to wait ten long months for pumpkins to appear at the market and tinsel and poinsettias to occupy one third of the space at Wally World? By now most folks will have packed away holiday decorations and can now concentrate on yard work and what teams will go to the Super Bowl. Spring cannot be far behind!

Time is quickly passing and your plans need to be made soon to attend the Temple Sectional Tournament to be held at the Cultural Activities Center February 16-18. There will be morning and afternoon games on Friday and Saturday. Stratiflighted Swiss Team games will be played on Sunday with a scrumptious Italian buffet lunch catered by Dibz's of Temple.

New board members were elected at the unit holiday party on December 10. The names of those lucky folks are published on the Unit 233 website. There is a wealth of information available on the site thanks to our webmaster, Judy Mathews. She has spent much time and effort updating the site. Thanks, Judy! www.d16.org/unit233/

Former Unit 233 president, Jan Hart, could not be more proud of her grandson, Josh. You see, Josh possesses skills many of us just wish we had. He participated in a worldwide competition solving the Rubik's Cube - blindfolded! He placed ninth in the world. Such a feat!! Google youtube and watch how quickly these youngsters can arrange those colors in perfect order. Jan and her husband, Charles, are longtime residents of the

Temple area. Jan has written several books about her family history and their arrival in Texas through the Port of Galveston many years ago. In his retirement years Charles spends his summers teaching youngsters equestrian skills that many consider an art form.

In 2018 this columnist will be joining a truly important group - octogenarians. One of the many perks of participating with this prestigious lot is the increase in the frequency of visits to Baylor Scott and White Medical Center in Temple. Before recently undergoing minor day surgery it seemed every test available was required prior to the one-hour procedure, including a chest x-ray. After what seemed like an endurance walk I arrived at the x-ray department. What a treat! Adorning the walls were the most beautiful and unique quilts on display. They were made by two members of our bridge family and are truly works of art. Janice Walker and Carol Ann Wadley are long time members of Unit 233. Many Central Texans have been gifted by quilts and wall hangings lovingly made by Janice. Several years ago a display of Carol Ann's artistic works were displayed at the Cultural Activities Center. It was the most attended exhibition ever held at the CAC.

Word has been received that the hummingbirds are truly enjoying the warmth of wintering in Central America. They are planning a late February departure for Texas and are expected to arrive here in mid-March.

Unit 353
Wichita Falls

Carolyn Bell

The editors would like to thank Rosemary Barrington for her many great columns.

Wichita Falls has moved into the holidays with the lighting of the Mid-

western State University Fantasy of Lights. It is one of the largest holiday displays of its kind and serves as an outreach to our community. If you are visiting our area it is a "must see" event!

We have been missing one of our regular bridge players, Dee McKinley, and are praying that her shoulder heals quickly so that she can return to the bridge table. We are also thinking of Ruth Streit, one of our Vernon bridge players, as she recovers from illness. Our prayers of condolences are with Ann Halsell in the loss of her husband, John Glenn Halsell, Jr. And finally, our hearts are sad in the loss of our longtime bridge player and friend, Ray Renk.

On a brighter note, Helen Cash has received her Silver Life Master.

Bridge Paradise Masterpoint Leaders are Kathleen Brown and Margaret Kirkland with 2.02 masterpoints and High Percentage Game Leaders at 67.08. Nancy Purcell and Patty Hofer were Game Leaders at 62.42.

Bridge Center Masterpoint Leaders are Wanda Hughes and Nancy Purcell with 2.65. High Percentage Game Leaders are Tomie Johnson and Dave Hertzog with 70.14. Martha Keller and Marsha May had a High Percentage Game of 65.87.

Vernon Duplicate Bridge Club Masterpoint Leaders are Susan Couch with 10.28 and Ruth Streit and Carole Tucker with 9.91. High Percentage Games are Ruth Streit and Carole Tucker at 72.50 and Carrol Green and Susan Couch at 65.50.

Bridge A-Gap Master Point Leaders for September are Margaret Kirkland and Joan Paradeis with 1.63 masterpoints. High Percentage Games are Margaret Kirkland and Joan Paradeis at 70.31. Marsha May and Martha Keller had a High Percentage Game at 68.75.

Suite 16 Bridge Masterpoint Leaders are Kathleen Brown at 3.45 and Margaret Kirkland at 2.82. High Percentage Games are Jolene Brantly and

Heart of Texas Temple Sectional
February 16-18, 2018
 Cultural Activities Center
 3011 North 3rd Street Temple, TX 76501

FRIDAY, February 16

Swiss Teams* (Single sessions)	10 a.m., 2:30 p.m.
Stratified Pairs (single sessions)	10 a.m., 2:30 p.m.
299er Pair Game	10 a.m., 2:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, February 17

Stratified Pairs (single sessions)	10 a.m., 2:30 p.m.
Swiss Teams* (Single sessions)	10 a.m., 2:30 p.m.
299er Pair Game	10 a.m., 2:30 p.m.

*KO may be handicapped per director's discretion
 Masterpoints for pairs and teams are averaged

SUNDAY, February 18

10:00 a.m. and TBA Meal provided between sessions
 ** Swiss format may be changed by agreement of Tournament Chair and Director in Charge

Stratifications

Pairs: A: 2000+ B: 750-2000 C: 0-750
 Swiss: A: 2500 AX:0-2500 or TBD by DIC (Play Together)
 B: 750-2000 C: 0-750 D: 0-100 (BCD Play Together)

Tournament Chair
 Carol Ann Wadley 254-217-2918 cwadley1@hotmail.com
 Lynn Sykes 254-933-1125 sykgus@aol.com

Partnerships
 Wanda Carter 254-780-1510 wjkelley33@att.net

Tournament Hotel
 Motel 6 Bridge Rate:\$51.75
 1610 W. Nugent Ave., Temple, TX 76504 254-770-1100

Entry Fees
 ACBL Members: \$12.00/Session
 Non-Members: \$15.00/Session Students: \$6.00 entry
 Swiss Team: \$120.00/Team
 Smoking Breaks Snacks Coffee Soda Provided

Kathleen Brown at 71.25. Suzanne Percentage game of 70.31
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2018 Fort Western Regional



March 19 - 25, 2018

2018 Schedule Highlights

Daily Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)
 Strati-Flighted A/X/Y Pairs Tues. - Sat. (2 Sessions)
 0-750 Gold Rush Pairs Tues. - Sat. (2 Sessions)
 Morning, Afternoon & Evening Side Game Series Tues. - Sat.
 299er Pairs Morning & Afternoon Tues - Sat.
 Single Session Evening Swiss Teams - Tues. - Wed. - Thurs. - Sat.
 Friday Evening Single Session Board-a-Match

Remember - all events are "fragrance free"

**CHARITY SESSIONS BENEFIT
 ACBL CHARITY FUND
 and
 LOCAL ALZHEIMERS ASSOCIATION**

Card Fees: \$13; \$17 for unpaid and non-ACBL members
 0-20 Pairs Saturday Morning - ACBL members play **FREE**
 Saturday sessions \$14 (\$1 to support NABC)
 Sunday - 2 session Swiss \$104/team; 2 session pairs \$13/session
 Sunday entry includes 2 lunch tickets per pair, 4 per Swiss team - extra tickets \$10 each

Pairs Events

Monday Stratified Open Charity Pairs (2 Sessions)	2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday - Saturday A/X/Y Pairs (2 Sessions)	9:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
Tues. - Sat. Gold Rush Pairs (2 Sessions)	9:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
Tues. - Sat. Side Game Series	9:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Tues. - Sat. 299er Pairs	9:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.

Swiss Teams

Monday Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)	2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday - Saturday Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)	9:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
Single Session Evening Swiss Teams - Tues - Wed. - Thurs. - Sat.	7:00 p.m.
Board-a-Match Friday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Sunday A/X Swiss (2 Sessions)	9:30 a.m. & TBA
Sunday Bracketed Swiss (2 Sessions)	9:30 a.m. & TBA

Intermediate/Novice Events

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

Monday 299er Pairs - Single Sessions.....	2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday - Saturday 299er Pairs - Single Sessions.....	9:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday - Saturday Daily Lecture.....	1:30 p.m.

Contact Person: Janet Jordan: (817) 797-9465; janetjordan817@yahoo.com
Partnerships: Darlene Shirey: (817) 292-4719; shireysa@yahoo.com

Host Hotel: Hyatt Regency DFW
Phone: 972-453-1234 or 800-233-1234
Bridge rate: \$108 - reserve by February 19, 2018
 2334 N. International Parkway DFW Airport, TX

Monday March 19

Charity Open Pairs	2 Sessions.....	2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
299er Pairs	2 Sessions.....	2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Bracketed Swiss	2 Sessions.....	2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday March 20

Morning Side Game Series.....	9:30 a.m.
299er Pairs.....	9:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
Bracketed Swiss Teams 2 Sessions.....	9:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
Gold Rush Pairs 2 Sessions.....	9:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
A/X/Y Pairs 2 Sessions.....	9:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
Afternoon Side Game Series.....	2:00 p.m.
Evening Side Game Series.....	7:00 p.m.
Single Session Swiss.....	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday March 21

Morning Side Game Series.....	9:30 a.m.
299er Pairs.....	9:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
Bracketed Swiss Teams 2 Sessions.....	9:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
Gold Rush Pairs 2 Sessions.....	9:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
A/X/Y Pairs 2 Sessions.....	9:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
Afternoon Side Game Series.....	2:00 p.m.
Evening Side Game Series.....	7:00 p.m.
Single Session Swiss.....	7:00 p.m.

Thursday March 22

Morning Side Game Series.....	9:30 a.m.
299er Pairs.....	9:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
Bracketed Swiss Teams 2 Sessions.....	9:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
Gold Rush Pairs 2 Sessions.....	9:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
A/X/Y Pairs 2 Sessions.....	9:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
Afternoon Side Game Series.....	2:00 p.m.
Evening Side Game Series.....	7:00 p.m.
Single Session Swiss.....	7:00 p.m.

Friday March 23

Morning Side Game Series.....	9:30 a.m.
299er Pairs.....	9:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
Bracketed Swiss Teams 2 Sessions.....	9:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
Gold Rush Pairs 2 Sessions.....	9:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
A/X/Y Pairs 2 Sessions.....	9:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
Afternoon Side Game Series.....	2:00 p.m.
Evening Side Game Series.....	7:00 p.m.
Single Session Board-a-Match.....	7:00 p.m.

Saturday March 24

Morning Side Game Series.....	9:30 a.m.
299er Pairs.....	9:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
Bracketed Swiss Teams 2 Sessions.....	9:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
Gold Rush Pairs 2 Sessions.....	9:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
A/X/Y Pairs 2 Sessions.....	9:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
Afternoon Side Game Series.....	9:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
Evening Side Game Series.....	7:00 p.m.
Single Session Swiss.....	7:00 p.m.

Sunday March 25

Open Pairs	2 Sessions.....	9:30 a.m. & TBA
Sunday A/X Swiss	2 Sessions.....	9:30 a.m. & TBA
Sunday Bracketed Swiss	2 Sessions.....	9:30 a.m. & TBA

Flights & Strats

A/X/Y pairs A: 5000+ X: Under 5000 Y: Under 2000
 Gold Rush Pairs: B: Both under 750 - C: Average under 300.
 Board-a-Match, Open Pairs & Side Games
 A: 2500+ B: Under 2500 C: Under 500
 Sunday A/X Swiss A: 6000+ X: Under 6000
 Sunday Bracketed Swiss: All under 3000

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 Outside Playing Area**