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Phil Clayton Wins 0-10,000 Pairs; Hua Yang and Yan Song Second in 0-10,000 Mixed Swiss



Phil Clayton



Yan Song -Hua Yang

David Sokolow

Senior NABC
Correspondent



I had such high hopes for District 16 after the first few days at the Atlanta NABC. We had one win in the bag and lots of players chomping at the bit for another. But not until the final day did a D16 pair rise to the occasion and capture second-place laurels.

Phil Clayton of Frisco crushed the competition in the 0-10,000 Pairs: he finished 110 points ahead of the runners-up—the same margin that separated the second- and twelfth-place pairs. Now *that's* what I call a dominating win! Phil is a recent transplant from California but, to paraphrase a popular bumper sticker, he got here as soon as he could. Phil's name will be familiar to those who frequent Bridgewinners.com; his posts are always interested and laced with humor. Congratulations, Phil, on your inaugural national win as a Texan. Here's to many, many more!

Hua Yang and Yan Song of Plano finished second in the 0-10,000 Mixed Swiss. In the final, they were never worse than second place. Such consistency is rare, particularly in a nationally-rated event. Please join me in a hearty round of applause!

World Champions Mike and Nancy Passell of Plano had an excellent week in Atlanta. They finished third in the Mixed Board-A-Match Teams, with a score that would have won the event most years. Mike was also third in the Life Master Pairs, the premiere pair event at the summer NABC.

Two District 16 teams advanced to the quarterfinals of the Grand National Teams. In the Championship Flight, Dan Morse of Houston, Tom Peters of Grapeland, Ken Schutze of Austin, San Antonians Babu Koneru and Ira Hessel, and Nagy Kamel of Plano lost to the perennial winners from District 9. In Flight C, our all-Houston squad comprising Jack and Jeanette Dean, Marcia Doyle and Robert Burrige lost to a team representing New England (District 25). A good effort, one and all.

Multiple D16'ers had top-ten finishes in NABC events. Hemant Lall, Dallas, was 5/8 in the Spingold. Rajasekhar Menon, Southlake, wound up fourth in the 0-6,000 LM

Pairs. Stefanie Scott, Little Elm, and Kristen Onsgard, Dallas, were fifth in the 0-2,500 LM Pairs, followed by Thomas Rush, Houston, and Wes Pierce, The Woodlands, in sixth. Stefanie and Kristin also nabbed sixth place in the Red Ribbon Pairs. Dan Jackson, Spring, and Mike Doyle, Katy, ended sixth in the 0-10,000 Pairs. Shawn and Joe Quinn, Sugar Land, and Petra Hamman, Carrollton, were 8/9 in the Mixed BAM Teams. Patricia Herrera, Mexico, sat ninth in the Women's Pairs. Last, but not least, Dan Morse landed tenth in the Senior Swiss.

I couldn't write this NABC report without mentioning the passing of D16 stalwart and dear friend John Sutherlin. He was not only a fine player, but a prince among men. Please join me in sending condolences to his dear wife, Peggy.

The fall NABC will be at the Hilton Hawaiian Village in Honolulu November 22 to December 2. The venue is spectacular: 22 acres of tropical gardens bordering Waikiki's white sand beaches. Who wants to play bridge all day when you can swim, surf or parasail? (Don't answer—it was a rhetorical question!) I attended my first NABC there in 1983. I can't recall anything about the bridge but I do have fond memories of the swim-up bar. Aloha oe (or as we used to say in NY, "Aloha Oy!")

186 Players From D16

195.79 Mike Passell, Plano
146.06 Hemant Lall, Dallas
120.35 Phil Clayton, Frisco
104.30 Bart Bramley, Dallas
103.08 Nancy Passell, Plano
101.33 Dan Morse, Houston
101.30 Bob Hamman, Dallas
91.75 Greg Hinze, San Antonio
91.43 Mark Feldman,
80.44 Nagy Kamel, Plano
79.56 Kristen Onsgard, Dallas
77.57 Ira Hessel, San Antonio
74.53 Eddie Wold, Houston
73.02 Robert Burrige, Houston
69.47 Babu Koneru, San Antonio
65.46 Marsha Doyle, Houston
61.13 Yan Song, Plano
61.13 Hua Yang, Plano
58.21 Petra Hamman, Carrollton
55.98 Thomas Peters, Grapeland
44.40 Joe Quinn, Sugar Land
39.36 Stefanie Scott, Little Elm
36.49 Michael Heymann, Fort Worth
36.44 Thomas Trudeau, San Antonio
36.24 John Schwartz, Plano

BRUCE LM PAIRS - 18.0 Tables /

Based on 63 Tables

4 Rajasekhar Menon, Southlake
19 David Pearlman, Southlake
Milton Neher, Richardson

YOUNG LM PAIRS - 14.0 Tables /
Based on 50 Tables

5 Stefanie Scott, Little Elm
Kristen Onsgard, Dallas
6 Thomas Rush, Houston
Wes Peirce, The Woodlands

VON ZEDTWITZ LM PAIRS -
39.0 Tables / Based on 168 Tables

3 Mike Passell, Plano
14 Bart Bramley, Dallas
15 Eddie Wold
20 Mark Feldman, Austin
30 Greg Hinze San Antonio
58 Bob \$ Chris Hamman, Dallas

NABC 10K PAIRS - 44.0 Tables /
Based on 88 Tables

1 Phil Clayton, Frisco
6 Daniel Jackson, Spring ; Mike
Doyle, Katy
35 Geoff Booth-Robert Sandfield Houston
42 Jeff Olson, Dallas
43 David Sokolow, Austin

Morehead GNT Championship

Dan Morse, Houston ; Thomas Peters, Grapeland ; Kenneth Schutze, Austin ; Babu Koneru - Ira Hessel, San Antonio ; Nagy Kamel, Plano

Macnab GNT Flight C

5/8 Jack \$ Jeanette Dean -Marsha Doyle - Robert Burrige, Houston
WAGAR WOMEN'S PAIRS - 26.0
Tables / Based on 51 Tables

16 Georgiana Gates-Pat Levy, Houston
19 Kristen Onsgard, Dallas
Nancy Passell, Plano

TRUSCOTT SENIOR SWISS - 54
Tables / Based on 108 Tables

10 Dan Morse, Houston
19 Michael Heyman
29 Ira Hessel, San Antonio
Joe Quinn, Sugar Land

WERNHER OPEN PAIRS - 72.0
Tables / Based on 142 Tables

9 Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio
32 Tobi Sokolow
Claudette Hartman, Austin
40 Ira and Ellen Hessel, San Antonio

50 Michael Heymann, Fort Worth
FREEMAN BAM TEAMS - 28
Tables / Based on 60 Tables

3 Mike Passell - Nancy Passell,
8/9 Joe Quinn - Shawn Quinn, Sugar
Land ; Petra Hamman, Carrollton
13 Kristen Onsgard, Dallas

BEAN RED RIBBON PAIRS -
18.0 Tables / Based on 37 Tables

6 Stefanie Scott, Little Elm
Kristen Onsgard, Dallas
14 Edwin (Ted) Bain III, Houston
10K MIXED SWISS - 18 Tables /
Based on 25 Tables

2 Hua Yang - Yan Song, Plano ;

SPINGOLD KO TEAMS

5/8 Hemant Lall, Dallas
9/16 Bart Bramley, Dallas

Mark Feldman, Austin
9/16 Bob Hamman
17/32 Greg Hinze, San Antonio

ROTH OPEN SWISS - 36 Tables /
Based on 131 Tables

19 Bob Hamman
20/21 Greg Hinze, San Antonio
23/ Dan Morse, Houston ;
Phil Clayton, Frisco
Nagy Kamel, Plano
27 Eddie Wold, Houston
Mike Passell, Plano
30 Jack LeVigne, Houston
35/ Thomas Peters, Grapeland
Ira Hessel, San Antonio

Rebecca
Brown

District 16
President



Now that we know more about ourselves, it must be clear that we need to nurture our newer players. With that in mind, this column is affectionately aimed at our advancing players.

I was asked to address the I/N group at the Austin Regional. I am no expert... not on slam bidding, defensive carding, *nada!* But I do understand the challenge of being at the steep end of a learning curve! I remember when my goal was to have more points than I weigh! So, with apologies for repeating myself, here is the gist of what I recommended:

Never confuse a lack of experience for a lack of talent! Be patient with yourself; most players in the open room have been playing for decades and table time really counts!

It is a given that we all make mistakes on virtually every board. We generally fail to recognize all our errors—thank goodness! Use hand records to review your results, focusing on boards where you "dropped a trick" on defense or declarer play or missed the optimum contract. My personal goal is to make better quality errors!

Read bridge books and study either in print or online. There are great learning resources available on the ACBL website, in the ACBL Bridge Bulletin (e.g., the Bidding Box and It's Your Call) and the Bridge World (e.g., the Master Solvers' Club)

Bridge Base Online, and the Common Game.

Be your own cheerleader! Engage in positive self-talk before each game and especially after a bad board. Ruminating about a bad board will create successive bad boards. "Box it up" and put it aside for post-mortems once the game is complete.

Be kind to your partner. Criticizing your partner at the table in front of opponents is destructive; shaming will only serve to increase errors.

Play with better players. Most good players understand the value of bringing newer players along and are willing to answer questions and agree to an occasional game. If your Unit offers a Mentor/Mentee program, sign up!

Play against better players. Even though your results may suffer temporarily, playing in open games against better players is a great way to learn at the table.

Play with partners you enjoy. Sometimes, though, the best of friends do not make the best of partners. Table chemistry is magic; if it doesn't work, spend time together at the dinner table rather than the bridge table.

Please inform your Unit representative and your District Board what we can do to help you improve your game.

Keep in mind what Oscar Wilde said: "Only a mediocre person is at his best all the time!"

SEE YOU AT THE TABLE!

Paul Cuneo

District 16
National BOD



Atlanta and the Marriott Marquis were great hosts for the NABC. Table count was 11,268.5 just over the 11,200 projected in the budget. The playing rooms were spacious and well lit and the temperature was comfortable.

Congratulations to Phil Clayton of Frisco, Tx and his partner Andrew Gumperz for their victory in the 0 - 10,000 Pairs event!

The motion I co-sponsored to impose term limits for the Board of Directors passed its 2nd reading and was ratified by the Board of Governors. Effective January 1, 2019, board members will be limited to four three-year terms. Terms started prior to that date are not counted.

Technical changes to the ACBL Bylaws to conform to recent changes in New York law were also passed by the Board and ratified by the Board of Governors.

The motion I sponsored to allow Open Sectional events to count tables from a concurrent Non-Life Master Regional passed its 2nd reading and will take effect immediately.

The Board voted to extend the Zero Tolerance policy to all tournaments which require an ACBL employee to be the Director in Charge. Thus, Open Sectionals that are played at Club facilities will have ZT regulations as the DIC is required to be an ACBL Tournament Director.

Masterpoint awards for the NAP and GNT District finals were increased for all levels of competition. There were a lot of technical cleanup motions relating to bridge were passed.

Most were unanimous.

On Thursday, July 26, the Strategic Review Committee held an all-day workshop to discuss some key topics which have emerged as we are updating the Strategic Plan. In addition to the Board of Directors and the Leadership Team from Headquarters, we invited the ACBL Educational Foundation Board of Trustees and some guests. They were Uday Ivatury, CEO of Bridge Base Online, Sam Marks, a teacher and club owner in the Atlanta area, Steve Moese, Chairman of the Board of Governors Club and Teacher Taskforce, and Betty Starzec of D16, President of the American Bridge Teachers Association. I'll be writing more about this work in future reports.

Our search for a new Executive Director is underway as we've published an advertisement in the August edition of the Bridge Bulletin and in the NABC Daily Bulletin in Atlanta. The Search Committee, which I chair, has been re-working the search process and are ready to begin evaluating resumes and conducting interviews.

I was nominated to join the Board of Trustees of the ACBL Educational Foundation, and was elected to serve at their meeting in Atlanta. The Educational Foundation became independent in December, 2016. During the Atlanta meeting Sharon Anderson led an exercise to begin a Strategic Planning process for the Foundation and we'll pursue it over the next several meetings. I'm excited about the opportunity to serve and work as a member of the Foundation's Board.

One thing that I like to do is to have players tell me their stories. This is from Jim La Fountain who recently made Emerald Life Master:

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In Memoriam

* denotes Life Master

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 Mrs. Mary B. Davis, Wimberley
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 * Mrs. Connie Robichaux, Katy
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 * Susan T. Kupper, Houston
 Mrs. Patricia A. Osborne, Houston
 * Edwin E. Stewart, Tyler
 Leah Jane Taglienti, Richardson

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174 Joyce	Grindle	Lake Jackson	Silver LM
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183 Robert	Orvis	Burleson	Silver LM
174 Marge	Rambo	Sweeny	Silver LM
183 Mary Lou	Collins	Denton	Ruby LM
176 Nancy	Jipp	Plano	Ruby LM
254 Rob	Rich	San Miguel	Ruby LM
176 Randolph	Worsham	Dallas	Ruby LM
176 Bonnie Kay	Yetter	Garland	Ruby LM
201 Marilyn	Adams	Beaumont	Ruby LM
183 Bruce	Brown	Denton	Ruby LM
176 Frank	Durante	Addison	Ruby LM
174 Bill	Joplin	Houston	Ruby LM
172 Linda	Lawrence	San Antonio	Ruby LM
353 Lois	Roberson	Wichita Falls	Ruby LM
172 Andy	Villastrigo	San Antonio	Ruby LM
174 Raleigh	Williamson	Houston	Ruby LM
173 Adela	Naftali	Mexico	Gold LM
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183 Sam	Long	Arlington	Gold LM
207 Sandy	Potts	Austin	Gold LM
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183 Don	Reynolds	Fort Worth	Gold LM
204 Iris	Warren	San Angelo	Gold LM
174 Carole	Moore	Friendswood	Sapphire LM
172 Bette	Allen	San Antonio	Sapphire LM
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205 Diane	Van Brocklin	Chapala	Sapphire LM
176 Jack	Borenstein	Dallas	Diamond LM
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173 Mauricio	Smid	Huixquilucan	Diamond LM
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207 Pam	LaShelle	Georgetown	Emerald LM
172 Judith	Ortiz	San Antonio	Diamond LM

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"I got my first masterpoint in 1977 playing with my mom. I'd played canasta, pinochle, 42 and now started playing the best game ever.

My mom and dad, Jane and Joe La Fountain, had played for years. After my dad passed away, I started playing with my mom. As we started winning, some of the better players asked me to play. I was so lucky to get to play with and learn from all of them. However, my mom stayed my favorite partner and then one day Richard Ware asked me to play. He became my best friend and my favorite partner and we still play today.

It's the partners that make this game so special. Even today I am playing with new partners and play with many newer players. I would like to pay back for the lessons I got and work with my novice partners to improve their games.

A favorite bridge story is when my mom, Lee Merriwitz, Waymon Hunt and I won a big team event. We played some very tough teams to get the win. Waymon was so proud in the picture to be the tallest person at 5'6"! The thrill of winning in the greatest game of them all!!!"

Bridge in a Box™

By Patty Tucker

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Thanks to Patty Tucker

She also teaches duplicate bridge and is an author of 40+ bridge books and workbooks. The ACBL's Board of Directors named Patty the "2016 Honorary Member of the Year" for her efforts in sustaining the game of bridge for future generations. Patty reflected, "I teach bridge for the immense satisfaction I get, in passing on to others, my knowledge, respect, and love for the game of bridge."

DEADLINES for November/December 2018 Issue

Announcements: October 1st
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DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

By Laura Delfeld

District 16 is proud to honor its outstanding teachers at the annual Lone Star Regional. The Teacher of the Year committee is accepting nominations for the 2019 award from all members of the district. This includes students, unit board members and anyone who recognizes the achievements of an individual teacher.

The recognized teacher will have a proven track record of producing players who love the game of bridge as well as acquiring the fundamentals of the game.

The district keenly understands that these students are essential to our growth and wellbeing. If you have a teacher you would like to nominate, please contact Laura Delfeld at LauraDistrict16@gmail.com. Please provide an overview of your nominee's teaching credentials as well as why you think they deserve to be Teacher of the Year no later than December 31. The nominee will then be asked to complete a brief application.

Previous recipients of this award are: Gary King (2018), Nancy Smalley (2017), Laura Delfeld, Dave Glandorf, and Mary Jane Orock (2016).

D16 Charity Report

by Nancy Strohmer

As provided previously, the D16 charity games will be October 18, 19, 22 and 23. The dates are listed on the website.

Eblasts will be sent by the District and ACBL to the Clubs and separately to the players promoting the games.

After receiving input from players, club managers and the ACBL Special Events Game Specialist, it is my preference that the charity portion of the entry, \$4 per table, be given to the local "charity" of choice which would be decided by each Unit's BOD or whoever they designate. I think this would accomplish a "buy in" of the Club's and they, in turn, would promote the games.

Action requested: That the D16 BOD determine who should make the charity selection: The District, Unit's BOD (or whoever it designates) or Club Managers.

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1:30 pm Lee Johnson Stratified Open Pairs (single session)
Dorothy Ridgeway 299er Pairs (single session)

7:00 pm Edith Baker Stratified Open Pairs (single session)
Paul Johnson 299er Pairs (single session)

SATURDAY, September 22, 2018

9:00 am Myrtle Fritschy Stratified Open Pairs (single session)
Jackie Parker and Becky Norris Bracketed KO Teams
(round 1)

Ruth Hauser Stratified Open Pairs (single session)
Jean and Palmer Randall 299er Pairs (single session) 9:00 am
Jackie Parker and Becky Norris Bracketed KO Teams (round 2)
9:00 am

7:00 pm Nancy Calvani and Betty Forrest Stratified Open Pairs
(single session) 9:00 am
Aloma Crow and Sally Miller 299er Pairs (single session) 9:00
am

Jackie Parker and Becky Norris Bracketed KO Teams (round
3) 9:00 am

SUNDAY, September 23, 2018

Dick and Sue Pagano Stratified Swiss Teams iloo (two sessions
with break for lunch) 9:30 am and TBA

All pair and team games stratified by average master points
KO Events may be handicapped
\$12/person/session; Swiss Teams \$100/team (includes both
sessions and lunch)

\$4 additional for lapsed ACBL members
Stratified: (A) 2000+, (B) 750-2000, (C) 0-750 299ers: (A) 200
-300, (B) 100-200, (C) 0-100

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Please, take an extra day to visit the world famous Carlsbad Caverns
National Park and the Living Desert Zoo and Gardens State Park

How Trashcans Jigsaw puzzles and Flashlights Can Improve Your Game.

By Norman Beck

Congratulations you found bridge. I have good news and bad news. The bad news is that is the hardest game known to man. The good news is that it is the hardest game known to man. When I started in 1978 I would ask 6 life masters a question and get 6 different responses. I knew they could not all be right. I changed the question to who is the best player in Tulsa and to that question I got one response. And that was Byron Greenberg. I 50 something year old guy who owned a nightclub and rumor had it that you could maybe make a bet or he knew someone who could help you out. I went to this club at the age of 19 with a fake ID and a desire to learn the game. My thought was get him to teach me and in two weeks I would be as good as he was. FYI it has been the longest 2 weeks of my life. Myron summed up learning bridge in 23 words.

- 1-Play all you can play
- 2 read all you can read.
- 3 Always play with better players.
- 4 Learn something every time you play.

New players make a mistake early on in wanting to learn new conventions. Now they don't know why they are learning it, what the convention is for or when they should or should not use it. Nor they know the ramifications when they don't use it. But they learn it and think they are a better player. In Fact they are worse. In they don't know what they don't

know. One reason people do this is that it is easy. Trust me this is wrong.

The key to learning bridge is being able to count to 13. We all know how to count to 13 but knowing how and actually doing it are two different things. Playing bridge is like doing pushups it is hard at first but the more you do it the easier it gets. Make no mistake certain conventions you must have. Staymen, Jacoby Transfers, Drury, Blackwood and Negative Dbls. Now I play more than that but if you give me those on most hands I will be just fine. The next time a partner wants to play some new convention say "It sounds great but I am afraid I will forget it lets not" You will be off the hook and it sounds nicer than saying "That is a dumb idea you idiot"

The best advice I ever got about the game was the Trashcan. The trashcan is what you should use the least but always use it. Let's say your partner opened 1NT and you bid 2H as a transfer and he forgot and passed and you played 2H when you were cold for 7 Spades. You just got a big fat zero or you made a bad bid and went set 1400. You got a really big 0. You know something you can still win. But you can't win if you get 2 or 3 more right in a row That is where the trashcan comes into play. When you get a bad result regardless of the reason throw it away. You can't fix it. You can't take it back or have

overs. It is done and gone. You need to think about board 2. Most people can't do this. Really good players who know better will have a bad game because they can't throw away a bad result.

When I started playing bridge I often felt I was in a dark room with no flashlight and I would stumble around looking for the right contract. You need to have a flashlight with you at all times when playing bridge. You need to turn it on so partner can see. As an example. You let my partner turn on the flashlight with say one no trump 15-17 and I have a very good idea where we should be. The sooner you can turn on the switch the better. Let's say you need a diamond lead and you have A9234 of diamonds and you can afford it signal with the 8 and not the 4. Partner will be able to see the 9 the 4 not so much.

One can't be a good player and not read. The more books the better. Here are books you must reads.

- 1-Why you lose at bridge
- 2-Anything by Mike Lawrance
- 3-Anything by Eddie Kantar
- 4- Killing Defense by Kelsey
- 5-The Rodwell Files By Eric Rodwell.

You learn to count to 13 and read the above mentioned books and understand what they say and you will be hard to beat.

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North American Pairs Announcement

District 16 A/B/C finals will be January 5th (2 qualifying sessions) and January 6th (2 final sessions), 2019 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Austin TX. **Unit Coordinators should send list of unit final qualifiers within 3 days** of unit final to Roxie Tom, District Coordinator. Email at rtom85@yahoo.com. Club-qualified players may play in any ONE Unit Final per stratification within District 16. Special permission is NOT required.

Please Check with local site as posted times may be tentative.

Unit #	Name	Flight	Date	Time	Location	Fie
172	San Antonio	ABC	Sat 10/6	10:00/TBA	Fiesta Bridge Club	
173	San Miguel	No Information available at press time			Club de bridge amigos	
174	Houston	B	Sat 11/10	10:00/TBA	Bridge Club of Houston	
		AC	Sun 11/11	10:00/TBA	Bridge Club of Houston	
176	Dallas	C	Sun 9/16	1:30/TBA	BAND	
		B	Sun 9/23	1:30/TBA	Dorsey's Bridge Studio	
		A	Sun 9/30	1:30/TBA	BAND	
183	Fort Western	AC	Sun 9/9	12:30/4:15	Ft Worth Bridge Studio	
		B	Sun 10/28	12:30/4:15	Ft Worth Bridge Studio	
187	Corpus Christi	ABC	Sat 9/15	10:30/TBA	Women's Club of Aransas Co	
197	Llano Estacado	ABC	Fri 8/17	1:30/TBA	The Bridge Center	
201	Sabine Neches	No Information available at press time			Beaumont Bridge Studio	
204	Fort Concho	ABC	Sat 10/13	10:00/2:00	Sue Barber Bridge Center	
205	Amistad	No Information available at press time			Lake Chapala DBC	
207	Texas Capitol	ABC	Sat 10/6	10:00/TBA	The Bridge Center of Austin	
209	Greater Permian Basin	ABC	Sat 9/15	10:00/TBA	Allison Bridge Center	
224	Fort Phantom	No Information available at press time			Mabel Lillius Bridge Studio	
225	East Texas	ABC	Sat 10/6	9:30/1:30	Tyler Senior Center	
233	Central Texas	ABC	Sun 9/9	1:00	Harrison Senior Center	
237	Magic Valley	No event Scheduled				
353	Wichita Falls	ABC	Wed 9/12	11:30	Wichita Falls Bridge Club	



MEXICAN RESORT REGIONAL

November 5 thru November 11, 2018
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Monday, November 5

Welcome Charity Pairs (Eve Side 1st of 6 sessions) 7:30pm
Vallarta KO Teams—1 7:30pm

Tuesday, November 6

Tues/Wed Morning Swiss Teams—1 9:30am
Morning Side Game Series (1st of 5 sessions) 9:30am
Choice Pairs (any 2 of 3 sessions) 9:30am 2:00pm 8:00pm
Vallarta KO Teams—2, 3 2:00pm 8:00pm
Afternoon Side Game Series (1st of 5 sessions) 2:00pm
Swiss Teams (2 sessions) 2:00pm 8:00pm
Evening Side Game Series (2nd of 6 sessions) 8:00pm

Wednesday, November 7

Tues/Wed Morning Swiss Teams—2 9:30am
Morning Side Game Series (2nd of 5 sessions) 9:30am
299r Novice Pairs (single session) 9:30am 2:00pm
Choice Pairs (any 2 of 3 sessions) 9:30am 2:00pm 8:00pm
Acapulco KO Team—1 & 2 2:00pm 8:00pm
Afternoon Side Game Series (2nd of 5 sessions) 2:00pm
Evening Side Game Series (3rd of 6 sessions) 8:00pm
Single Session Swiss 8:00pm

Thursday, November 8

Thurs/Fri Morning Swiss Teams—1 9:30am
Morning Side Game Series (3rd of 5 sessions) 9:30am
Afternoon Side Game Series (3rd of 5 sessions) 2:00pm
Acapulco KO Team—3 & 4 2:00pm 8:00pm
Open Pairs (2 sessions) 2:00pm 8:00pm
Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions) 2:00pm 8:00pm
Swiss Teams (2 sessions) 2:00pm 8:00pm
Evening Side Game Series (4th of 6 sessions) 8:00pm

Friday, November 9

Thurs/Fri Morning Swiss Teams—2 9:30am
Morning Side Game Series (4th of 5 sessions) 9:30am
299r Novice Pairs (single session) 9:30am 2:00pm
Choice Pairs (any 2 of 3 sessions) 9:30am 2:00pm 8:00pm
Cancun KO Team—1 & 2 2:00pm 8:00pm
Afternoon Side Game Series (4th of 5 sessions) 2:00pm
Evening Side Game Series (5th of 6 sessions) 8:00pm
Single Session Swiss 8:00pm

Saturday, November 10

Morning Side Game Series (5th of 5 sessions) 9:30am
Choice Pairs (any 2 of 3 sessions) 9:30am 2:00pm 8:00pm
Cancun KO Team—3 & 4 2:00pm 8:00pm
Afternoon Side Game Series (5th of 5 sessions) 2:00pm
Swiss Teams (2 sessions) 2:00pm 8:00pm
Evening Side Game Series (6th of 6 sessions) 8:00pm

Sunday, November 11

Swiss Teams (short break for Mexican Buffet) 10:00am

Stratifications:

Except Thurs Open Pairs/Swiss
A: 2500+ B: 750-2500 C: 0-750
Thursday Open Pairs w/ Gold Rush Pairs
A: 2500+ X: 1250-2500 Y: 0-1250

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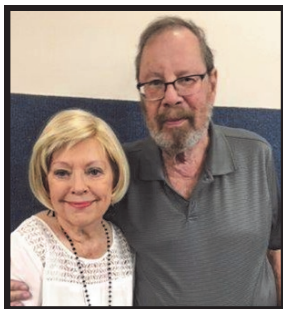
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Saturday Morning Pairs A



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Sunday Swiss Team A



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Saturday Morn Open Pairs B & C



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Friday Aft & Saturday Morn 299ers



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Friday Morn Open Pairs C



Parkerlene Pellans, Fern Hamilton
Friday Morn Open Pairs B



Helen Masters, John Gibson
Friday Aft Open Pairs C



Gina Inman, Martin Blecha
Saturday Aft 299ers

**Unit 172
San Antonio**

Lew Spurlock



Unit 172 has many top-notch players with over 10,000 master points and years of playing experience. If you play in any events when they play, I'm sure you're used to seeing their names at the top of the winner's column. I asked these players what the average player should focus on to improve their game.

One expert likened learning to play bridge to another game: golf. Trying to learn golf on your own only ingrains bad habits. Better players, even the pros, take lessons. The same is true with bridge. Many different types of playing lessons are available: There are classes for both novice and intermediate players. There are individual playing lessons where you can play with a pro and learn different techniques. Some experts will even come to your home where they will teach you and three of your friends about the game by dealing and playing actual hands. Ask about cost and availability. You may be surprised at how reasonable these lessons are.

Some experts commented that bridge is a partnership game so it is desirable to develop a regular partnership. If one player does not understand what the other is trying to say by their play or bidding, a good game is impossible. Discuss how to bid in certain circumstances; explore how to play various card combinations. If something comes up you don't understand, after the game ask one of the top players where you play for their advice.

There is an old saying in bridge that the road to hell is paved with good conventions. Several experts emphasized that players should limit their use of conventions until they thoroughly understand the basics. Every convention gives up something so you should know what you are giving up and what the advantages and disadvantages are. One expert went so far as to say only top players should have more than 5 or 6 conventions. Another recommended frequently reviewing your convention card with your partner to make sure you remember all your conventions and their responses. Learn one thing at a time, and don't add anything new until you are totally familiar with what you have agreed to play.

Several stressed thoroughly understanding the basics: What is a forcing bid and what is not? What cards do you discard when partner or the opponent is leading? What card do you lead so partner will know what you have in your hand? When is it right to cover an honor with an honor and when is it not right? Several players recommended Eddie Kantar's Defensive Bridge Play which is available in the lending library put together by the Unit 172 board and housed at the Fiesta Bridge Club.

One expert said that their own game did not start to improve until they learned to count, count, and count: Suits, trumps, and points. Add to this the ability to form a picture of the cards in each player's hand that comes from counting and your game will improve. One top player recommended Mike Lawrence's How to Read Your Opponent's Cards (also available at the Unit lending library).

I want to thank all the players who provided input for this article. I hope that it will prove useful to you in developing your enjoyment of the game. As one expert commented, the learning in bridge never ends.

**Unit 174
Houston**

Carol Ann Wilson



We invite one and all to our upcoming Unit 174 Tournament at the Marriott Westchase: **Fall Sectional November 16-18**. And we are excited that Lone Star College in Montgomery offers an "Academy of Lifelong Learning" that includes Bridge,


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Friday, October 12

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2:30 pm KO Teams (1 of 3 sessions)

Saturday, October 13

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)

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taught by Unit 174 members **Jeff Kroll** and **Wallace Twichell**. We are told that all courses are free! As the deadline for this newsletter approaches, we have just returned from the summer nationals in Atlanta, and we were wowed by the number of Texans there and how high they placed in the events! We had no First Placers in the major events, but LOTS who ranked very high in several, including **Dan Morse**, **Eddie Wold**, **Betty Starzec**, **Bob Morris**, **Daniel Jackson**, **Mike Doyle**, and **Ted Bain**, who just continue to make us very proud. This reporter was particularly proud of our *Scorecard* editor, **Ira Hessel**, on his accomplishments in Atlanta, even if he's not a member of our unit, because he and wife **Ellen** help support so many of our Houston tournaments! And I was thrilled to be in the company of the *many* bridge players from around the globe among those 12,000+ tables, including Canada, Poland, France, Spain, Italy, Sweden, Iceland, Norway, China, Australia, Croatia, Romania, and many more! I love this game, and I am keenly aware of the tremendous quality of play in all events!

News from Our Clubs:

HUGE NEWS from Clear Lake Duplicate Club: On August 8 they celebrated "Burn the Mortgage Day" by providing lunch for all members and guests. Their club is now mortgage free, thanks to tons of work by the Club's board members and the Club's many volunteers. We congratulate the entire membership at this excellent club.

The new **Cypress Northwest Duplicate Bridge Club** meets Thursdays at noon at the Weekley Community Center, 8440 Greenhouse Rd., Cypress TX 77433, and contact is **Jim Warren**, 832.851.4745, or by email to cypress.northwest.bridge@gmail.com.

Lake Conroe Duplicate Bridge Club has been a friendly staple on the north side of our Unit for four decades and currently is run by **Gerry Earnest**, a longtime April Sound resident. **Jody Henry** and other certified directors keep the game friendly yet competitive as ACBL's policies and rules are enforced. The club supports many local charities and this year has awarded \$1000 college scholarships to two graduating seniors.

Unit 174 Board members recently visited the **Katy Duplicate Bridge Club** as part of the "Club Connection" program. The club's games are at 1 p.m. every Tuesday at the Salt and Pepper Restaurant. The \$3 fee is waived if you have lunch there. Contact is **Bob Lee**, 713.557.4077 or relee@leekon.net. Until they get their dealing machine, they teach us how to make boards so players see only the hands they will play, at www.youtube.com/watch?v=oTXJFujVPg&feature=youtu.be. Their GoFundMe page is www.gofundme.com/katy-bridge-club-dealing-machine and they appreciate donations!

The **Lone Star Bridge Club** holds open games on Mondays at noon and Thursdays at 10:30, with simultaneous 199er game on Thursdays, at St. Paul UMC in Conroe (Website is www.lonestarbridge.club). Diamond LM **Jeff Kroll** gives free lessons at 9:30 before the Thursday game. All entry fees are \$5. **Daniel Jackson**, a frequent player at the Club, remains in the Top 10 Bridge Base ACBL MP winners for 2018 and was recently as high as 7th. Quite an accomplishment!

Westside Bridge Academy: The Club celebrated "The Longest Day" in grand style and, among other fundraising for Alzheimer's, raised (by my count) \$3,545 through their Silent

Auction for play with the "Big Boys & Girls"! This made many B and C players very happy and went to a very good purpose. Good going! **Gary King** is holding a "Learn to Play Bridge" course on Wednesday nights, 7-9, beginning Sept. 5. Course fee is \$150 and pre-registration is required to houston-bridge@gmail.com. This course is always extremely popular. **Terry Currie** is teaching "Commonly Used Conventions," "Defense," and "Beginning Bridge." She may be contacted at tcurrie1@comcast.net or 832-594-8577. And **Barbara Seagram**, one of the ACBL's most popular bridge teachers, will give a seminar on "Defensive Strategy and Signaling" on Saturday morning, December 1. Reservations are required, the fee is \$50, and attendance is limited to 160.

Bridge Club of Houston is still in its temporary space, "Camp BCoh," at Kuykendahl and Louetta, and they should be in their new quarters by the time you read this. **Beverley Cheatham** is organizing their many special volunteers. They will host their Labor Day "Hot Diggety Dog" festivities on Monday 9/3 at 11.

New 70% Accomplishments: At **Spring Branch Duplicate Club** on 7/26, **John Lindsey** and **Ralph Herz** had a 73.75% game. At **Lone Star Bridge Club** on 5/31, **Fred Halperin** and **Linda Sutton** posted a 70.03%. **Westside Bridge Academy** reports these Big Games in the Open Game: **Gregory Andrews** and **Thomas Jahnke**, 70.41% on 6/7; **Daniel Schomer** and **Gabriel Perry**, 70.82% on 7/2; **Georgiana Gates** and **Vinh Tran**, 70.00% on 7/9; **Timucin Erkoc** and **L Laird**, 70.98% on 7/10; **Mildred Breed** and **Tom Hogle**, 71.07% on 7/17; **Bill St Clair** and **Gil Micheletti**, 70.92% on 7/18; **Timucin Erkoc** and **Jack LaVigne**, 71.81% on 7/19; and **Pat Levy** and **Paul Nimmons**, 71.41% on 7/26. In the I/N Games at **Westside: Linda Metter** and **Lois Kupor**, 72.86% on 6/5; **Mike Bowman** and **Nancy Bowman**, 75.00% on 6/13; **Mary Robinson** Rosine Chappell, 70.62% on 7/17; and **Mark I Levy** and **Michael Wei**, 72.50% on 7/26. **Clear Lake Bridge Club** posted this Big Game in the Open Game on 7/9: **Mack Meigs** and **Tomi Porterfield**, 70.13%. **Congratulations to all!**

Remembering Those Who Have Passed On: **Linda Helbach** died on June 19; and **Lionel "Curly" Venable**, a regular at Conroe and April Sound, passed away on July 22. We will miss them as they transition to those Heavenly Tables!

Till next time . . .

Awesome August

Houston
Aug 09-12 2018
684 players 769 tables.

1 49.37 Ron LaCour
2 49.09 Stephen Toplansky
3 44.21 Daniel Jackson
4 43.64 Dan Morse
5 41.34 Joe Quinn
6 40.07 Phillip Grothus
7 37.97 Eddie Wold
8 35.89 Gil Micheletti
9 35.71 Timucin Erkoc
10 35.49 Mike Doyle
11 35.30 David Henke
12 33.83 John Erickson
13 33.82 Tom Breed
14 33.82 Robert Morris
15 33.77 Vic Sowers
16 32.82 Sally Wheeler
17 32.82 Buddy Hanby
18 31.60 Ralda St Pierre
19 31.50 David Ticen
20 30.80 Vinh Tran
21 29.89 Anne La Cour
22 28.96 Mary Pat Gentry
23 28.65 Randall Lake
24 28.49 George Fox
25 27.06 Gaylor Kasle

Thursday Morn Open Pairs-23.0 Tables / Based on 37 Tables ABC1. **Jeffery Parker**-**Brett Elliott** A2. **Stephen Schwall**-**Ann Brinker Schwall** BC2. **Carol Ehrman**-**Linda Brodie**

Thursday Morn 199er Pairs-14.0 Tables AB1. **Carolyn Keeble**-**Patricia Wood** A2. **Bonnie Loudin**-**Edith Purgason** B2. **Susan Morrow** Gretchen Lindquist C1. **Ann Johnson**-**Betty Westbrook** C2. **Anju Sethi**-**Aparna Rao**

Thursday Aft Open Pairs-21.0 Tables / Based on 35 Tables A1. **Anne La Cour**-**Ron LaCour** A2. **Eric Snow**-**Toni Snow** B1. **Marilyn Joyner**-**Robert Arnett** B2C1. **Linda Brodie**-**Carol Ehrman** C2. **Sandra Jackson**-**Richard Jackson**

Thursday Aft 299er Pairs-13.5 Tables AB1. **Joan Schneider**-**Moiria Morris** AB2. **Gregory May**-**David Badertscher** C1. **Gay Conner**-**Carol Ferguson** C2. **Rao Chalasani**-**Michael Abbott**

Thursday Swiss Bracket 1-9 Tables 1. **Joe Quinn**-**Dan Morse**-**Gil Micheletti**-**Stephen Toplansky**-**Kenneth Schutze** 2. **Harry Elliott**-**David Ticen**-**Jolie Hess**-**Dolores Aquino**

Thursday Swiss Bracket 2-9 Tables 1. **Karen Fireman**-**Rani Sachdev**-**Kailash Sachdev**-**William Daniel III** 2. **Raleigh Williamson**-**Harold Copeland**-**Ralph Herz**-**Desmond**

Thursday Swiss Bracket 3-9 Tables 1. **Steven Bell**-**Edwin (Ted) Bain III**-**Michael Novack**-**Sam Khayatt** 2. **Ming Su**-**Chie Yen**-**Elton Lipnick**-**Hau-Ran Wang**

Thursday Swiss Bracket 4-9 Tables 1. **Darlene Moody**-**Virginia Hillegeist** -**Gay Rod**-**Paula Goodpasture** 2. **Shi-Lin Yeh**-**Robert Armstrong**-**Donna Hrachovy**-**Kathleen Pflueger**

Thursday Swiss Bracket 5-9 Tables 1. **Linda Windham**-**Michael Windham**-**Ronald Pare**-**Ann Pare** 2. **Lynn Gamblin**-**Suzanne Noerager**-**Stephen Banks**-**Carol Banks**

Thursday Swiss Bracket 6-11 Tables 1. **Richard McGaughy**-**Maureen Weiss**-**W Clingo**-**Babs Clingo** 2. **Nancy Guthrie**-**Sandi Mills**-**Rubin Chang**-**George Feng**

Friday Morn Open Pairs-31.0 Tables / Based on 51 Tables A1. **Victor Sitton**-**David Henke** A2. **Timucin Erkoc**-**Phillip Grothus** B1. **Linda Marlin**-**Ludmila Bellazoug** -**David Dyer**-**Ralph Herz** B2C1. **Cecilia Tse**-**Kris Sankaran** C2. **Mark Incerto**-**Douglas Lilly**

Friday Morn 299er Pairs-20.0 Tables AB1. **Gregory May**-**David Badertscher** AB2C1 **Rao Chalasani** -**Michael Abbott** C2. **Alice Busch**-**Ronda Kelly**

Friday Aft Pairs/TeamsT-30 Tables A1. **Mary Pat Gentry**-**Eddie Wold**-**Patti Mullendore**-**Pat Levy** A2. **Anne La Cour**-**Ron LaCour**-**Virginia Zilic**-**Georgiana Gates** BC1. **Robert Moll**-**Gary Crystal**-**Rao Chalasani**-**Michael Abbott** B2/3 **Barbara Grantham**-**Mark Miller**-**Jonathan Ernest**-**Charles Newton** Jr B2/3 **Terri O'Brien**-**Sandy Potts** -**A Ansari**-**Ashok Shingavi**

Friday Aft Pairs/TeamsP-30.0 Tables / Based on 47 Tables A1. **Betty Freedman**-**Mark Howard** A2. **John Erickson**-**Ralda St Pierre** B1. **Jonathan Ernest**-**Charles Newton** Jr B2C1. **Robert Moll**-**Gary Crystal** C2. **Christian Liipfert**-**Ann Sinclair**

Friday Aft 299er Pairs-17 Tables AB1. **Gregory May**-**David Badertscher** AB2C1. **Ann Keyes**-**Jerome Grimm** C2. **Cindy Cox**-**Pamela Vincent**

Friday Swiss Bracket 1-9 Tables 1. **Gaylor Kasle**-**Dan Morse**-**Vinh Tran**-**Gil Micheletti** 2. **Sally Wheeler**-**Buddy Hanby**-**Daniel Jackson**-**Mike Doyle**

Friday Swiss Bracket 2-9 Tables 1. **Eric Sandberg**-**Raleigh Williamson**-**Harold Copeland**-**Janice Sandberg** 2. **Sandra Clark**-**Rick Barrett**-**Bill Kiehnhoff**-**A Desmond**

Friday Swiss Bracket 3-9 Tables 1. **John Heath**-**Edwin Zwald**-**Kailash Sachdev**-**Rani Sachdev** 2. **Sharon Arnold**-**Joyce Gore**-**Yvonne Strangmeyer**-**Lucy Terrill**

Friday Swiss Bracket 4-9 Tables 1. **Raymond Prizler**-**Lindsay Prizler**-**Frank Mitchum**-**Audley Karrasch** 2. **Claire Zimmerman**-**Thomas Zimmerman**-**Wilma Booth**-**Geoff Booth**

Friday Swiss Bracket 5-9 Tables 1. **Janet Smith**-**Marilyn Jordan**-**Susan Stone**-**Carol Krug** 2. **Tonya McNabb**-**Jane Boozalis**-**Vivian Cyprus**-**Rosalind Kokolis**

Friday Swiss Bracket 6-9 Tables 1. **Kenneth Baker**-**Sandi Mills**-**Nancy Guthrie** Houston ; **David Petkus** Kemah 2. **Richard McGaughy** Sugar Land ; **Maureen Weiss**-**Carol Tuttle**-**Barbara Nystrom**

Friday Swiss Bracket 7-13 Tables 1. **Jeannie Stone**-**Russell Chandler**-**Laura Chandler**-**Donald Bell** 2/3 **Miriam Cooper**-**B Haznedar**-**Nancy**

Reingold-David Freedman 2/3
 Tamara Dyer-Dorothea Faubion-Pene Moore-Dale Miller
Fri Sat Eve Swiss Brkt 1-10 Tables
 1. James Breihan-Jennifer Breihan-Timucin Erkoc-Phillip Grothus 2. Daniel Jackson-Mike Doyle-Syed R Naqvi-Romeo Bodrogi-Podoaba
Saturday Morn 199er Pairs-15.0 Tables A1. Gregory May-David Badertscher A2B1. Vera Annenkova-Marcia Chambliss B2C1. Carolyn Campbell-Patricia Davenport C2. Carol Ferguson-Christine Spalding
Saturday Open Pairs-23.0 Tables / Based on 38 Tables A1. Vic Sowers-George Fox A2. Joyce Ryan-David Henke BC1. Arjune Bose-Michael Fagan B2. Arthur Giovannangeli-Wayne Christensen Jr C2. Gregory Andrews-Paul Andrews
Saturday Aft 199er Pairs-9.0 Tables A1. Carol McCord-Adrienne Juno A2B1. Janet Burroughs-Laurinda Lankford B2C1. Ann Johnson-Betty Westbrook C2. Carol Teufel-Wanda Wisniewska
Saturday Aft Side Pairs-4.5 Tables
 1 Terry Currie-Cheri Staples A2B1. Annetta Hughson- Lois Kertesz B2. Jane Joplin-Bill Joplin
Saturday Swiss Bracket 1-9 Tables
 1. Stephen Toplansky-Ron LaCour-Joe Quinn-Tom Breed 2/3 Gaylor Kastle-Dan Morse- Sally Wheeler-Buddy Hanby 2/3 Gil Micheletti-Jack LaVigne-Randall Lake- Bill St Clair-John Erickson
Saturday Swiss Bracket 2-9 Tables
 1. Susan Kaplan-Alfred Fortier III - James Andre-Lily Andre 2. Mike Goldberg-William Houck-Marsha Shortt-Sherry Greisen
Saturday Swiss Bracket 3-9 Tables
 1. Thomas Rush-Evan Marti-Suvabrata Biswas-David Ticen 2. Nathan Yee Spring ; Debra Bellan-Marion Collins-Kyle Lueders
Saturday Swiss Bracket 4-9 Tables
 1. Gary Winston-Shari Winston-David Crooks-Bill Kiehnhoff 2. Lucy Hofmann-Bonnie Terrell-Yvonne Serbin-Donna Mann
Saturday Swiss Bracket 5-9 Table 1. Bob Mendel-Tonya McNabb-Lisa Zummo-A Ansari 2. Thomas Martinsen-Linda Martinsen-Andrew Remson-Jerry Hoffman
Saturday Swiss Bracket 6-16 Tables
 1. Robert Vilyus-Marilyn Gale Vilyus -Lauri Laufman-Sheryl Thomas 2. Richard McGaughy-Maureen Weiss-Van Valentine-Ellen Valentine
Sunday Morn Open Pairs-9 Tables
 1. Shirley McKee-Stephen Schwall A2B1. Daksha Adhia-Daad Rodgers B2. Sheila Harrison-Nancy Shomette C1. James Cauble-James Heathman C2. Linda Brodie-Carol Ehrman
Sunday Aft Open Pairs-10. Tables
 A1. Shirley McKee-Stephen Schwall A2. Vic Sowers-J Evans B1. Mary McDonald-Judy Gibson B2. Stephen Lavoot-John Heath C1. James Sells-Jay Evert C2. Carol Teufel-Wanda Wisniewska
Sunday A/X Swiss Teams-22 Tables / Based on 58 Tables A1. Robert Morris-Eddie Wold-Pat Levy-Mary Pat Gentry-Patti Mullendor A2B1. Daniel Jackson-Mike Doyle-John Erickson-



HOUSTON MARRIOTT WESTCHASE
 2900 Briarpark Dr., Houston TX 77042
 (713) 978-7400
Room Rate: \$99.00 (Reservation code - ACBL NOV)
Cutoff Date: Nov 2 2018

- Free Wireless Internet
- Valet and Free Parking
- Fitness Center
- Lunch available - Hotel Buffet / Snack Bar Carillon Center

Playing Schedule

Friday and Saturday, Nov 16 & 17

Stratified Open Pairs	10 & 2:30
Stratified 299'r Pairs (single sessions)	10 & 2:30
Side Game (single sessions)	10 & 2:30
0-5 pairs (Friday only)	10
Bracketed Swiss	10 & 2:30

Sunday, Nov 18

Stratified Open Pairs	10 & 2:30
Stratified 299'r Pairs (single sessions)	10 & 2:30
Side Game (single sessions)	10 & 2:30
Strati-flighted Swiss	10 & 2:30

Stratification

Stratified Open Pairs
 A:3000+ X:750-3000 Y:0-750

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

Strati-flighted Swiss
 A:5000+ X:0-5000 A & X play together
 B:0-3000 Bracketed



Table Fees

All Sessions: \$12.00 for ACBL members
 \$16.00 for lapsed members

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Guest Speakers - 2:00 Friday and Saturday
Friday: Geoff Booth *Attitude Adjustment* **Saturday:** Timo Erkoc *TBA*

Ralda St Pierre A2. Thomas Rush-Evan Marti-Suvabrata Biswas-David Ticen	Thomas Martinsen-Linda Martinsen	2/3 Eric Sandberg-Janice Sandberg-Charlotte Sandberg-James Sandberg	Hudson- Kathleen Malcolmson
Sunday B Swiss Bracket 1-9 Tables	Sunday B Swiss Bracket 2-9 Tables	Sunday B Swiss Bracket 3-9 Tables	Sunday B Swiss Bracket 4-9 Tables
1. Gabriel Perry-Sanford Lobliner-Harry Selldin- Youssef Youssef 2. David Wicks-Linda McReynolds-	1. Cheri Staples-Linda Marlin-Barbara Gadea Houston ; Marcia Lindsey 2/3 Genie Hayden-Betty Jean Reeves-Norma Becker- Betty Schell	1. Myra Marsh-Julia Thompson-Mary Cris Emmons-Connie Conover 2. Lauri Laufman-Ann Sinclair-Kenneth	1. Robert Vilyus-Marilyn Gale Vilyus -James Mays- Sheryl Thomas 2. Dennis Beckman-Scott Koehler- Richard Labouliere- Judith Rebmann

HOUSTON AWESOME AUGUST SECTIONAL CHAMPS



ThurSwissBkt1
 Kenneth Schutze, Steve Toplansky, Joe Quinn
 Gil Micheletti, Dan Morse



Thursday Morn Open Pairs A
 Brett Elliott-Jeffery Parker



Thursday Aft Open Pairs A
 Ron & Anne LaCour



Friday Aft Open Pairs A
 Mark Howard, Betty Freedman



Friday Morn Open Pairs A
 Victor Sitton, David Henke



Friday Aft Pairs Teams A
 Mary Pat Gentry, Pat Levy,
 Eddie Wold, Patti Mullendor



Friday-Saturday Eve Swiss
 Timucin Erkoc, James Breihan
 Jennifer Breihan, Phillip Grothus



Friday Swiss Bkt1
 Gaylor Kastle, Vinh Tran,
 Gil Micheletti, Dan Morse



Saturday Open Pairs A
George Fox, Vic Sowers



Saturday Swiss Bkt1
Stephen Toplansky, Joe Quinn,
Ron LaCour, Tom Breed



Sunday Swiss A
Mary Pat Gentry, Patti Mullendore,
Robert Morris, Eddie Wold



Thursday Swiss Bkt2
Kailash Sachdev, William Daniel III,
Rani Sachdev, Karen Fireman



Thur Swiss Bkt3
Sam Khayatt, Edwin (Ted) Bain III,
Michael Novack, Steven Bell



Thursday Swiss Bkt4
Paula Goodpasture, Darlene Moody,
Virginia Hillegeist, Gay Rod



Thursday Swiss Bkt5
Michael Windham, Ann Pare,
Linda Windham, Ronald Pare



Thursday Swiss Bkt6
Maureen Weiss, Babs Clingo,
Richard McGaughy, Walt Clingo



Friday Aft Open Pairs C
Robert Moll, Gary Crystal



Friday Swiss Bkt2
Harold Copeland, Janice Sandberg,
Raleigh Williamson, Eric Sandberg



Friday Swiss Bkt3
Rani Sachdev, Kailash Sachdev,
John Heath, Edwin Zwald



Friday Swiss Bkt4
Lindsay Prizler, Audley Karrasch,
Raymond Prizler, Frank Mitchum



Friday Swiss Bkt5
Susan Stone, Marilyn Jordan,
Carol Krug, Janet Smith



Saturday Swiss Bkt2
Susan Kaplan, Lily Andre,
James Andre, Alfred Fortier III



Saturday Swiss Bkt3
Evan Marti-Suvabrata Biswas,
David Ticen, Thomas Rush



Saturday Swiss Bkt5
A Ansari, Bob Mendel,
Lisa Zummo, Tonya McNabb



Sunday Swiss X
Ralda St. Pierre,
Daniel Jackson, Mike Doyle



Sunday Aft Open Pairs B
Judy Gibson, Mary McDonald



Saturday Swiss Bkt6
Lauri Laufman, Sheryl Thomas,
Robert & Marilyn Gale Vilyus



Sunday BCD Swiss Bkt1
Youssef Youssef, Gabriel Perry,
Sanford Lobliner, Harry Selldin



Sunday BCD Swiss Bkt3
Mary Cris Emmons, Connie Conover,
Myra Marsh, Julia Thompson



Sunday BCD Swiss Bkt4
James Mays, Sheryl Thomas,
Robert & Marilyn Gale Vilyus



Sunday BCD Swiss Bkt2
Marcia Lindsey, Linda Marlin,
Cheri Staples, Barbara Gadea

Dallas Fantastic Fall Sectional

Nov 1-4, 2018

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

Thursday, November 1st

Stratified Pairs: Open, 0-499 & 0-49 (one session) 10:00 am & 3:00 pm
Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Session Event) 10:00 am & 3:00 pm

Friday, November 2nd

Stratified Pairs: Open, 0-499 & 0-49 (single sessions) 10:00 am & 3:00
Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Session Event) 10:00 am & 3:00

Saturday, November 3rd

Stratified Pairs: Open, 0-499 & 0-49 (single sessions) 10:00 am & 3:00
Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Session Event) 10:00 am & 3:00

Sunday, November 4th

A/X Swiss Teams — 2 Session Event 10:00 am
B/C/D Swiss Teams — 2 Session Event (Less than 3000) 10:00 am
Stratified Open Pairs 10:00 am
Stratified Open Pairs 2:00 pm

Stratifications: Open Pairs: A: 4000+, B: 3999-1500, C: 1499-0
(based on average masterpoints) 499er & 49er

Stratified Pairs: Stratified at director's discretion (based on average masterpoints) Swiss Teams: A: 5000+, AX: 0-5000 (based on average masterpoints) play together B: 1500-3000, C: 500-1499, D: 499—0 (based on average masterpoints) play together

Entry Fees: ACBL members \$13 per daytime session; \$4 additional for lapsed ACBL members. Unpaid and non-members must purchase an ACBL membership. 30 Day Memberships are available for \$8. Sunday Swiss: \$120 for team of four. ACBL members with 0-5 masterpoints play free Thursday, Friday and Saturday!

Tournament Co-Chairs:

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Partnerships: Jim & Cheryl Rider (ridercherylftmail.com)
Fragrance Policy: Please refrain from the use of perfumes and colognes

Hotel Info: Ask for Dallas Bridge Tournament room block,
reserve by Oct 4th for Marriott or Oct 18th Wyndam)

Wingate by Wyndham, 1577 Gateway Blvd., Richardson, TX 75080;
Phone: 972-234-5400; Rate: \$79

Courtyard by Marriott, 1000 S Sherman St, Richardson, TX 75081;
Phone: 800-321-2211; Rate: \$79

Unit 176 Dallas

Mary Jane McGinnis



Talk about the "dog days" of summer! I thought we wouldn't make it through them, and we still have the Indian Summer yet to go. I don't know about the rest of you, but I have never spent so much time inside — of course, playing bridge.

In June all bridge players were kept busy with District 16 STaC week, NAP's qualifying games, and the Longest Day. Many bridge players donated to the Alzheimer's Association this month, and we thank you for your generosity.

Both BAND and Dorsey's bridge clubs held July 4th parties with hot dogs and apple pie. Can't get more festive than that, and it was fun for all. Both club parties were well attended even though Austin was having its usual July 4th regional tournament.

On August 4th our unit held a Learn Bridge in a Day workshop at King of Glory Lutheran Church at 6411 LBJ Freeway from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm for \$25 a person. Eileen Smith

was our licensed teacher, and Martha Young was the administrative facilitator. Valarie Remmers made arrangements for the venue since this is her church. Forty-eight participants and 12 table helpers, a full house, attended. We are hoping they were bitten by the bridge bug and will return to their local club(s) and play. Many thanks to the three facilitators and 12 table helpers. Remember that all of this was done on a volunteer basis, and our unit could not survive without the generous donation of our members' time.

Since I am writing this before our Dallas Regional, I want to thank Tomi Storey and Ed Yetter for co-chairing this regional and Lynn and Mike Davis for handling the partnerships. This is a huge commitment from these volunteers and the reason that our regionals are so successful.

Our unit is holding a Fall Sectional November 1-4. Martha Young and Sheri Wolkenstein are our co-chairs for this event. Please put this on your calendar, and come join the fun. See you at the tables

Unit 183 Fort Western

Bill Walker



Someone once said, Edgar Kaplan I believe, that not everyone can discover a cure for Polio, but almost anyone can devise a new bridge convention. Some fifty years ago people did start creating a myriad of new conventions, about one a week it seemed. And unless you played this new toy, you had no chance of winning. Or so the Godfather of each new convention said. They were, of course, wrong.

Since then, how many new conventions have seen the light of day? No one seems to know for certain, but it's easily in the several hundreds. Fortunately not all of these have survived. Today, who remembers how to play Ripstra, Weiss, or Astro? In fact who has even heard of them? Yet, once upon a time, they were frequently used.

How bad did it get back then? In the

FORT WESTERN SECTIONAL

October 2018

CERA Recreation Complex

CERA Recreation Complex 3300 Bryant Irvin Rd. Fort Worth, Texas 76109 Phone: (817) 732-7731

Friday, October 12

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

Saturday, October 13

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

Sunday, October 14

Bracketed "B" Swiss (no player over 2500) A/X Swiss play together
(A - 5000+) (X - 0 to 5000)
10:00 a.m. & TBA

Lunch served on Sunday between sessions

Stratified Open Events

A (2500+) B (750-2500) C (0-750) - based on average Stratified 299er Events: A (200-300) B (100-200) C (0-100)

Tournament Chair

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Partnership Chair

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All single sessions \$13.00 per player - \$4 additional for lapsed ACBL members Sunday Swiss \$100 per team All players need to be ACBL members. You can join for \$7.99 for one month or \$49.00 for a year.

Players with 0-20 MP play Free on Saturday morning

Speaker 6:15 Friday evening

Hotel Info

LaQuinta Inn and Suites 4900 Bryant Irvin Rd Fort Worth, Texas 76132 (817) 370-2700 \$90.00 nightly with breakfast Free Wi-Fi, fitness center and pool Reserve by October 1st.

early 1970's I was playing in a Sectional Tournament in Syracuse, New York. Two gentlemen approached our table and handed my partner and me some single-spaced type-written sheets of paper. They announced, "This is our system." With only a few minutes for review, the best I could do was determine that it seemed every bid, up to and including four clubs, was artificial. This had no small impact on my hiatus from duplicate bridge for over twenty years.

Fortunately, today we don't have to face such foolishness. However, there are still hundreds of bridge

conventions around. But how many of these should you incorporate into your system? As a point of reference, Jan and I play a basic form of Audrey Grant and Eric Rodwell 2/1, which includes over twenty conventions.

William Root recommends thirty-one be played. Many of these are different than Grant's picks. Barbara Seagram and David Bird have presented fifty conventions that you should know. They don't say which ones you should actually play though. Mike Lawrence, in his excellent CD, "Conventions," also stops short of any recommendations.

In search of concise guidance on which ones to play, I went to ACBL. According to ACBL, while they define eighteen conventions on their web site, these are for information only. They make no recommendations.

Not one to give up easily, I turned to one of Unit 183's better player, teacher, and theorist, Buck Buchanan. Buck's recommendations for selecting which conventions to play are:

The need comes up frequently.

The bid isn't used for anything else.

The need is critical. It doesn't come up often, but when it does, you need something.

The assignment of a new meaning to a bid expands the bidding menu.

A meaning can be applied flexibly, e.g. such as the cheapest possible bid.

Not too much burden on the memory.

Excellent, Buck. Thank you very much. We can all benefit from these ideas.

I then posed this question to our President Linda Spangler, she said, "Choice of conventions is an interesting topic. I make my choice if it is essential to better find the best contract. I also try to choose the version that is the least complicated. You don't have to play a lot of conventions to play a good game, but you should understand the ones you play."

Sounds good enough for me. Thank you, Linda.

They've done it again. Last year the Granbury Duplicate Bridge Club raised over \$11,000 during "The Longest Day" to fight Alzheimer's disease. This year, using about the same format of games, meals, instruction, dances, etc., they raised no less than \$13,500. Granbury's Mayor Nin Hulet even proclaimed June 21st "The Longest Day." With a population of only 8,000 and two games a week, "Fitz" and the good people down south are to be commended.

On a final note. Recently, Darlene Shirey and Mary Hoger played a seventy plus percent game. Way to go y'all.

Heart of the Metroplex

Grapevine
Jun 22-24 2018

Total masterpoints: 1318.06 earned by 284 players.
Total attendance: 255 tables.

- 1 29.38 Bill Staats
- 2 24.87 Tom Edwards
- 3 24.87 Linda Spangler
- 4 24.87 Hugh Hillaker
- 5 23.91 Stephen Kornegay
- 6 23.91 Nancy Kornegay
- 7 23.72 Kimmel Jones
- 8 23.19 Petra Hamman
- 9 23.19 Hemant Lall
- 10 19.10 Jerry Derby
- 11 18.07 John Schwartz
- 12 17.55 James Thurtell
- 13 16.69 Nagy Kamel
- 14 16.49 Steve Shirey
- 15 16.49 Robert Adams

Fri Aft Open Pairs-12.5 Tables / Based on 23 Tables A1. Steve Shirey-Robert Adams A2. James Thurtell-John Schwartz BC1. David Branch-Bruce Mann B2. Jerry Derby-Thomas Leberman C2. Richard Langland-Charles Burke

Fri Aft 499er Pairs-8.0 Tables AB1. Carol St Onge-Robert Terry A2. Robert Dixon-Grace Daddario B2. Ross Ramsey-Franca Torellini C1. Tracy Stanley-Mary Owren C2. Charles Hill-Lawrence Fritz

Fri Aft 49er Pairs-2.5 Tables 1. Pattye Ramacciotti-Kay Weaver 2. Harold Chadwell-William Mason
Fri Eve Open Pairs-7.0 Tables / Based on 10 Tables ABC1. Jerry Derby-Thomas Leberman A2. Steve Shirey-Robert Adams B2. Melody Gann-Becky Koenigseder C2. Tom Moore-Dorothy Moore

Fri Eve 499er Pairs-3.0 Tables 1. Carla Joiner-Michael Chockley 2. Linda Harley-Terence Harley

Fri Bracketed Swiss -1-7 Tables 1. Nancy Kornegay-Stephen Kornegay-Mark Bumgardner-Nagy Kamel 2. Susan Grauer-Sheryl Siegel-Shelbie Bastiaans-Donna Yeagain

Fri Bracketed Swiss Te-2-12 Tables 1. Robert Holliday-Ann Parker-Sheri Wolkenstein-Jon Wolkenstein 2. Joyce Anderson-Gloria Schuford-Mary Ellen Little-Carol Segreti

SAT MORN OPEN PAIRS-11.0 Tables / Based on 20 Tables ABC1. Stephen Ritchie-David Branch A2. Thomas Leberman-Michael Hout B2. Elaine Wood-Nancy Fellman C2.

Shelby Schafer-Laura Nash
SAT MORNING 499ER-9.0 Tables A1. Kenneth Javor-Constance Javor A2B1. Sue Feiling -John Falke B2C1. Maxine Henriksen-Mary L Marx CF2. Ginny Russell-Tracy Stanley
Sat Bracketed Swiss Te-1-7 Tables 1. Hemant Lall-Petra Hamman-Bill Staats-Kimmel Jones 2. Linda Spangler-Tom Edwards-Hugh Hillaker-Michael Penick

Sat Bracketed Swiss Te-2-7 Tables 1. Andrew Russell-Kristen Onsgard-Roslyn Miller-Laura Onsgard 2. John Moore-Roxann Swenson-Bonnie Kay Yetter-Susan Flick A1. Jim Harp-Cary Jennings-Pingshan Wen-Jin Chu 2/3 Diane Washabaugh-James Atteberry-Patricia Sears-Pamela Gladysz

Sat Bracketed Swiss Te-4-7 Tables 1. Jo Shah-Ersi Georgopoulou-Gool Castleberry-Nancy Aubin 2. James Overtree-Bodil Overtree-Ann Curry-Mildred Walker

Sat Bracketed Swiss Te-5-7 Tables 1. Michael Chockley-Debrah Chockley-Dale Remmers-Valarie Remmers 2. Evan Jacoby-Dennis Johnson-Lynne Trigg-Yolanda Simmons

Sat Aft Open Pairs-11.0 Tables / Based on 20 Tables A1. Gerry McKim-John Schwartz A2. Gary Neisler-Becky Koenigseder BC1. Stephen Ritchie-David Branch BC2. Shelby Schafer-Laura Nash

Sat Aft 499er Pairs-9.0 Tables AB1. Arvind Sharma-Lynnne Sharma AB2. Tom McCraw-Jessica McCraw C1. Dennis Anderson- Wayne Corbett C2. Ginny Russell-Tracy Stanley

Sun A/X Swiss Teams-13 Tables A1. Linda Spangler-Bill Staats-Tom Edwards-Hugh Hillaker A2. Jerry Derby -S Kohan-James Bauer-James Thurtell X1. Jianbo Chen-Xiaoqi Zhou-Pingshan Wen-Jin Chu X2. Tomi Storey-Tony Pellegrini-Rich Brandenburg-Kim Brinkman

Sunday Bracketed Swiss-1-7 Tables 1. Scott Nason-Stephen Birnbaum-Bob Butterfield-Robert Buchanan 2. Charles Burke-Caron Peck-Karen Caton-Richard Langland

Sunday Bracketed Swiss-2-7 Tables 1. Jan Mogged-Charles Mogged Jr - Letty Garek-Martin Schwartz 2. Jo Shah-Gool Castleberry-Ersi Georgopoulou-Nancy Aubin

Sunday Bracketed Swiss-3-10 Tables 1. Judy Nixon-Jim Nixon-Jeanette McDonald-Ross Ramsey 2. William Higgins-Jean Higgins-Leonard Epstein-Randy Patterson

GRAPEVINE JUNE SECTIONAL WINNERS



Sunday Swiss Flt A
Bill Staats, Linda Spangler,
Tom Edwards, Hugh Hillaker



Carla Joiner - Mike Chockley
Friday 499ers



Dale & Valarie Remmers,
Mike & Debrah Chockley
Saturday Swiss Bkt 5



David Branch - Bruce Mann
Friday Aft Open Pairs B,C



Saturday Swiss Bkt 2
Andy Russell, Laura Onsgard,
Kristen Onsgard, Rosalyn Miller



Friday Swiss Bkt 2
Ann Parker - Bob Holliday
Jon & Sheri Wolkenstein.



Saturday 499ers
Arvind Sharma, Lynnne Sharma



Mary Owren, Tracy Stanley
Friday Aft 499ers



Jo Shah, Nancy Aubin,
Ersi Georgopoulou, Gool Castleberry
Saturday Swiss Bkt 4



Hemant Lall, Bill Staats,
Petra Hamman, Kimmel Jones
Saturday Swiss Bkt 1



Jerry Derby, Tom Leberman
Friday Eve Open Pairs A



John Schwartz, Gerry McKim
Saturday Stratified Open Pairs A



Mary Marx, Maxine Henriksen
Saturday Morn 499ers



Ken Javor, Consie Javor
Saturday Morn 499ers



Marty Schwartz, Letty Garek,
Jan & Chuck Mogged
Sunday Swiss Flt C

Unit 187
Corpus Christi

Melissa Plumb

Christi Shoreline Tournament will be held October 26-28 at the Holiday Inn Downtown Marina. The room rate is \$109/night with the code: STB. The cutoff date for the special rate is October 5th. South Texas Bridge Club looks forward to seeing bridge players from near and far.

tries in five years for training. Upon returning to Houston, Tom's brother in law Bob, started teaching him about the biking business. This continued for six months. In 1987, Tom decided to move to Corpus Christi and open Bay Area Bicycles. As with any new business, every revenue opportunity, was of great importance to Tom. When Rosemary, a cardiovascular nurse, entered the bike shop, Tom stated he was "hustlin' her for a dollar." In 1989, he ended up with a lovely wife when the pair were married. He's happy his "hustlin'" for a dollar turned into something far more valuable.

In January 2018, Tom sold Bay Area bicycles and retired. After reading an article written by AARP suggesting bridge is good for one's brain, he Googled bridge clubs in Corpus Christi and joined us. When asked what advice he would give to novice players, he stated expect to be nervous. Tom says bridge is both stressful and exciting. The stress comes from being nervous, and the excitement comes from always learning something at the bridge table. Tom's advice to new players, is "hang in there and give it time." Tom stated he is appreciative of terrific our bridge players are to him

Tom and Rosemary (Killer) Neagi enjoy travelling, fitness, socializing with good food and drinks, and of course cycling. We are thrilled to have Tom at our bridge club.

The South Texas Bridge Club is sad for the passing of Gene Ray Schade, husband of the late beloved Dee Schade, on August 4th. Our hearts go out to Jackie and Terry along with extended family and friends for two great losses in such a short time. We send wishes of peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Unit 197
Lubbock

Anita Woodard

Our Summer Showers Tournament, August 3-5, was a big success. We had out of town visitors from Oklahoma City, Abilene, Amarillo, and Wichita Falls. All of them complimented our efforts and especially the delicious food. Many thanks to Tournament Co-Chairs Phyllis Kinnison and Cheryl Thompson, as well as Julie Benson and Liz Taylor-Lane for their fine efforts in the kitchen, Mary Hildebrand, Greg Loran, and Norma Buchanan for set-up and take down, Mary Hildebrand for her famous candy dessert, Sherre West for help with clean up, and to countless others who provided help, food or donations for food. Make your plans now to attend our King Cotton Tournament, March 1-3, 2019.

If your Unit isn't taking advantage of ACBL's free Marketing Solutions to send Eblasts about your tournaments to all ACBL members within a 200 mile radius of your club, we highly recommend it. We also encourage all ACBL members to register their email address with ACBL so they may receive these Eblasts as well as other news from ACBL and District 16. Members may add, or change email addresses, by email: address-

change@acbl.org. Or by calling Cindy Wages at 662-253-3140. Be sure to include your player number, name, and email address.

Many of our members have discontinued receiving paper copies of Scorecard, opting for the environmentally friendly Scorecard online. If you've not tried it yet, please do! Pictures are in color and it's easier to read. Make the switch by going to District 16's website, click on Scorecard, and follow the directions.

Unit 197's new officers are: Gayle Miller, President, Will Anthony, First Vice President, Helen Masters, Second Vice President, Wanda Robinson, Unit Secretary, and Gina Schultz, Treasurer. The other BOD members are Beth Sikes, Ginny Hargrove, Lucy Locke, Annett Sides, Paul Van-Hoorebeke, Gwen Wright, Liz Taylor-Lane, Sherre Reese, and Cheryl Thompson. We thank them for their dedication and leadership. Each member was presented a packet of newly updated and approved Bylaws, Procedures Manual, and Standing Rules to guide them.

Director Betsy Bloechl has begun a 3rd Friday 299'er game. The goal is to provide party and other social bridge players an inviting setting, complete with great food, in which to be introduced to Duplicate Bridge. The games conducted so far have been very successful.

ACBL's "Longest Day" charity game in support of Alzheimer's has been gaining momentum across the country. Unit 197 participated for the first time June 20th. Thanks to Bonnie George for heading up the committee and to those who donated money. We hope for an even larger turnout next year!

Big games. Those achieving 70% plus games since last Scorecard include: Will Anthony, Mary Hildebrand, Gary Blaiss, Charlotte Blaiss, and Sue Myers. You guys inspire us to hone our skills.

Along with the good, comes sadness as well. Longtime member, partner of Betty Lowmiller, and Gold Life Master, Pat Ellison passed away July 18, 2018. Condolences to her family.

Our hearts go out to Tom and Paula Park on the death of their grandson Bryson Kyle Niedling.

And finally. We are forever indebted to Paula Park, outgoing President, for successfully leading our Unit through one of its most difficult years in history. Her grace, wit, ability to manage people, keen insights, and flexibility were invaluable. Thank you, Paula. Enjoy your stint on the Executive Committee!

Summer Shower Sectional

Lubbock
Aug 03-05 2018
83 players. 95 tables.

- 1 19.61 Kay Davidson
- 2 17.57 Greg Loran
- 3 17.20 Robbie Butts
- 4 15.41 Gary Blaiss
- 5 15.41 Charlotte Blaiss

- 6 12.38 Albert Postar
- 7 10.83 Heather Williams Amarillo
- 8 10.68 Will Anthony
- 9 9.17 Mary Hildebrand
- 10 8.27 Helen Lauderdale

Fri AM Open Pairs-17.0 Tables A1. Albert Postar-Kay Davidson A2B1. Parkerlene Pillans-Fern Hamilton B2. Walter Langendorf-Gina Schultz C1. Don Sikes-Beth Sikes C2. Karen Abbott-Kay Blythe

Fri Aft Open Pairs-15.0 Tables / Based on 18 Tables AB1. Kay Davidson-Dorene Dulaney AB2. Andrea Ford-Charlotte Mitchell C1. John Gibson-Helen Masters C2. J. Neal Marchbanks-Christy Marchbanks

Fri Aft 299er Pairs-3.0 Tables AB1. Karen Abbott-Kay Blythe AB2. Robert Faulk-Peggy Frick

Sat AM Open Pairs-13.5 Tables / Based on 17 Tables A1. Bonta Thompson-Albert Postar A2BC1. Jane Giddens-Virginia Myers B2. Heather Williams-Anna Gail Chapman C2. Sherre Reese Ransom-Lucy Locke

Sat AM 299er Pairs-4.0 Tables AB1. Kay Blythe-Karen Abbott AB2. Donna Miller-V (Ginny) Hargrove

Sat Aft Open Pairs-14.5 Tables / Based on 19 Tables A1. Gary Blaiss-Charlotte Blaiss A2. Greg Loran-Robbie Butts B1. Heather Williams-Anna Gail Chapman C2. Kay Davidson-Sibyl O'Banion C1. Mary Garrett-Karen Pearson C2/3 Sherre Reese Ransom-Lucy Locke C2/3 Don Sikes-Beth Sikes

Sat Aft 299er Pairs-3.5 Tables AB1. Martin Blecha-Gina Inman AB2. Kay Blythe-Karen Abbott

Sunday Swiss-12 Tables A1. Gary Blaiss-Charlotte Blaiss-Greg Loran-Robbie Butts A2B1. Mary Hildebrand-Will Anthony-Helen Lauderdale-Ava Huddleston B2. Karen Wilson-Gwen Wright-Phyllis Kinnison-Sue Willhoit C1. Sharon Owens-Rita Lancet-Lucy Locke-Sherre Reese C2. Julie Benson-Donna Miller-V (Ginny) Hargrove-Robert Faulk T

Unit 204
Fort Concho

Larry Hettick

Summer greetings from San Angelo! We have some congratulations to share about some top scores since our last newsletter, and this month we'll also spotlight Marifranis Watson who serves as one of our club's directors.

Our first round of congratulations goes to Tommy Splittergerber and Gene Gammill who play down the road from us in Mason, Texas- they recently scored a 72% game! Closer to home in our own San Angelo club, Norma Walker and Suzanne Dorris turned in an impressive 77.7% game on one of our Sunday afternoon sessions last month- a great result since Sundays offer some very stiff competition.

John Osborne and Dave Watson achieved a 72.93% score on one Thursday evening, while Norman and Carolyn Sunderman came in with a 66.67 % score on another Thursday night session. Finally, Larry Hettick and Earl Mulley scored a 71.73 % score on a recent Monday night game.

We also had many of our players qualify to move forward in the NAOP competition, and we wish them all

CORPUS CHRISTI SHORELINE TOURNAMENT

October 26-28, 2018
Holiday Inn Downtown Marina

Friday, October 26

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, October 12

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, October 28

Dee Schade Swiss Teams 9:30 A.M. & TBA
stratified by average masterpoints

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

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Hello bridge patrons! As fall is approaching, I look forward to cooler weather. The special summer games were challenging and fun at the same time. Thanks to all who came and supported these games both at South Texas Bridge Club and Rockport Club.

The NLM tournament held by the Fiesta Bridge Club in San Antonio late August, was a delight. Both gold and red points were earned by the winning teams. The volunteers for the tournament were very helpful and their smiles were contagious. During the four-day tournament, prizes were awarded in a raffle held by Tom Marsh. In addition, overall daily winners were awarded prizes. It was a fun time and we thank Fiesta Bridge Club for hosting an event for those seeking to obtain points to help them achieve life master.

Our upcoming sectional, Corpus

This year the club was fortunate in welcoming a new player, Tom Neagli. Tom was born in Louisville, Kentucky to Frank and Joan Neagli. Tom was born second to his sister, Yvonne, and was followed by his brother Mark. When the Neagli's extended family moved to Houston, Texas, they followed.

Growing up, Tom was introduced to bridge by his mother Joan. While attending the University of Houston, Tom and a group of his friends would play rubber bridge at his home many Friday nights. Joan would walk around the two tables, teaching, mentoring, and most of all, encouraging these to continue to play the game.

After graduating U of H with a degree in Hospitality and Restaurant Management, Tom secured a job with Sheraton Corporation. Including the U.S., Sheraton sent him to five coun-

Austin ; Stephen Toplansky, Houston A5. Louis Sachar-David Sokolow, Austin X1. Kyong Shuey-Raymond Borrego, Austin X2Y1. Mary Seggerman, Puerto Vallarta Mexico; Anne Bergman, Houlton WI X3. Terri O'Brien, Leander ; Lucerne Bunch, Austin X4. Pam Phillips-Kathy McCabe, Austin X5. Leonard McCormick, Lago Vista ; Christoph Eick, Houston Y2. Cyrus Sabharwal-Kapil Sabharwal, Austin Y3. Patricia Rutledge, Round Rock ; William Whittle, Corpus Christi Y4. Eric Watson, Richmond ; James Cauble, Carmine

Thu AM Aft Gold Rush-21.0 Tables / Based on 20 Tables B1. Marc Levin-Eugene Jackson III, Georgetown B2C1. Harold Schulz-T R Sartor, Granbury B3C2. Carol Hall, Horseshoe Bay ; Michael Luckenbach, Kingsland B4. Kathryn Papermaster, Horseshoe Bay ; Bob Allen, Austin C3. Robert Watson-Robert Craig, San Antonio B5/6 Augustyn Ortynski, Buda ; Ken Hanson, Austin C4. William Norvell-Lynn (Ann) Pierson, San Antonio C5. Carol McCord, Hockley ; Adrienne Juno, Cypress

Thu Bracketed Swiss-1-7 Tables 1. Nagy Kamel, Plano ; Thomas Peters, Grapeland ; Dan Morse-John Zilic, Houston

2. Hemant Lal-Peggy Sutherlin-Mark Bumgardner, Dallas ; Petra Hamman, Carrollton

Thu Bracketed Swiss-2-7 Tables 1. James Breihan-Anton (Tony) Haddad, Houston ; Eddie Bass, Austin ; Marilyn Adams, Beaumont ; Jo Smith, Abilene

2. Nancy Strohmer-Hans Strohmer, Houston ; Donald Varvel-Eleanor Sherwyn, Corpus Christi

Thu Bracketed Swiss-3-7 Tables 1. Sandy Potts-Tricia Kane-Stan Pushkarsky, Austin ; June Mengden, Lakeway 2. Jim Harp, Dallas ; Gretchen Jack, Factoryville PA; Terry Richardson-Wiley McMinn III, Austin

Thu Bracketed Swiss-4-7 Tables 1. Edward Yetter-Bonnie Kay Yetter, Garland ; John Moore-Roxann Swenson, Austin 2. Daniel Baker-Alick Einav-Joyce Cooper-Anita Albert, Austin

Thu Bracketed Swiss-5-7 Tables 1. John Montgomery-Carol Lombardino, Tomball ; David Robinson, Granbury ; Bob Otis, San Antonio

Shyla McGill, Hobbs NM; Debra Jones, Odessa ; Susan Kraght, Sun Lakes AZ; Will Anthony, Lubbock

Thu Bracketed Swiss-6-7 Tables 1. Charles Aufill-Sandra Cox-Shirley Holland, Austin ; Sid Stern, Sun Lakes AZ 2. Rita Wiegenstein-William McIndoo-Karen Oberling-Marjorie Feldmann, Georgetown

Thu Bracketed Swiss-7-7 Tables 1. Richard Clements-Barbara Clements-Spencer Ledlow-David Mead, Austin 2. James Rider-Cheryl Rider-Linda Lindley, Dallas ; Martha Ward, Plano

Thu Bracketed Swiss-8-7 Tables 1. Joyce Anderson-Gloria Schuford, Fort Worth ; Mary Ellen Little, Trophy Club ; Carol Segreti, Arlington 2. Robert Babb-Laurie Hartline-Babb, Georgetown ; Tonya McNabb-Bob Mendel, Houston

Thu Bracketed Swiss-9-10 Tables 1. Nancy Guthrie-Barbara Sweeney, Houston ; Barbara Abney-Sandra Dickinson, Kingwood 2. George Holmes-Pamela Holmes-G Nell Carpenter, Woodway ; Norma Lea McAdams, Waco

Flora Pettit A/X/Y Pairs-18.0 Tables / Based on 49 Tables A1. Nancy Boothe-Pat McMullin, Houston A2. Gary Powell-Alexander Labry, Austin A3. Claudette Hartman-Tobi Sokolow, Austin A4. Pam LaShelle, Georgetown ; David Pearlman, Southlake A5. Robert Craig-Peggy Craig, El Paso XY1. Mary Seggerman, Puerto Vallarta Mexico; Anne Bergman, Houlton WI X2. Joe Ramirez-Phyllis Giffin, San Antonio X3Y2. James Willson, Richardson ; Catherine Tucker, Dallas X4. Harold Copeland-Raleigh Williamson, Houston X5. Rebecca Brown-Carole Lee O'Connor, San Antonio Y3. James Glathar, Austin ; Bharat Shrestha, Katy

Fri AM Aft Gold Rush-21.0 Tables B1. Marjorie Butler-Michael Schwimmer, Austin B2C1. Peter Naimoli-Dana Sun, Austin B3C2. Lucy Adcock-Nancy Miller, Austin B4. Julialee O'Shea, Houston ; Richard McGaughy, Sugar Land C3. Carol McCord, Hockley ; Adrienne Juno, Cypress C4. Paulette Armstrong, Plano ; Allan Chernov, Irving C5. Michael Rainbird-Graham Duke, Austin

Fri Bracketed Swiss-1-7 Tables 1. Colby Vernay, Lacon IL; Barry Schaffer, Frisco ; Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio ; Virginia Noelke, San Angelo 2. Joan Jackson-Norman Beck, Dallas ; Anne La Cour-Ron La Cour, Georgetown

Fri Bracketed Swiss-2-7 Tables 1. James Breihan-Anton (Tony) Haddad, Houston ; Eddie Bass, Austin ; Jo Smith, Abilene ; Marilyn Adams, Beaumont 2. Karen McCallum, Exeter NH; Lynn Baker-Nancy Joe, Austin ; Christoph Eick, Houston

Fri Bracketed Swiss-3-7 Tables 1. Thomas Rush, Houston ; Tomi Storey, Frisco ; Jeff Dater, Dallas ; Wes Peirce, The Woodlands 2. John Moore-Roxann Swenson, Austin ; Charlene Sands, Pflugerville ; Virgil Massey, Driftwood

Fri Bracketed Swiss-4-7 Tables 1.

Gary Anderson-Jerry Barrett, Austin ; Robert L McClendon, Ponte Vedra FL; Alex Khrakovsky, Columbus OH 2. Andy Villastrigo-Alison Andrews, San Antonio ; Susan Hernandez, Fair Oaks Ranch ; Sandy Smith, Calera AL

Fri Bracketed Swiss-5-7 Tables 1. Harry Ingham-Grant Coon II, San Marcos ; Sally Sassen-Rachell Jackson, Austin 2. Terri O'Brien, Leander ; Laura Delfeld-Sanae Zaveloff-Robin Tucker, Austin

Fri Bracketed Swiss-6-7 Tables 1. Shyla McGill, Hobbs NM; Debra Jones, Odessa ; Susan Kraght, Sun Lakes AZ; Will Anthony, Lubbock 2. Kathy Hughes, Missouri City ; Judy Carter, Rosenberg ; Debra Bray, Richmond ; Linda Albright, Sugar Land

Fri Bracketed Swiss-7-7 Tables 1. Linda Windham-Michael Windham, Cypress ; Carol Meade-James Meade, Spring 2. Linda Briggs-Nixie Hanson, Beaumont ; Carolyn Worsham, Port Arthur ; Patricia Bell, Silsbee

Fri Bracketed Swiss-8-7 Tables 1. Cheryl Rider-James Rider-Linda Lindley, Dallas ; Martha Ward, Plano 2. Wayne Outlaw-Billie Carter-Michael Lemons-Carolyn Lemons, Orange

Fri Bracketed Swiss-9-13 Tables 1. Robert Babb-Laurie Hartline-Babb, Georgetown ; Juanita Painter-Susan Breeding, Austin 2. Kathleen Malcolmson, Richmond ; W Lynn Swinger-Mabel Byrnes, Corpus Christi ; Lauri Laufman,

Karen Snyder Open Pairs-16.0 Tables / Based on 47 Tables A1. George Watkins-Mary Anne Laier, Austin A2. Louis Sachar-Tobi Sokolow, Austin A3BC1. Mary Seggerman, Puerto Vallarta Mexico; Anne Bergman, Houlton WI A4. Sam Dinkin-Nancy Joe, Austin A5. Larry Davis, Austin ; Leonard McCormick, Lago Vista X2. Lily Andre-James Andre, Sugar Land X3. Anita Albert-Linda Anthony, Austin X4. Barbara Grantham, Houston ; Kalyan Venkat, Round Rock X5Y2. David Mead-Ralph Simon, Austin Y3. James Willson, Richardson ; Catherine Tucker, Dallas Y4. Mark Craig-Brett Leach, Austin

Dean Truair Gold Rush Prs-15.0 Tables BC1. Robert Craig-Coleman Driver, San Antonio B2. Nola Ray-Kathleen Monahan, Austin B3. Paul Johnston-Alick Einav, Austin B4. Richard McGaughy, Sugar Land ; Julialee O'Shea, Houston B5C2. Gary Walker, Lakeway ; Joseph Trombley, Austin C3. Frederick Gregory-Jay Evert, Houston C4. Curt Wyman-Ken Hanson, Austin C5. Paulette Armstrong, Plano ; Allan Chernov, Irving

Scott Humphrey Swiss-1-7 Tables 1.

Emma Kolesnik, Ventura CA; Alexander Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA; Anne Brenner-David Caprera, Denver CO 2. Jack LaVigne, Houston ; Steven Huhman, Alpharetta GA; Tom Edwards, Grand Prairie ; Bryan Storey, Frisco

Scott Humphrey Swiss-2-7 Tables 1. Shawn Drenning-Jarek Langer, Austin ; Jesse Chao, Berkeley CA; Anant Rathi, San Francisco CA 2. James La Fountain, Temple ; Richard Ware, New Braunfels ; Charlene Sands, Pflugerville ; Virgil Massey, Driftwood

Scott Humphrey Swiss-3-7 Tables 1. Steve Vaughn, Kingwood ; Rick Stell, Houston ; Jill Spence, The Woodlands ; Joseph Volanski, Spring 2. Thomas Rush, Houston ; Jeff Dater, Dallas ; Wes Peirce, The Woodlands ; Tomi Storey, Frisco

Scott Humphrey Swiss-4-7 Tables 1. Sharon Dameron, Cedar Park ; Thomas Smith-Sandy Potts-Stan Pushkarsky, Austin 2. R Harry Akin, Paige ; Becky Ellisor-Buddy Ellisor, Wimberly ; June Mengden, Lakeway

Scott Humphrey Swiss-5-7 Tables 1. Bonnie Kay Yetter-Edward Yetter, Garland ; John Moore-Roxann Swenson, 2. David Wicks-Linda McReynolds, Houston ; Linda Martinsen-Thomas Martinsen, Bellaire

Scott Humphrey Swiss-6-7 Tables 1. Michael Harris-Sandra Harris-Flora Pettit-Clara Wood, Austin 2. Ken MacMorran-Sharon MacMorran, Austin ; Robert Orvis-Gayle Orvis, Burleson

Scott Humphrey Swiss-7-7 Tables 1. Kathleen Malcolmson, Richmond ; Lauri Laufman, Houston ; Sandra Jackson-Richard Jackson, Bellaire 2. Stephen Olson, Temple ; Virginia Miller, George Town ; Jo McDaniel-Tom Banet, Georgetown

Scott Humphrey Swiss-8-7 Tables 1. Mark Anderson, Cedar Park ; Thomas Hughes-Nora Fallon, Austin ; Laura Craft, Leander 2. Wayne Outlaw-Billie Carter-Michael Lemons-Carolyn Lemons, Orange

Scott Humphrey Swiss-9-8 Tables 1. Susan Breeding-Juanita Painter, Austin ; Robert Babb-Laurie Hartline-Babb, Georgetown 2. Douglas Lilly, Seabrook ; Laura Chandler-Jeannie Stone, Houston ; Darlyn Dusek, League City

Evening Side Game Series-28.75 Tables / Based on 11 Tables 1. James Breihan, Houston 2/3 Eric Goff, Austin 2/3 Brett Leach, Austin 4. Joe Black, Austin 5. Jerrold Harrington, San Antonio

Morning Side Game Series-21.25 Tables / Based on 8 Tables 1/2 Jimmie Lou Conner, Austin 1/2 Gay Roach, Nacogdoches 3, Diana Rogers, Austin G Kania,

Afternoon Side Game Serie-24.00

Tables / Based on 8 Tables 1/2 Bill Mac Donald, Corpus Christi 1/2 Marilyn Mac Donald, Corpus Christi 3/4 Jimmie Lou Conner, Austin 3/4 Gay Roach, Nacogdoches 5/6 E J Nowak, McKinney 5/6 Jackie Hertweck, Edmond OK

Sunday Open Pairs-4.0 Tables A1. James Andre-Lily Andre, Sugar Land A2B1. Brett Leach-Eric Goff, Austin 59.23% 3.45 3 2 Joe Ramirez-Phyllis Giffin, San Antonio 50.20% 2.99 3 1 Kenneth Javor-Constance Javor, Denton 46.67%

Sunday A/X/Y Swiss Teams-30 Tables / Based on 68 Tables A1. Shawn Quinn-Joe Quinn, Sugar Land ; Ellen Hessel-Ira Hessel, San Antonio 2 Kenneth Schutze, Austin ; Stephen Toplansky, Houston ; Buddy Hanby-Sally Wheeler, The Woodlands A3XY1. Thomas Rush, Houston ; Wes Peirce, The Woodlands ; Bill McCarty, San Antonio ; Daniel Jackson, Spring A4/5 Dan Morse-John Zilic, Houston ; Thomas Peters, Grapeland ; Nagy Kamel, Plano A4/5 Stephen Wood-Tobi Sokolow-David Sokolow-Louis Sachar, Austin X2/3 Hans Strohmer-Nancy Strohmer, Houston ; Donald Varvel-Eleanor Sherwyn, Corpus Christi X2/3T2. Robert L McClendon, Ponte Vedra FL; Alex Khrakovsky, Columbus OH; Jesse Chao, Berkeley CA; Anant Rathi, San Francisco CA A4C3 George Watkins-Clara Wood-Tricia Kane, Austin ; R Harry Akin, Paige X5Y4. Thomas Trudeau-Beverly Santos-Forrest Gray-Rebecca Brown, San Antonio

Stephen Bruce 2000 Bkt 1-7 Tables 1. Ken MacMorran-Sharon MacMorran, Austin ; Gayle Orvis-Robert Orvis, Burleson 2. Jerry Barrett-Gary Anderson-Linda Anthony-Anita Albert, Austin

Stephen Bruce 2000 Bkt 2-7 Tables 1. Barbara Vervenne-Patricia Berry, Austin ; Mary Seggerman, Puerto Vallarta Mexico; Anne Bergman, Houlton WI 2. Tom Banet-Jo McDaniel-Rita Wiegenstein-William McIndoo, Georgetown

Stephen Bruce 2000 Bkt 3-7 Tables 1. Stephen Olson, Temple ; Virginia Miller, George Town ; Sunny Laird, Marble Falls ; Harvey Browning, Georgetown 2. Frederick Gregory, Houston ; David Robinson, Granbury ; Carol Lombardino-John Montgomery, Tomball

Stephen Bruce 2000 Bkt 4-13 Tables 1. Pravina Jani-Lazaro Brener-Lysa Nguyen, Austin ; Zaeem Lutfi, Leander 2 Mark Alpert-Judy Alpert-Tom Bell-Cindy Bell, Austin

AUSTIN 4TH OF JULY REGIONAL WINNERS



Monday & Thursday Swiss Teams Bracket 1
John Zilic, Judy Peters, Thomas Peters, Nagy Kamel, Dan Morse



Monday AXY Pairs A
Karen McCallum, Lynn Baker



Tuesday AXY Pairs A
Ron La Cour, Stephen Toplansky



Wednesday AXY Pairs Flight A
Swadesh Mahajan, Kalpana Sutaria



Wednesday Swiss Teams Bracket 1
Jo Smith, James Breihan, Marilyn Adams, Anton (Tony) Haddad, Phillip Grothus



Thursday AXY Pairs Flight A
Larry Davis, Robert Donathan



Friday AXY Pairs Flight A
Nancy Boothe, Pat McMullin



Saturday Swiss Teams Bracket 1
Emma Kolesnik, Anne Brenner, Alexander Kolesnik, David Caprera



Tuesday Swiss Teams Bracket 2
Rebecca Brown, Sheryleen Grothus,
Beverly Santos, C David Mitchell



Tuesday Swiss Teams Bracket 3
Alison Andrews, Sandy Smith Calera,
Andy Villastrigo, Susan Hernandez



Tuesday Swiss Teams Bracket 4
Shyla McGill, Debra Jones,
Will Anthony, Susan Kraght



Tuesday Swiss Teams Bracket 5
Aqeel Ansari, Jim Glathar,
Bob Mendel, Tonya McNabb



Tuesday Swiss Teams Bracket 6
Carol Ramberg, Irene White,
Wright Barnebey, Jim Roff



Sunday AXY Swiss Teams Flight A
Ellen Hessel, Shawn Quinn,
Joe Quinn, Ira Hessel



Monday Swiss Teams Bracket 2
Gary Anderson, Alex Khrakovsky,
Jerry Barrett, Robert L McClendon



Monday Swiss Teams Bracket 3
Robin Tucker, Sanae Zaveloff,
Robert Tyler, Dean Truair



Monday Swiss Teams Bracket 4
Rita Wiegenstein, William McIndoo,
Karen Oberling, Marjorie Feldmann



Tuesday AXY Pairs X Y
Ron Brown, Judy Brown



Wednesday AXY Pairs Flight XY (tie)
Mark Craig - Brett Leach



Wednesday Swiss Teams Bracket 2
Joyce Klein, Thomas Trudeau,
Benjamin Klein, Forrest Gray



Wednesday Swiss Teams Bracket 3
Sharon Dameron, Jarek Langer,
Thomas Smith, James Moody



Wednesday Swiss Teams Bracket 4
Goldie Rose, Lynne Andress,
Walter Freitag, Roxanne King



Wednesday Swiss Teams Bracket 5
Esther Ellis, Linda Griffith,
Elizabeth Ling, Gretchen Jack



Wednesday Swiss Teams Bracket 6
Jesse Gordon, Meg Putman,
Greg Schepens, Mark Anderson



Wednesday Swiss Teams Bracket 7
Linda Harley, Linda Gurasich,
Terry Harley, John Gurasich



Thursday AXY Pairs Flight X
Kyong Shuey, Raymond Borrego



Thurs & Fri Swiss Teams Bracket 2
Jo Smith, Buddy Bass, Marilyn Adams,
Anton (Tony) Haddad, James Breihan



Thursday Swiss Teams Bracket 3
Sandy Potts, June Mengden,
Tricia Kane, Stan Pushkarsky



Thursday Swiss Teams Bracket 4
Roxann Swenson, Edward Yetter,
John Moore, Bonnie Kay Yetter



Thursday Swiss Teams Bracket 7
Spencer Ledlow, Barbara Clements,
David Mead, Richard Clements



Thursday Swiss Teams Bracket 8
Joyce Anderson, Carol Segreti,
Mary Ellen Little, Gloria Schuford



Thursday Swiss Teams Bracket 9
Nancy Guthrie, Sandra Dickinson,
Barbara Sweeney, Barbara Abney



Fri & Sat Swiss Teams Bracket 9
Robert Babb, Laurie Hartline-Babb,
Susan Breeding, Juanita Painter



Friday Swiss Teams Bracket 3
Tomi Storey, Jeff Dater,
Thomas Rush, Wes Peirce



Friday Swiss Teams Bracket 4
Gary Anderson, Alex Khrakovsky,
Jerry Barrett, Robert L McClendon



Friday Swiss Teams Bracket 5
Rachell Jackson, Sally Sassen,
Harry Ingham, Grant Coon



Friday Swiss Teams Bracket 6
Debra Jones, Shyla McGill Hobbs,
Will Anthony, Susan Kraght



Friday Swiss Teams Bracket 7
Carol Meade, Linda Windham,
James Meade, Michael Windham



Friday Swiss Teams Bracket 8
Linda Lindley, Martha Ward,
Cheryl Rider, James Rider



Friday Swiss Teams Bracket 9
Robert Babb, Laurie Babb,
Susan Breeding, Juanita Painter



Saturday Swiss Teams Bracket 2
Jesse Chao, Jarek Langer,
Shawn Drenning, Anant Rathi



Saturday Swiss Teams Bracket 3
Jill Spence, Joseph Volanski,
Steve Vaughn, Rick Stell



Saturday Swiss Teams Bracket 4
Sandy Potts, Sharon Dameron,
Stan Pushkarsky, Thomas Smith



Saturday Swiss Teams Bracket 5
John Moore, Edward Yetter,
Roxann Swenson, Bonnie Kay Yetter



Saturday Swiss Teams Bracket 6
Sandra Harris, Clara Wood,
Michael Harris, Flora Pettit



Saturday Swiss Teams Bracket 7
Kathleen Malcolmson, Lauri Laufman,
Richard Jackson, Sandra Jackson



Saturday Swiss Teams Bracket 8
Nora Fallon Austin, Laura Craft
Thomas Hughes, Mark Anderson



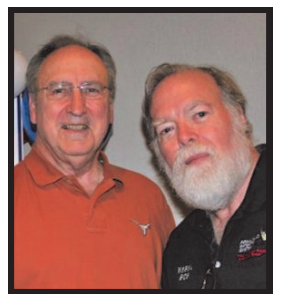
Tuesday Gold Rush Pairs
Kathleen Malcolmson, Julialee O'Shea



Sunday BCD Swiss Bracket 4
Lysa Nguyen, Pravina Jani,
Lazaro Brenner, Zaeem Lutfi



Sunday BCD Swiss Teams Bracket 2
Patricia Berry, Barbara Ververne



Saturday Gold Rush Pairs
Coleman Driver, Robert Craig



Sunday BCD Swiss Teams Bracket 3
Sunny Laird, Virginia Miller,
Stephen Olson



Tuesday Gold Rush Pairs
W Kenneth Davis, Cynthia Rivet



Monday Gold Rush Pairs
Ann Roe, Michael Rainbird



Sunday AXY Swiss Teams Flights X Y
Bill McCarty, Wes Peirce,
Daniel Jackson, Thomas Rush



Sunday BCD Swiss Teams Bracket 1
Robert & Gayle Orvis
Sharon & Ken MacMorran

**Unit 201
Sabine Neches**

Linda Briggs



Officers elected for 2018-2019 are Carolyn Worsham, President; E. W. Sweeney, Vice-President; and Nixie Hanson, Secretary. New board members are Sylvia Street and Carolyn Oliver. Continuing board members are Linda Briggs, Kay Hooper, Patsy Pierce, Liz Mackenzie, and Sandra Allison. Kris Cherry and Martha Oliver represent Orange. John Smalley is the executive secretary/treasurer. U201 thanks Susan Nimmo and Kimberly Goodson, outgoing board members, for their service.

Over seventy players won SILVER at the Beaumont Bridge Studio during STaC week. Overall scores for each game compared players from all of District 16 (all of Mexico and much of Texas). Over the week of June 11-16, 2354 players earned a total of 6254.70 master points. The top ten performers from Unit 201 (with their rank in the district and number of MPs won) were: Tim Stelly (61, 11.80), Tipton Golias (70, 11.14), Linda Briggs (125, 8.23), Carolyn Worsham (125, 8.23), Carol McGill (198, 6.17), Nancy Smalley (224, 5.62), Liz Mackenzie (247, 5.18), Carolyn Lemons (252, 5.13), Mike Lemons (252, 5.13), and Flo Gillispie (262, 5). Carolyn Worsham, Longest Day Chairman and U201 President, outdid herself, topping last year's record fund-raising, with this year going over \$10,000 in donations and various activities. The lunch included the entrée, provided by Lance Bradley and the Neches River Wheelhouse. Others helping were Carolyn and Bill Worsham, Liz MacKenzie, Sylvia Street, Linda Briggs, and Marilyn Adams, Sandra Allison, and Nixie Hanson. In the morning open game placing 1st- Wilbur and Verna Dahlquist; 2nd- Marian Jones and Bob Pat Bell; 3rd Flo Gillispie and Carolyn Oliver. Placing 1st in C were Liz Mackenzie and Ann Montgomery. In the afternoon open game placing 1st-Wilbur and Verna Dahlquist; 2nd -Billie Carter and Wayne Outlaw; 3rd- Martha Sigler and Judy Lofton. Placing 1st in C were Lou Ida Rising and Pat Schwiart. In the 299'er game 1st-Patti Salter and Judy Lofton; 2nd Susan Pennington and Joe Kazmar; 3rd- Barney and Jean Hammer.

Nancy Smalley is offering Play and Learn Sessions the month of August. Participants will play 9-12 hands during each session with a discussion of bidding and playing following each hand.

June mentor pairs placing: 1st- Sylvia Street and Pat Bell; 2nd- Kay Hooper and Carol McGill. June mentor teams placing: 1st- Judy Dishman, Nadine Pearce, Martha Sigler, and June Eddingston. 2nd -Glenda Bass, Lou Rising, Marian Jones, and Carolyn Worsham. 3rd- July mentor pairs

placing: 1st- Sylvia Street and Pat Bell; 2nd- Lou Ida Rising and Carolyn Worsham; 3rd Jerry Gore and E.W. Sweeney. July mentor teams placing: 1st- Sandra Allison, Michael Lemons, Anna Smith, and Tim Stelly; 2nd- Glenda Bass, Lou Ida Rising, Susan Gore, and Dr. A. Bharathi. 3rd - Patricia Woods, Lucille Armintor, Frankie hall, and Linda Briggs.

Players with 70% or above games in June/July were Bob and Carol McGill, Dee Payne and Ruby Collins; Lynda Jones and Phyllis Mann; Pat Bell and Tim Stelly.

The highest monthly totals for June were Dr. Aiyannar Bharathi, Nancy Smalley, and John Smalley. The highest for July were Dr. A. Bharathi, Flo Gillispie, and Martha Sigler.

Plans are underway for the 499er/ NLM tournament Aug. 16-18, chaired by Frances Price, Lucille Armintor, and Flo Ferguson.

The Sabine Neches Sectional Oct. 4-6 is chaired by Linda Briggs and Kay Hooper, with Carolyn Worsham as partnership chair. Information for both tournaments are at http://www.u201.org/tourn_info.htm

**Unit 205
Amistad
Western Mexico**

Mary Ann White

Is climate change real? I say, "Yes!" But one thing I know for sure: summertime is beautiful in Unit 205. Average high temperatures June through August range from 79 to 84 at Lake Chapala. Combine that with some gentle rain in the morning or evening, and beautiful scenery all around—ahhh, how delightful! It almost makes me feel bad for friends left behind in the sweltering Texas heat—almost! And did I mention you can play bridge four days a week? Why not come for a visit?

Unit News. We have several upcoming tournaments in Unit 205. So, if you're looking for a beach vacation, I hope you'll consider the Mexican Riviera. First up is the Puerto Vallarta Regional at the Westin Resort & Spa in sunny Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Dates are November 5-11, 2018. The tournament committee always does a great job to ensure that everyone has fun at this tournament! You can expect lots of hospitality and prizes on your way to winning the gold. Visit the tournament website at www.pvregional.com for more information.

Is silver what you need? Then take a look at our upcoming sectional tournaments. Even if you don't need silver, but just an excuse to visit the beach or lovely Lake Chapala, one of these tournaments might be for you: Mazatlan will be hosting a sectional from January 17-20, 2019, at the

Hotel Playa Mazatlan on the beach. The Ajijic Sectional is slated for January 31-February 3, 2019, at the Hotel Real de Chapala. And the Puerto Vallarta Sectional will be held from February 20-22, 2019. Flyers are available on the ACBL tournament page. Make your plans now!

Several Unit 205 players achieved milestones during June and July. Congratulations to John Betz of the Lake Chapala DBC for achieving the rank of Sectional Master. Also, Pat Mitchell of the LCDBC became a Silver Life Master, and Diane van Brocklin is now a Sapphire Life Master. Keep playing, keep winning, and keep advancing...but most important, keep smiling and being gracious to your partner!

Club News. June was a big month for extra point games and special events at the Lake Chapala DBC. The Club participated in STaC week from June 11-15. Several players finished well in the District, most notably Pat Mitchell and Mary Anderson who won the event overall on Monday afternoon, June 11, with a 74% game. Wow! Also winning overall were Mike Roney and Stephen Segall on Thursday, June 14, with 65%. Other LCDBC players who scratched at the District level included John Betz, Charles Chartier, Jeane Treloar, Don Ross, Kate Gunn, Keith Coates, Doris Denny, Robert Johnson, Janet Mitchell, Bill Heim, and Tom Gillett. Congratulations to all!

Club Championship games were held at the Lake Chapala DBC in June. Club champions are Janet Mitchell and John Betz (Monday—62.69%); Diane van Brocklin and Charles Chartier (Tuesday and Friday—71.99% and 57.14%); and Diane van Brocklin and John Betz (Thursday—64.29%). Looks like Diane had a great week! Our 299r club champions are Nancy Segall and Martha Heffron (70.09%). And the 8 is Enough Charity Swiss on June 25 was won by the team of Doris Denny, Judy Wells, Janet Mitchell, and Bernita Cooper.

The Lake Chapala DBC also held two NAP Club Qualifiers in July, which were won by Tom Gillett and Bill Heim, tied with Jimmy Reynolds and Dagmar Rettberg, on July 5 (59.72%); and Louise Morel and Catherine Gonzales on July 17 (73.21%). The ACBL-Wide Instant Matchpoint Game on July 9 was won by Diane van Brocklin and Mike Roney (61.93%).

Congratulations also to those who scored 70% or better in June and July. Mike Roney and Diane van Brocklin posted 71.76% on June 4 (5 tables). Pat Mitchell and Mary Anderson posted 74% on June 11 (5 tables). It was Diane van Brocklin again, playing with Charles Chartier, who scored 71.99% on June 19 (9 tables). Nancy Segall and Martha Heffron posted 70.09% in the 299r game on June 22 (8½ tables). Dagmar Rettberg and Jimmy Reynolds hit the mark with



**Sabine Neches Sectional
October 4-6, 2018**

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

Thursday, October 4, 2018

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

Friday, October 5, 2018

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Saturday, October 6, 2018

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Host Hotels

MCM Eleganté Hotel and Convention Center
2355 I10S, Beaumont 77705, 409-842-3600
Rate: \$109 per night (by Oct 1)
****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: \$92 per night (by Sep 27)
****Ask for Beaumont Bridge Tournament****
Free WiFi, Breakfast, Parking (8 minutes from BBS)

Entry Fees - \$10/person/session; **NOTE:** \$4 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

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Kay Hooper (409-749-4203 or jkhoop@swbell.net)
Carolyn Worsham, Partnerships (409-728-9493 or cmworsham@yahoo.com)

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

70.0% on June 29 (6 tables). Louise Morel and Catherine Gonzales scored 73.21% on July 17 (8 tables). And Mary Ann White and Mary Anderson hit it big with 76.19% on July 26 (8 tables).

The Lake Chapala DBC is now on YouTube! Check out Stephen Segall's bridge lessons on the Web. Just search "Bridge with Stephen" at www.youtube.com. What a star!

**Unit 224
Fort Phantom**

Bette Byrd

This is definitely summer in West Texas. Hot temperatures are the normal days and air conditioning is welcome. It makes it easier to be at bridge so you are cool. Be sure to

come and join us all of you. The new by-laws are in place and a great job was done by Robert Patton and Jeff Lewis. Thanks for all your time and effort.

We held the Worldwide Masterpoint Game on June 1, with Glynda Groves and Bob Young taking first place. Second were Coleen Grisham and Bette Byrd, with Ed Grant and Beverly Walker third. Coming in fourth were Mike Sadler and Jo Smith and first in B were Gwen Riggs and Barbara Bridges. June 2nd winners were Jo Smith and Pat Ramsey first, second were Bob Young and Ed Grant, third Glynda Groves and Betty Henderson and fourth in A and first in B were Desa Lee-Laird and Larry Robertson with Barbara Bridges and Linda Scarborough second in B.

The ACBL Wide Instant Matchpoint game was held July 9 and Coleen

TYLER TOURNAMENT OF ROSES SECTIONAL WINNERS

Bonnie Gorman
Sunday BKT Swiss Teams-3
 - 7 Tables 1. Liana Vernon - Clark Vernon - Sandra Popkin - Michael Popkin 2. Charlie Kemp - Marjorie Kemp-Pat Cawley - Janet Bullock
Sunday BKT Swiss Teams-4
 - 7 Tables 1. Pat Berry-Billy Jean Reasor - Lola Herndon - Anne Hodges 2. Anne Bateman - Ann Marshall - Keitha Fox - Betty Vaughan
Sunday BKT Swiss Teams-5
 - 7 Tables 1. Jeanie Nutter - Sarah Meredith - Carol Sander-son-Emily Bonner 2. Susan Sensenbach-Mary Ramsey-Judith Kelley-Fredye Alford



Friday Morn Open Pairs A,B
 Larry Brough, Diane Duncan



Friday Aft Open Pairs A
 Carolyn Chapman, Gay Roach



Saturday Morn Open Pairs A&B
 Diane Washabaugh, James Atteberry



Friday Aft Open Pairs B
 Jo England, Jo Ann Truitt



Friday Aft Open Pairs C
 Vicki Angel, David Mitchel



Saturday Morn Open Pairs C
 Saturday Morn NLM
 Billie Brooks, Carol Stollenwreck



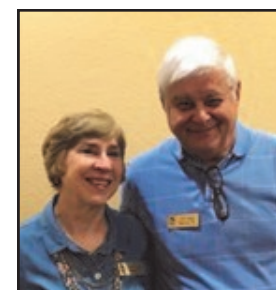
Friday Morn & Aft NLM
 Ann Haynes, Denise Hull



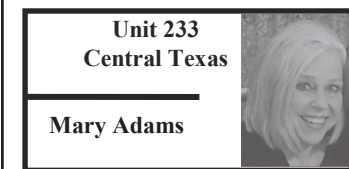
Friday Aft NLM
 Barbara Miller, Doni Phillips



Friday Aft NLM
 Ann Zastovnik, Jeanette Shelton



Saturday Morn NLM
 Kathy & Cliff Smith



Unit 233
Central Texas
Mary Adams

There is so much to celebrate from newcomers to Old (i.e. experienced!) Masters! Somehow, I see the two as interconnected and am so proud of our players.

Jimmy LaFountain has become an Emerald Life Master---accumulating more than 7500 Masterpoints. I think this achievement is a first for at least the current members of Unit 233. I first met Jimmy right after he had retired and started playing regular games with my dear friend Dot Allen. In my opinion Dot and Dale Allen were synonymous with Bridge in Temple. Absolute class! I felt so honored to know them, and I still do.

I think Jimmy's bridge journey involves some insights for others:

1---Family: Jimmy and his six brothers and sisters grew up playing all sorts of card games---canasta, spades, hearts, pinochle---and his parents played duplicate bridge. After his father's death, Jimmy started playing duplicate with his mother. The rest is history! There might be a lesson here. As a school teacher who has worked with so many children over the years, I have seen the difference between video games with an individual staring at a screen and the family games involving communal interaction! A recent reminder of the game of bridge being shared by family members is the partnership of Belva Barrington and her son Rodger who is here for a few weeks. They had so much fun together and came in first place on their first game!

2---Partnerships and Friendships: Richard Ware asked Jimmy to play over 40 years ago and is still his partner. "He has become my best friend." This statement says so much about the value of the game beyond the cards. His other favorite partners include: Genie Kaplan, Melody Euler, Pam LaShelle, Wayman, and, of course, Dot Allen. He has also enjoyed playing with Richard Wall, Richard Clark, Tom Corlett, Mike Bukala, Janice Walker, Clyde MacCauley, Claudette, Tomi Storey, Mildred Breed, and team partners Carolyn and Terry, Tomi and Diane, Nagy and Lee, Charlene and Virgie, and Tom and Ethel.

3---)Helping encourage newcomers: He has enjoyed playing with and encouraging newcomers Lysa and Cindy. Some clubs have structured games with a Mentor/Mentee format, but whether the concept is formal or informal, it is a great plus for our game when more experi-

enced players partner with and encourage newer ones.

The Waco Tournament again has Melody Euler as Director. After a great initiation into duplicate bridge with Margaret Barrelle at the Monday 0-299 game in Temple, many of us started taking Joann Satterthwaite's beginning lessons along with Melody about 20 years ago. She was such an eager student and truly took her game to the "next level" (and "next" and "next") so quickly. This same aptitude for learning, applying details about the game, and a stated desire to be a director from her earliest days have made her excellence as a tournament director and teacher almost inevitable. I remember how nervous she was when she directed at her first National; there was no need---she surpassed all expectations! We are so proud of her for doing such a great job at every level.

Other celebrations: At the Monday Slammers Instant Matchpoint game on July 9 the N/S Gold Point was won by Raydell O'Neil playing with Susan LaFountain. Raydell has been playing Duplicate for just over one year and has 27 MP's. She lives in Whitney where there are no games, so she drives 38 miles to Waco; her main goal is not necessarily to rack up points, but, as she says, "I want to learn to play a good game. The grand folks I have met are willing to help me by answering questions, offering advice, and explaining about duplicate. Because of them, I hope to continue playing duplicate for a long time." Great friends of bridge, Lenora and Bill Parrish won the E/W Gold Point with 71%; Ethel and Tom Corlett continue on the 72+% list at Sul Ross---great couples who also love to play bridge together! It is great to see Dennis Laxton at the bridge table again. His family responsibilities have kept him away for a while, but we hope he becomes a permanent fixture in our bridge lives. We also all are grateful and happy that Bob Maske has returned to the game after his illness.

At the NLM tournament at The Bridge Studio in May, the big winners were Pat Hogan and Margaret Downey with 1st place finishes on Friday morning and Saturday afternoon. Other winners included Amy Wilson and Edna Tuerck 1st place on Friday afternoon. 2nd place winners included Sue Morgan and Nancy Clements, Susan Patrick and Norma Lea McAdams, and Alicia and Robert Smith. Margaret works during the week days and has started playing at The Bridge Studio on Sunday. We met her at the Temple tournament when she played with a friend from Amarillo. What a great addition to our game! The Stilwell game on Wednesday evening in Waco is another opportunity for those with "regular jobs" during the week.

Alert! Unit 233 STaC games (Sectional Tournaments at Clubs---i.e. more points---and silver!) are scheduled In Waco, Temple, and Georgetown for November 12-18. It is great fun (well, maybe not always if I am hitting 35%) to compare scores with so many others. I look forward to this week! Thank you, Lynn Sykes, for doing such a great job not only Coordinating the STaC games for our unit but also being such an excellent representative of our unit at the District level.

Press time occurs before the Waco Tournament, so we will celebrate and give details in the next edition.

Bridge on the Brazos

Waco
 Aug 10-12 2018
 106 players 107 tables.

- 1 21.36 Richard Ware
- 2 21.36 James La Fountain
- 3 20.91 Thomas Corlett
- 4 20.91 Ethel Corlett
- 5 13.94 Pat Kelly
- 6 13.94 Barbara Ann Kirstein
- 7 10.33 Mary Williams
- 8 9.59 Mary Adams
- 9 9.59 Jan Hart
- 10 8.93 Susan Lafountain

Fri AM Strat Open Pairs-12.5 Tables / Based on 18 Tables A1. James La Fountain-Richard Ware A2BC1. Mary Williams-Wilton Crocker BC2. Judy Taylor Mathews-Margie Kintz

Fri AM 299er Pairs-5.0 Tables A1. Janis Bodin-Margaret Downey A2. Patricia Santini-James Nees B1/2. Barbara McMahan-Gloria Stanton B1/2. Karen Oberling-Suzanne Miller

Fri Aft Strat Open Pairs-12.5 Tables / Based on 18 Tables AB1. Susan Lafountain-Lanelle Boone A2. Thomas Corlett-Ethel Corlett B2C1. Pat Kelly-Barbara Ann Kirstein C2. Norma Lea McAdams-G Nell Carpenter

Fri Aft 299er Pairs-5.5 Tables A1. W Kenneth Davis-J Patrick Finnigan A2B1. James Nees-Patricia Santini B2C1. Barbara McMahan-Gloria Stanton C2. Kevin Orr-Ann Denton

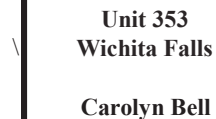
Sat AM Strat Open Pairs-14.0 Tables / Based on 19 Tables AB1. Jan Hart-Mary Adams AB2C1. Catherine Valentine-Betty Robinson C2. Mary Williams-Barbara Wood

Sat AM 299er Pairs-4.5 Tables AB1. Annette Burns-John Twardowski AB2. Barbara McMahan-Gloria Stanton C1. Val Hrobsky-Nancy Irish C2. Kathleen Kaparich-Marie Provencher

Sat Aft Strat Open Pairs-16.5 Tables / Based on 21 Tables ABC1. Pat Kelly-Barbara Ann Kirstein A2. Ethel Corlett-Thomas Corlett AB2. Venu Chintam-Julianne McKenna

Sat Aft 299er Pairs-4.0 Tables ABC1. Cordell Hammon-Ayra Cirilo A2. Alicia Smith-Robert Smith

BC2. Toni Riley-Christina Paul
Sunday Swiss-16 Tables A1. James La Fountain-Richard Ware-Thomas Corlett-Ethel Corlett A2B1. Rita Wiegenstein-William McIndoo-Billie Ogens-Kay Lynch B2. Bill Parrish-Lenora Parrish-Harry Kenny-Peggy Kenny C1. Mary Williams-Margaret Ellis-Barbara Wood-Wilton 2 Patricia Santini-Margie Kintz-Barbara McMahan-Wanda Earles



Unit 353
Wichita Falls
Carolyn Bell

We play bridge for many reasons. It is a great way of spending time with friends. It improves our memories and problem solving skills. And, you never see the same hand twice so it is always new and challenging. It can be a lifelong pursuit to improve your play of the game! Bridge, also, helps us practice our positive life and relationship skills. We offer kindness to each of our opponents. We forgive our partners when they lead us into the wrong bridge contract. We rejoice over successful bids and play. We experience humility when playing the wrong cards. We use our good manners and social skills at the bridge table. We enjoy a wonderful lunch or dessert together. We consider it a good day to spend time with friends playing bridge. Hope you can join us at a bridge table soon and practice all your social skills!

We continue to pray for the healing of our friends who have had some health issues this month - Helen Cash, Martha Keller, and Wanda Hughes.

Bridge Paradise Masterpoint Leaders for June were Gladys Barley, Bernie Lange, and Nell Lister with 1.65 masterpoints; Dave Hertzog and Tomie Johnson with 1.62 masterpoints. High Percentage Games for June were Gladys Barley and Nell Lister with a score of 62.50; Nancy Purcell and Patty Hofer with 63.00. Masterpoint Leaders for July were Dave Hertzog and Tomie Johnson with 1.15 masterpoints; Bernie Lange and Lois Roberson with 0.56. The High Percentage Game for July was Dave Hertzog and Tomie Johnson with a score of 66.67.

The Bridge Club Masterpoint Leaders for June were Dave Hertzog with 5.03 masterpoints; Gladys Barley with 4.86; Tomie Johnson with 4.23. High Percentage Games for June were Dee McKinley and Margaret Kirkland with a score of 68.06; Gladys Barley and Trudy Downey with 67.56; Dave Hertzog and Kathleen Brown with 63.89. Masterpoint Leaders for July were Nancy Purcell

with 5.81 masterpoints; Margaret Kirkland with 4.27; Marilyn Waggoner with 3.53; Gladys Barley with 3.52. High Percentage Games for July were Gladys Barley and Nancy Purcell with a score of 68.50; Margaret Kirkland and Wanda Hughes with a score of 64.88.

The Vernon Duplicate Bridge Club Masterpoint Leaders for June were Susan Couch with 10.84 masterpoints; Ruth Streit with 8.68; Anne Halsell with 7.12. High Percentage Games for June were Anne Halsell and Susan Couch with a score of 67.00; Elgy Smith and Ruth Streit with 66.00; Anne Halsell and Susan Couch with 65.28.

The Bridge A-Gap Masterpoint Leaders for June were Dave Hertzog and Tomie Johnson with 3.28 masterpoints; Kathleen Brown and Wanda Hughes with 2.66. The High Percentage Game for June was Dave Hertzog and Tomie Johnson with a score of 63.34. The Bridge A-Gap North American Pairs Masterpoint Leaders for July were Trudy Downey and Gladys Barley with 1.69 Black masterpoints and 1.69 Red masterpoints; Dave Hertzog and Tomie Johnson with 1.59 Black masterpoints and 1.60 Red masterpoints; Kathleen Brown and Margaret Kirkland with 1.27 Black masterpoints and 1.27 Red masterpoints. High Percentage Game for North American Pairs was Trudy Downey and Gladys Barley with a score of 68.45; Kathleen Brown and Margaret Kirkland with a score of 61.31.

The Suite 16 Bridge Masterpoint Leaders for June were Kathleen Brown with 4.51 masterpoints; Margaret Kirkland with 4.31; Gladys Barley with 3.39. High Percentage Games for June were Wanda Hughes and Dee McKinley with a score of 67.50; Clay Abrams and Margaret Kirkland with 67.00; Wanda Gaynor and Suzanne Sosa with 65.10. The Suite 16 Bridge Masterpoint Leaders for July were Marsha May with 2.83 masterpoints; Dee McKinley with 2.68; Nancy Purcell with 2.55. The Suite 16 Bridge North American Pairs Masterpoint Leaders were Patty Hofer and Pat Robinson with 1.50 Black masterpoints and 1.50 Red masterpoints; Gladys Barley and Nancy Purcell with 1.12 Black masterpoints and 1.13 Red masterpoints. The Suite 16 Bridge High Percentage Games for July were Gladys Barley and Trudy Downey with a score of 68.45; Marsha May and Dee McKinley with a score of 67.36; Patty Hofer and Pat Robinson with a score of 67.19.

Abilene's Harvest Regional

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Abilene Convention Center

North 6th & Pine, Abilene, Texas

October 16 - 21, 2018

Tuesday, October 16

Stratified Pairs 2:00 7:00
2 Session Bracketed Swiss 2:00 7:00

Wednesday, October 17

AX Pairs 9:30 2:00
GOLD RUSH PAIRS 9:30 2:00
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Horizontal Evening Side Game Series 7:00
Bracketed Swiss 7:00

Thursday, October 18

AX Pairs 9:30 2:00
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2 Session Bracketed Swiss 9:30 2:00
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Tournament Chairman

Robert Patton
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Friday, October 19

AX Pairs 9:30 2:00
GOLD RUSH PAIRS 9:30 2:00
2 Session Bracketed Swiss 9:30 2:00
Horizontal Evening Side Game Series 7:00
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Saturday, October 20

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Sunday, October 21

GOLD RUSH BRACKETED SWISS 9:30 TBA
2 Session Stratified Swiss 9:30 TBA
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ENTRY FEES

\$12 per session; Sunday \$120 per team

Saturday Sessions \$13 (\$1 to support NABC)

\$4.00 additional per session for
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HOTELS:

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Best Western Abilene Inn & Suites,
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Sleep Inn & Suites
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& Gold Rush Swiss

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