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Rebecca Brown

District 16 President



sources for general use. Thanks to Ed Rawlinson, Education Chair, for this addition. Whether you are a teacher or an advancing bridge student, explore this free resource. I am sure you will find it helpful.

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Our next D16 Board of Directors meeting will be February 9, during the Lone Star Regional, at 8:30 a.m. The meeting is open (buy your own breakfast)—come join us—we finish in time for the 10 o'clock games. If you are interested in participating on a committee or otherwise on behalf of our District, I want to hear about it. Your time and talents will be welcome!

SEE YOU AT THE TABLE!

Aloha and Happy and Healthy New Year! By the time you read this, the holidays will be over, but hopefully the good will and good cheer continues. Many Texans were lucky enough to play bridge in Hawaii during the Nationals. I was not among them, unfortunately, but want to add my congratulations for the excellent results achieved by D16 members: Greg Hinze (winner, Life Master Pairs); Charlene Sands and Virgil Massey (winners, Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs); Hua Yang (winner, 0-10,000 IMP Pairs); Ellen Hessel and Peggy Sutherlin (2<sup>nd</sup>, Women's Pairs); Chris Compton (2<sup>nd</sup>, Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs) and Justin Lall (2<sup>nd</sup>, Keohane Swiss); Bob Hamman (2<sup>nd</sup>, Senior KO teams). We are all proud of you! (Please see David Sokolow's column for full coverage of the NABCs)

Keep checking our District website. There are always improvements in the works, including a new "drop down" section on Teaching Materials, featuring vetted learning re-

David Sokolow  
Senior NABC Correspondent



Although the Honolulu NABC was one of the smallest nationals in recent memory (6,034 tables), it was a treasure trove for D16 players, as you can tell from the headline: three wins and three seconds. These players set a high bar for our district at future NABCs. I hope you're up to the challenge!

Greg Hinze of San Antonio won the Nail LM Pairs, named for legendary D16'er, Bobby Nail. This is Greg's third NABC title, his first in a pair event. In fourth place after qualifying, he parlayed 63% and 55% games in the finals to victory. Congratulations, Greg, on an impressive victory!

Hua Yang of Plano won the 0-10,000 IMP Pairs, one step up from his runner-up finish in the 0-10K Mixed Swiss this summer. He played steady bridge: third after the qualifying phase, second after the first final, and first when it counted. He also had top ten finishes in two other NABC events (see below)! I have no doubt we will be hearing a lot more from him in the future.

Virgil Massey of Driftwood and Charlene Sands of Pflugerville captured the 0-6,000 Blue Ribbon Pairs for their first NABC win. As their frequent opponent and sometimes teammate, I can testify that you would be hard-

pressed to find a nicer pair. They had a massive 67.25% in the first qualifying session and played well enough down the stretch to win by a two-board margin. You did Austin proud!

For a moment, we had a fourth win. At the close of play in the Blue Ribbon Pairs, the premiere pair event at the fall NABC, Chris Compton of Dallas was the apparent winner. But a controversial appeal (not involving Chris) dropped him to second. What an awful way to end a grueling three-day battle against 205 of the top pairs in the world (or any event, for that matter). Congratulations and condolences to Chris. Fellow Dallasite Bart Bramley finished third (his placing was not affected by the appeal). I also want to give a shout-out to Chris's wife, Donna, who, as an unpaid volunteer, organized child care at NABCs so bridge-playing parents could have a safe place to leave their kids. After more than 20 years, Donna has relinquished that role. Thanks, Donna, for your dedication and hard work.

Justin Lall of Little Elm finished second in the North American Swiss Teams, a blockbuster three-day event that brings the fall NABC to a close. This year's edition attracted 71 teams. Justin also finished fourth in the LM Open Pairs and seventh in the Open BAM Teams. Nice showing, JLall! Bob Hamman of Dallas finished second in the Senior KO Teams. Bob is one of the all-time greats. Even in his 80's, Bob continues to play at a world-class level. To paraphrase Cole Porter, "He's the Top!" 'nuff said.

Ellen Hessel of San Antonio and Peggy Sutherlin of Dallas were runner-ups in the Women's Pairs by less than half a board. Although this is Ellen's first time in the national spotlight, she should be familiar to all of you as co-Executive Editor (with hubby Ira) and Managing Editor of our esteemed district newsletter, *Scorecard*. Peggy is a many-time national champion and was a member of the all-Texas squad that won the women's world team championship in 2000. Kudos to you both!

A bunch of D16'ers had top-ten finishes in NABC events [note: where there were fewer than ten places overall, only players who made the overalls are listed]. Babu Koneru, San Antonio, finished eighth in the prestigious Reisinger BAM Teams. Tobi Sokolow and Claudette Hartman, Austin, came in fifth in the Women's BAM Teams. Dan Morse, Houston, wound up seventh in the LM Open Pairs. Hua Yang, Yan Song, and Yuanluo Wang, all of Plano, landed seventh in the 0-10K Swiss; Ellen and Ira Hessel, San Antonio, were ninth. Yan and Yuanluo also finished eighth in the Women's Pairs. Finally, Hemant Lall, Dallas, was ninth in the NA Swiss.

The spring NABC will be in Memphis March 21-31. Memphis is famously known for Graceland, home of "The King," Elvis Presley, and Beale Street, home of the blues. Music aficionados can frequent The Rock 'n' Soul Museum, The Stax Museum of American Soul Music, and Sun Studio, the birthplace of rock and roll; history buffs

can visit the National Civil Rights Continued on page 15 Honolulu

Paul Cuneo

District 16 National BOD



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The Hilton Hawaiian Village hosted the Fall NABC and Board meeting. The weather was great, the views spectacular and the people friendly. Congratulations to D16 winners Greg Hinze who won the Nail Life Master Pairs with his partner David Grainger, Hua Yang who won the 0 - 10,000 IMP Pairs with his partner Yuan Wei Wang and to Virgil Massey and Charlene Sands who won the 0 - 6000 Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs!!!

Turnout for the tournament was disappointing at 6034.5 tables, down from the budgeted 7200. I've only seen data back to 1990, but this was the smallest of NABCs in that time period.

Here are the highlights from the Board meeting

Russ Jones from District 10 was elected ACBL President for next year. Russ has chaired the Bridge Committee for the past two years and is a former ACBL Tournament Director.

The Board hired Joe Jones as our Executive Director. Joe had been ACBL CFO and stepped in as Interim Executive Director in May. I chaired the Search Committee and after an extensive selection process, the committee recommended that Joe be selected and the Board agreed. Joe has had a positive impact and has established a partnership with the Board. I'm looking forward to working with him in the

new role.

The Board voted to establish a Masterpoint Committee to oversee the changes in masterpoint awards. This committee will have ACBL staff members and three at large members. We're optimistic that involving interested members on the committee will improve decisions as well as be more efficient.

A motion was passed to allow Districts that have 8 or more teams competing in their District GNT finals in Flights B and C to send 2 teams to the finals at the summer NABC. I've supported this motion as it encourage more participation at all levels in this competition.

For the past two years, there have been experiments with Knockout events to make them more attractive. Revisions were finalized for the changes which allow reduction of bracket sizes to make the competition fairer without disproportionate reduction of masterpoint awards.

A motion to eliminate the requirement to announce a standard 15 to 17 high card point range was **defeated**. The majority of the board felt the risk of unauthorized information passing between players outweighed the benefit of the change. More players are using variable no trump opening ranges depending on position and vulnerability which would aggravate the situation.

I hope all of you have enjoyed a great holiday season and doing well in the New year. I look forward to seeing you at the Lone Star Regional in Houston from February 4 - 10.

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Congratulations to Claudette Hartman and Tobi Sokolow for placing 7th in the Women's Pairs at the WBF World Championship in Orlando.

They were inadvertently listed as 10th and we apologize for the error.



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## Grand National Teams

by B J Sanders

GNT Season is underway. Have you qualified? Do you have a Team? Do you know how to qualify? There are 4 levels that compete in the GNTs District Finals, in Houston, April 5-7. The winners of that event go on to compete at the GNT Finals in Las Vegas, July 17-21. Flights B and C Players must Qualify at a Club or Unit Qualifier held now through March 2019. SuperFlight and Flight A advance directly to District 16 Finals.

To be eligible to play in the District 16 Finals, Flight B and C players can qualify at single-session GNT Club games or Unit two-session events. One only needs to qualify one time, but may qualify multiple times. Additionally, a B or C Flight player can qualify at any GNT event in District 16. Players qualify as individuals and are free to switch teammates for the District Finals.

Please note that all members of the Team must be within the masterpoint specifications for the Team to be able to qualify and there is no handicapping or mp averaging permitted in a Qualifier. The Conditions of Contest are available at: the District 16 website under Conditions of Contest>GNT. They can also be found at: <http://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/play/coc/gnt/16.pdf>

So, Flight B and C players, must Qualify at a Club Qualifier by the end of March or a Unit Qualifier. Then, SuperFlight, Flight A, and Qualified B and C players will play at the District GNT Finals the first weekend of April (5 - 7) at the Marriott Westchase in Houston. Flight B competition begins Friday evening, continuing through the weekend. All other Flights compete on Saturday and Sunday. The winners of this event will advance to the National GNT Finals which are from Wednesday, July 25 through Sunday July 29 at the NABC in Atlanta.

Please check with your local clubs for dates of Club Qualifiers. Finally, please note that many of these Club Games will have people participating with more than 2500 mps. They will earn mps but not be included in the Qualifying calculations.

### LATE BREAKING NEWS

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Austin (Nov issue 12)	3-6
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Richardson (Nov issue 7)	10-13
Houston 299er	17-20
Mazatlan	17-21
San Antonio (Nov issue 4)	17-20
Arlington NLM	19-20
Denton NLM	25-27
San Angelo (Nov issue 3)	25-27
Harlingen (15)	25-27
Ajjic	Jan 31-Feb 3

### FEBRUARY

Richardson NLM	1-3
Austin NLM	2-3
Houston REGIONAL ((Nov issue 16) (6)	4-10
San Miguel de Allende	7-10
Longview NLM	15-16
Fort Worth (8)	15-17
Rockport (9)	15-17
Puerto Vallarta	20-22
Spring 299er	21-24
Temple (14)	22-24
SAN MIGUEL ALLENDE REGIONAL Feb 26-March 3	
Austin (15)	Feb 28-March 3

### MARCH

McAllen (15)	1-3
Lubbock	1-3
Richardson	7-10
RICHARDSON NLM REGIONAL (16)	7-10
Beaumont (9)	7-9
San Antonio (5)	14-17
Richardson 299er	15-17
MEMPHIS NABC	20-31

### APRIL

Austin 199er	6-7
Houston (6)	5-7
Houston GNT (6)	5-7
LONGVIEW REGIONAL (16)	8-14
Kerrville	6-7
Spring 299er	25-28
Dallas 99er	26-28

### MAY

Kerrville	2-5
Fort Worth	3-5
Houston 499er	16-19
Austin	16-19
Denton NLM 499er	17-19
Richardson	23-27
San Antonio	May 30-June 2

### JUNE

Houston	7-9
Midland	7-9
Austin NLM	8-9
D16 STaC	10-16
Grapevine	21-23
Spring 299er	27-30

### Highlights

- 1/ Houston Regional.** The goal is 3000 tables so the District can retain an extra regional
- 2/Longview Regional.** April 8-14. Site Hotel information is on page 16. East Texas always has excellent hospitality .
- 3/ Dallas NLM Regional** Check page 16
- 4/ GNT teams.** This year 2 teams will qualify in flights B and C if we have 8 teams in the flight at the district finals in Houston in April.
- 5/ TX Stars** will be highlighted next issue. Please send bios, 125 to 175 words and pictures to [scorecardd16@gmail.com](mailto:scorecardd16@gmail.com)
- 6/ MiniMac and Ace of Clubs.** If you finish first or second in the District overall please send picture.

### DEADLINES for

#### March/April 2019 Issue

Announcements: Feb 1st

Articles, Columns: Feb 6th

Pictures & Copy must be digital.

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**District 16 Top 100  
Lifetime Masterpoint  
Winners on Page 15**



Houston Unit 174 proudly presents the 58<sup>th</sup> annual

February 4-10, 2019

# Lone Star Regional

## MARRIOTT HOUSTON WESTCHASE

2900 Briar Park Drive, Houston, TX 77042  
Reservations: 713-978-7400, 1-888-236-2427  
Room Rate: \$119 Booking Code: [LSR2019](#)  
Cut-off date: January 25, 2019

## INTERMEDIATE/NEWCOMER SCHEDULE

0-5, 49'r, & 299'r pairs Monday @ 1:00 & 6:30  
and Tuesday-Sunday @ 10:00 & 2:30



Session and overall awards  
will be red points.

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

**New!!:** Review of 1-2 hands after the 2:30 session.

## 0-750 "GOLD" OPPORTUNITIES!



Daily Bracketed Swiss Events  
Top three teams in each Bracket win Gold!

### Gold Rush Pairs

Monday: 1:00 & 6:30, Tuesday-Saturday: 10:00 & 2:30



## LSR AFTERNOON SPEAKERS

Tuesday-Saturday at 2:00 PM



## DOOR PRIZES

from nearby restaurants given out daily



## BEST PRACTICES TEACHER WORKSHOP

Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1-5 & 6-10 pm

Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am—noon

For information or to register

Betty Starzec @ 713-562-2568 or [lstarzec@comcast.net](mailto:lstarzec@comcast.net)

## FULL SCHEDULE:

[www.acblunit174.org/Flyers/2019\\_LSR\\_Final.pdf](http://www.acblunit174.org/Flyers/2019_LSR_Final.pdf)

## DAILY OPEN PAIR GAMES

Monday	Education Fund Pairs .....	1 & 6:30
Tuesday	A/X/Y Pairs (2 sessions).....	10 & 2:30
Wednesday	A/X & Midflight pairs (2 sessions) ...	10 & 2:30
Thursday	A/X/Y Pairs (2 sessions).....	10 & 2:30
Friday	A/X & Midflight pairs (2 sessions) ...	10 & 2:30
Saturday	A/X & Midflight pairs (2 sessions) ...	10 & 2:30
Sunday	A/X/Y Pairs (2 sessions).....	10 & 2:30

## THREE SIDE GAME SERIES

Your best two games count toward the overalls

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

## BRACKETED SWISS EVERY DAY

All are two sessions!

Monday.....	1:00 & 6:30
Tuesday-Saturday .....	10:00 & 2:30
Tuesday & Wednesday .....	7:30
Thursday & Friday .....	7:30
Sunday .....	9:30 & TBA

## TWO MINI-SOLOWAY KO OPPORTUNITIES

For top bracket equivalent (in lieu of above) 2-day 4-session team event

Tues/Wed & Thurs/Fri .....

10:00 & 2:30

Conditions of Contest: [www.acblunit174.org/Flyers/lsr\\_ms.pdf](http://www.acblunit174.org/Flyers/lsr_ms.pdf)

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## LONE STAR REGIONAL 2019 MINI-SOLOWAY EVENT

The Mini-Soloway KO is a four-session two-day event with all teams guaranteed two sessions of play on the first day.

\* Day 1 is run as a 2-Session Swiss/Round Robin depending on the number of teams entered in this event.

\* The top 4 teams will advance to the KO phase on Day 2 for the semi-finals and finals.

\* The top qualifier will select either the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place team as their semi-final opponent for the morning session. Play continues in the afternoon to determine 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> as well as 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place.

Our Mini-Soloway KOs will be held  
On Tuesday-Wednesday  
(10am and 2:30pm) and  
Thursday-Friday (10am and 2:30pm)

### Conditions of Contest

The field will consist of the top bracket equivalent of the regular Bracketed Swiss Events beginning on Tuesday and Thursday. Thus, any team with a masterpoint (MP) average of 12,000 or higher will fall into this bracket and automatically placed into the Mini Soloway KO.

Teams with a MP average of 12,000 or higher may not play in the Bracketed Swiss on Tuesday or Thursday. Teams with less than a MP average of 12,000 may request to participate in the Mini-Soloway KO if they so wish. The Director-in-Charge may create bracketing for this event if necessary based on MP average.

Teams competing understand that this is a 2-day 4-session event. As only the top 4 teams of a Mini-Soloway bracket will move forward to day 2 of this event, all other teams will be eligible to play in the Swiss Team games the 2<sup>nd</sup> day.



## STAR-STUDED LINEUP ON TAP FOR LONE STAR REGIONAL

Here is the speaker lineup for the 2 p.m. presentations:

We appreciate the time and effort these speakers give to our bridge

community. We hope you all will come and support their efforts on our behalf

Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday

Gary King  
Bob Morris  
Shawn Quinn  
Eddie Wold &  
Mike Passell

Friday  
Saturday

Robert Todd  
Jacob Morgan

**Special Presentation: Saturday**  
9 a.m. Eric Rodwell

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## Barbara Seagram Visits Unit 174

Barbara Seagram, co-author of 26 published bridge books, was feted by the American Bridge Teachers' Association (ABTA) at a reception at Betty Starzec's, ABTA President, house in Sugar Land on Nov. 30, 2018.

The event was sponsored by the ACBL Education Foundation, District 16 and Unit 174. Sandy Stevens, ABTA SW Regional Director, welcomed approximately 30 bridge teachers from the area and members of the Unit 174 Board of Directors.

In a beautiful holiday setting complete with buffet and wine, guests were able to visit with Barbara, pick up ACBL and ABTA teaching materials, and win door prizes. All new bridge teachers received a free one year membership to ABTA courtesy of the ACBL Education Foundation.

Barbara, a wonderfully entertaining and informative teacher, was in Houston to conduct a seminar hosted by Westside Bridge Academy. The seminar was sold out. She and her husband, Alex Kornel, played in two sessions at the club, as well, coming in first in one of them and placing in the second.



Barbara Seagram Laurie Laufman VP Unit 174, winner of Patty Tucker's Bridge in a box



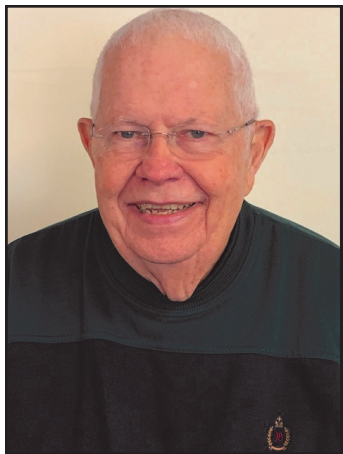
Barbara Seagram Vinh Tran, ridge Teacher Nancy Strohmmer 1st VP D16



## Education Initiatives in District 16

by Ed Rawlinson, Education Chair

There's good news to report about education initiatives in District 16. One of those is ACBL's new teacher certification program. The Best Practices Workshop replaces the Teacher Accreditation Program that was in place for many years. The new program emphasizes "how to teach" rather than "what to teach". The Dallas Unit hosted the first BP workshop in District 16 prior to their Labor Day Regional. I was one of 14 participants. It was my view, and I believe, that of my classmates that it was very worthwhile. It will be offered again prior to Houston's Lone Star Regional on Feb. 3-4. Betty Starzec did an outstanding job of teaching the class in Dallas and will be the instructor at Houston also.



purchased books initially. We didn't pursue monetary donations, but that may work in some Units.

Another class typically offered at one or more of the Regionals is the ACBL Director's Course. One of these is planned prior to the San Antonio Regional in July.

Another new initiative is the establishment of a Teaching Materials library on the District website. It includes donated material which can be used by teachers or studied by players of a wide range of abilities who want to improve their game. Just go to the website and click on Teaching Materials to see what is available.

I'd also like to share information about two new initiatives in my home unit (San Antonio) that might be of interest to others. This past year the Unit Board approved the establishment of a lending library. Our unit has one commercial club which offers games on a daily basis. The club agreed to provide space for the library. The Board approved a \$1000 budget for shelving, supplies and book purchases, and Unit members were invited to consider book donations. There were several generous donations, and we now have over 600 volumes in our collection. Usage has been good and feedback favorable. Circumstances will vary in other Units. Some may have no commercial club with daily games, and a few may have several such clubs. Start-up costs can be reduced with donated shelving and fewer

The second local initiative is new for us, but it has been around for years, primarily in larger commercial clubs with strong efforts to recruit new players. That is to schedule an "ask the expert" session after the game. Players can stick around to ask questions about hands just played. Sometimes the expert may encounter a good "teaching situation" in one of the hands and introduce the technique involved. We asked one of our Board members to coordinate the program, which consists of recruiting the experts. At this point, the program is scheduled only on Monday afternoons, following the typically largest game of the commercial club. As I was writing this, I recalled a version from 50+ years ago. As a new player at a weekly game of about 9 tables in Kingsville, we had a group of 8 or so who adjourned to the local beer joint to debrief. That model has a lot of merit, but maybe shouldn't be sponsored by bridge Units. Alternatively, I suppose someone might show up with a bottle of vino. I encourage you to try...at least...the Victorian model.

If you check out the Teaching Material library I described above, you'll find an invitation to donate similar materials. I'd like to invite you to share information about education programs which are working in your Unit or clubs. Send me the info at edrawlinson@satx.rr.com. Thanks!

## NEW LIFE MASTERS



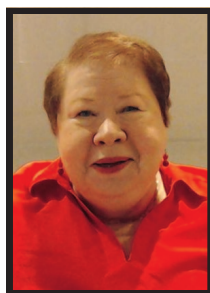
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Melissa



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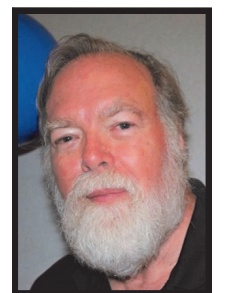
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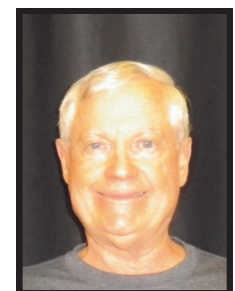
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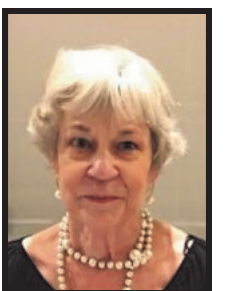
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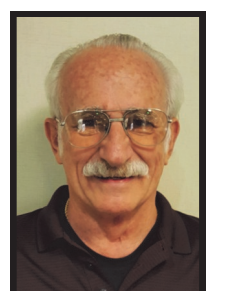
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**Unit 172  
San Antonio**

Lew Spurlock



Last time we looked at three of the clubs in Unit 172, Boerne, Kerrville and New Braunfels. This time let's look at Gonzales and San Antonio. When the call went out from the Alamo in 1836 for men to come to their aid in fighting off Santa Anna, the only place that responded to the call was the town of Gonzales. After all, Gonzales was the place where the revolution started and spawned the motto, "Come and Take It". Gonzales has games every Thursday and Sunday afternoons starting at 1:00 at the Heights hosted by Charlotte Wilson. They average 3 to 4 tables, which used to be higher but again age has taken many of the players away from the game. They used to have 18 tables. They always have snacks and the players alternate in bringing desserts. Charlotte gives lessons to help generate interest in the community and they have some special games. They are a real friendly club, and Charlotte can sometimes arrange for a partner for those who call in advance. The city of San Antonio was founded 300 years ago in 1718 and was originally named for St Anthony of Padua whose feast day coincided with the founding date. The full name of the city was San Antonio de Valero, getting the latter part of the name from the Viceroy of New Spain, the Marquess of Valero. Today it is officially the seventh most populous city in the United States and the second largest city in Texas. Although the Fiesta Bridge Club in San Antonio was not established at the same time as the city, it has been around for a long time. Games are held in their own building. Currently Laurie Levin is the club owner and she hosts open games 7 days a week, Monday through Saturday at 11:00 am and

Sundays at 1:30. She also has an express game on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm. There is also a session strictly for 199ers at 1:00 on Tuesdays and for 499ers on Thursday. The latter has a lesson at 6:30 with the game starting at 7:00. Laurie herself has a supervised bridge camp on Mondays at 12 noon to 2:30 with a mini-lesson and set hands to play. The open games average about 14 tables, with 7 for the 199ers and 5 for the 499ers. The express evening game has about 5 tables. Laurie always provides snacks and beverages and on Thursdays offers an accumulating Jackpot for any pair that does not score lower than 2 on any board. It generates a lot of excitement. The first Wednesday of the month is a celebration of players with birthdays in the month when they get a free play if their birthday is in that month. Every Wednesday also features a light lunch. The level of play at the club is average plus plus, as Laurie says. Fiesta offers the Common Game every day and players from the club routinely and consistently show up in the top 20 nationwide. There are lots of lessons available as well as the supervised play for newcomers. They have an ambassador program at the club so that there is always someone available to play every day even for people who walk in at the last minute with no partner. A mentor-mentee program sponsored by the Unit Board is also available at the club. People who play there say that this is unlike other clubs they visit on their travels. The players always seem to make everyone feel very welcome. The bright and airy environment of the club also contributes to a conducive atmosphere for playing cards. Rebecca Brown, the President of Unit 172, says that all the clubs have difficulties with the aging of the bridge-playing population, but that the Unit is vital and dynamic. There is a lot of energy and a good spirit in the bridge

-playing community. So long as everyone is promoting having a good time at the table, the future of the Unit is strong. "As time goes on," she says, "faced by the complexities of the game and the demands everything else places on each of us, it is the association with like-minded people enjoying a good game that is most pleasing."

**Unit 174  
Houston**

Carol Ann  
Wilson



**Unit News**

Our *Lone Star Regional* is just around the corner as you read this: February 4-10, 2019. The Marriott Westchase (713) 978-7400 or (888) 236-2427 is again our splendid home for the tournament, and game times are at the popular and requested-by-players 10a, 2:30p, and night games at 7:30. Monday's games will be at 1 and 6:30; Sunday starts at 9:30. The very popular Bracketed Swiss games are scheduled for every day, AND there is a 2-day, 4-session **Mini-Soloway KnockOut** event on Tuesday-Wednesday and Thursday-Friday for the top brackets (in lieu of Bracketed Swiss). Horizontal Swiss events are scheduled for 2-session evening games on Tuesday-Wednesday and Thursday-Friday. **Betty Starzec** has arranged a schedule of speakers that is absolutely star-studded every day at 2p: Monday, **Gary King**; Tuesday, **Bob Morris**; Wednesday, **Shawn Quinn**; Thursday, **Eddie Wold & Mike Passell**; Friday, **Robert Todd**; Saturday, **Silvia Shi & Daniel Korbel**; and a **SPECIAL PRESENTATION** on Saturday at 9 a.m., one of the newest Bridge Hall of Fame inductees **Eric Rodwell**! We've never had a better lineup, so plan now to be there! Flyer is at [www.acblunit174.org](http://www.acblunit174.org).

Always one of the busiest and most productive units in the country, Unit 174 has been working diligently to get Bridge in Schools. Thanks to efforts by **Dianna Gittelman, Betty Starzec, and Kathleen Malcolmson**, two area schools are offering duplicate bridge classes to their students: **River Oaks Baptist School** will be having once weekly after-school classes from January 18 through April 12; and **Duchesne Academy** is offering short summer courses repeating throughout six weeks of their summer session. These courses will be taught by Unit 174 Board members **Kathleen Malcolmson, Lauri Laufman, and Jack LaVigne**. We are so proud of them! (Stay tuned for updates.)

In the charity world, Unit 174 has more great news. Hard-working Unit 174 member **Nancy Strohmmer** was elected President of the ACBL Charity Foundation at the recent NABC in Hawaii. The ACBL Charity Foundation is somewhat unknown to most bridge players, so one of Nancy's priorities for 2019 is to raise awareness of charity grant opportunities through the Foundation and how any ACBL member can make a request for a favorite charity, which might be a local one doing great work that doesn't have a budget for the national spotlight. Continuing her charity work, **Nancy Strohmmer**, Unit 174's Charity Chair, capably aided by Unit 174 Webmaster **Carol Winograd**, researched and presented five extremely worthy submissions, all based on specific criteria, to the Unit 174 Board of Directors for selection of the Unit 174 Charity for 2019. The Board selected **Make-A-Wish Texas Gulf Coast and Louisiana**, and we will now join other donors to help advance the Make-A-Wish vision to grant the wish of every child diagnosed with a critical illness. The charity holds the strong belief that a wish experience can be a game-changer. We look forward to supporting this outstanding organization.

**News from Our Clubs:**

**NOTICE OF UNIT 174 ANNUAL MEETING**

The Unit 174 Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Sunday April 7, 2019 between the morning and afternoon sessions of the Election Sectional held at the Marriott Houston Westchase located at 2900 Briarpark Drive. Also included at this meeting will be a vote on a proposed bylaw change.

**UNIT 174 BOARD ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD DURING THE APRIL 5-7, 2019 ELECTION SECTIONAL**

The members of Unit 174 will have an opportunity to vote for three members of the Board of Directors April 5-7, 2019, during the Election Sectional at the Marriott Westchase. Members can vote, either in person, early online, or by absentee ballot. For a ballot to be counted, a member must vote for exactly three candidates, which can include write in candidates.

Our slate of six candidates:

Debi Balter, Cindy Cox, Lauri Laufman, Paul Nimmons, Clif Rice & Thomas Rush.

For information on each candidate and detailed instructions regarding early online or absentee voting, it will be posted beginning in January on the unit website ([www.acblunit174.org](http://www.acblunit174.org)), at the Houston Lone Star Regional in February and in the March/April Scorecard.

**A VOTE ON A POSSIBLE BYLAW CHANGE WILL BE HELD DURING THE ANNUAL MEETING ON APRIL 7, 2019 -- MUST BE PRESENT ON SUNDAY TO VOTE --**

The proposed change will allow a member in good standing to vote for 1, 2 or 3 candidates and not be required to cast a vote for each vacancy in order for the ballot to be counted.

**Change Article VI Unit Board of Directors, Section 4 to:** Every qualified member shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Director to be elected. All Ballots shall be secret. A member may exercise one or more of the votes to which the member is entitled, and unexercised votes shall not affect the validity of votes that have been exercised; but a member may not cast more than one vote for the same candidate. The Board of Directors shall appoint judges to conduct elections.

[The remaining 3 paragraphs of Section 4 will remain unchanged]



**FIESTA SPRING SECTIONAL SAN ANTONIO**  
March 14-17  
**FIESTA BRIDGE CLUB**  
2112 MILITARY  
SAN ANTONIO 78213

**Thursday, March 14**

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

**Friday, March 15**

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

**Saturday, March 16**

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

**Sunday, March 17**

10 am & TBA Stratified Swiss Teams – Meal between sessions.  
Stratifications: A 2500+ B 750-2500 C 0-750  
Average Masterpoints will be used in all events

Chair: Laurie-Anne Levin (210) 213-3631

[laurie-anne@satx.rr.com](mailto:laurie-anne@satx.rr.com)

Partnerships: Debbie Schweiss (210) 862-9706

Card Fees: \$12/person/session; \$108/Sunday Swiss Team including lunch  
Unpaid/non ACBL members add \$4;  
\$7.99 for one month temporary membership

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Play all sessions and get \$5 off Sunday Swiss!!!  
Great Sectional – Great Hospitality!!!

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Great rates available on Hotwire & Priceline  
[www.fiestabridgeclub.com](http://www.fiestabridgeclub.com)

LSBC will celebrate its first anniversary on Monday, January 28, with a pot luck luncheon honoring **Pastor Cindy Hinson and St. Paul United Methodist Church**. The Club's first game was held in January 2018 at the church, and the union between the church and the bridge club was born. LSBC now has 100+ members and is completely a volunteer organization. Members of LSBC participate year-round in charitable support to organizations such as **Children's Protective Services, Operation Christmas Child, Montgomery County Food Bank**, and other church projects. The relationship between LSBC and St. Paul United Methodist Church could not be happier. Pastor Hinson created LSBC's Website, [www.lonestarbridgeclub.org](http://www.lonestarbridgeclub.org). Open games are Mondays at noon and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m., and a 199er game is held on the third Thursday of each month simultaneously with the open game. Diamond Life Master **Jeff Kroll** gives a free lesson every Thursday at 9:30 am.

**Westside Bridge Academy's** presentation of **Barbara Seagram's** seminar on "Defensive Strategy and Signaling" on December 1 was full, with 150 participants! All said they learned a lot and were grateful to have participated. Some also went on Barbara's cruise out of Galveston the following week. WBA continues to award free plays to its "Most MP Winners" and "Most Frequent Players" in both the Open and I/N Games. They are having big table counts every day at this very active club. Keep up the good work! The club ([www.westsidebridgeacademy.com](http://www.westsidebridgeacademy.com)) continues to host GNT Qualifying Games, with January 6 and February 3, both at 6p, the upcoming ones.

**Bridge Club of Houston**, one of our largest clubs, **BCoH** ([www.bridgeclubofhouston.com](http://www.bridgeclubofhouston.com)) is comfortably settled in its beautiful new home at 4688 Louetta Road (at Kuykendahl), Spring, TX 77388 (281-651-6550 and email, [thebridgeclub@sbcglobal.net](mailto:thebridgeclub@sbcglobal.net)). They will hold a GNT qualifying game on 2/2 and a 299er tournament 2/21-24. **Barbara**

**Phillips** is presenting a "Team Workshop" on 1/10 to help those new to the exciting strategy involved with team games.

**New 70% Accomplishments:** At LSBC **Skip Brower** and **Mary McDonald** had a 72.03% game on 11/8. At **Clear Lake BC** **James Ochsner** and **Julia Blancet** had a 70.24% game on 10/18; **Marcia Chambliss** and **Pamela Vincent** posted another 70.24% on 10/24; and **Louis Bockman** and **Larry Cossey** had a 71.46% game on 11/23. At **Bridge Club of Houston**, on 11/6 **Kailash** and **Rani Sachdev** had a 73.34% game; and on 11/7 **Maryann Bryan** and **Jim Nelson** had a 70.88% game. In the Open Games at **Westside Bridge Academy**, **Joe Quinn** and **Shawn Quinn** had a 70.01% game on 11/26; and in the I/N Games, **Betty Westbrook** and **Thomas Russell**, 71.16% on 11/2; **Ed Smith** and **Nihat Ertas** 71% on 11/6; **Becky Vogel** and **Kevin Vogel** 76.49% on 11/9; **Robert Ross** and **Rebecca Ross**, 71.67% on 11/13; and **Barbara Chappell** and **Richard Chappell** 75.21% on 11/14. **Congratulations to all!**

**Remembering Those Who Have Passed On:** **Mary Lundblad** passed away 7/14; **Terrie Reid** passed 11/6; **Joe Choate** died 11/26; and **Dr. Jen-Hung Chuan** died unexpectedly on 11/27. They will be missed and their families are in our thoughts and prayers.

Till next time . . .

**Fall Festival Sectional**

Houston  
Nov 16-18 2018  
667 players 656 tables.

- 1 40.42 Jack LaVigne
- 2 37.78 John Erickson
- 3 35.25 Sally Wheeler
- 4 35.25 Buddy Hanby
- 5 32.49 Syed R Naqvi
- 6 32.49 Romeo Bodrogi-Podoaba
- 7 31.09 Venkatrao Koneru
- 8 31.09 Linda Elmore
- 9 31.09 David Grainger
- 10 31.09 Chris Compton
- 11 25.93 James Breihan



12 25.93 Carole Samuels  
 13 25.93 Anton (Tony) Haddad  
 14 25.49 Ralda St Pierre  
 15 25.43 Raleigh Williamson  
 16 25.43 Harold Copeland  
 17 21.44 Gordon Yee  
 18 19.25 Susan Kaplan  
 19 19.25 Alfred Fortier III  
 20 18.75 Jeanette Dean  
 21 18.75 Jack Dean  
 22 17.57 Tom Breed  
 23 17.02 Sherry Scoggins  
 24 17.02 Kenneth Baker  
 25 16.49 Stephen Toplansky  
 26 16.49 Kenneth Schutze  
 27 16.49 Joe Quinn  
**Fri AM 299er Pairs**-22.5 Tables  
 ABC1. Bill Nash-Debbie Nash ABC2  
 Janet Manchee-Miriam York  
**Fri AM Side Game**-7.0 Tables A1.  
 Theron Lindsey-John Lindsey A2B1.  
 Jo Ann O'Malley-Susan McMahan  
 B2. Phyllis Hink-Lynn Shapiro  
**Friday Open Pairs**-26.0 Tables /  
 Based on 49 Tables A1 John Erick-  
 son-Ralda St Pierre A2. Bill St Clair-  
 Gil Micheletti B1. Harold Copeland-  
 Raleigh Williamson B2. Sherry With-  
 ers-Gabriel Perry C1. Cheryl Smith-  
 Charles Dalton C2. Millie Perner-  
 Christine Caine  
**Fri Aft Side Game**-4.0 Tables AB1.  
 Karen Nimmons-Alan Zane AB2. Jo  
 Ann O'Malley-Susan McMahan  
**Fri Aft 299er Pairs**-17.0 Tables  
 AB1. Susan Morrow-Sadashiv Pethe  
 AB2C1. Rao Chalasani-Michael  
 Abbott C2. Bill Nash-Debbie Nash  
**Friday Bracketed Swiss**-1-9 Tables  
 1. Joe Quinn-Tom Breed-Stephen  
 Toplansky-Kenneth Schutze 2. W  
 Lease-Geoff Booth-Robert Sandfield-  
 Jack LaVigne  
**Friday Bracketed Swiss**-2 9 Tables  
 1. William Smith-Mike Goldberg-  
 Kenneth Baker-Sherry Scoggins 2.  
 Edwin Zwald-John Heath-Rani  
 Sachdev-Kailash Sachdev  
**Friday Bracketed Swiss**-3-9 Tables  
 1. Gordon Yee-Carol Wilson-Carol  
 Lombardino-John Montgomery 2.  
 Lucy Hofmann-Bonnie Terrell-  
 Barbara Pope-Donna Mann  
**Friday Bracketed Swiss**-4-9 Tables  
 1. Jack Dean-Jeanette Dean-Steven  
 Bell-Courtney Coffman  
 5.55 2. Charo Barnette-Marcella  
 Thomas-Catherine Brown-Joni Holten  
**Friday Bracketed Swiss**-5-9 Tables  
 1. David Wicks-Linda McReynolds-  
 James Sells-Jay Evert 2. Herbert  
 Warner -Robin Johnson-Bob Matlock  
 -Gary Shepley  
**Friday Bracketed Swiss**-6-9 Tables  
 1. Joe Everette-Doris Everette-Lila

Lee Fennell-Robert Hannasch 2. Jill  
 Spence-Toni Roesler-Jerry McNeely-  
 Jerry Hoffman  
**Friday Bracketed Swiss**-7-9 Tables  
 1. Weston Frazier-Larry Wadler-  
 Dorothy Roper-Glenda Stieber 2.  
 James Morgan-Dottie Steverson-  
 Brenda Metz-Marilyn Slaughter  
**Friday Bracketed Swiss**-8-13 Tables  
 1/2 Douglas Lilly-Mark Incerto-  
 Rubin Chang-Jackie King 1/2. An-  
 gela Shah-Pushpa Bharani-Anil Bha-  
 rani-Harshad Patel  
**Sat AM 299er Pairs**-17.0 Tables  
 ABC1. Sharon Kaplan-Baijanti  
 Shrestha ABC2. Betty Westbrook-  
 Ann Johnson  
**Sat AM Side Game**-3.0 Tables 1/2  
 Ann Trammell-Martha Dougherty 1/2  
 Anna Marlatt-Shirley McKee  
**Saturday Open Pairs**-26.0 Tables /  
 Based on 43 Tables A1. Sally  
 Wheeler-Buddy Hanby A2. Georgi-  
 ana Gates-Pat Levy B1. Susan Kap-  
 lan-Alfred Fortier III B2. Sanford  
 Lobliner-Youssef Youssef C1. James  
 Cauble-James Heathman C2. Linda  
 Brodie-Carol Ehrman  
**Sat Aft 299er Pairs**-12.5 Tables  
 ABC1. Joy Cowan-George Cowan  
 ABC2 Thomas Russell-Sally Reagan  
**Sat Aft Side Game**-5.0 Tables  
 ABC1. Linda Lewis-Ian Fetterley  
 A2. Paul Nimmons-Karen Nimmons  
 B2. Donald Timko-Phyllis Timko  
 C2. Richard Jackson-Sandra Jackson  
 Bellaire 52.12%  
**Sat Bracketed Swiss**-1-9 Tables 1.  
 John Erickson-Jack LaVigne-Romeo  
 Bodrogi-Podoaba-Syed R Naqvi 2.  
 Carole Samuels-James Breihan-  
 Timucin Erkoc-Anton (Tony)  
 Haddad  
**Sat Bracketed Swiss**-2-9 Tables 1.  
 Thomas Rush-Shawn Drenning-  
 Zachary Madden-Wes Peirce 2. Lily  
 Andre-James Andre-Evan Marti-  
 Philip Duterme  
**Sat Bracketed Swiss**-3-9 Tables 1.  
 Jeffery Parker-Dianna Gittelman-  
 Carol Jewett-Lisa Zummo 2. Bever-  
 ley Cheatham-Susan Fenton-William  
 Daniel III-Donna Frederick  
**Sat Bracketed Swiss**-4-9 Tables 1.  
 Bob Dowlen-Marsha Doyle-Robert  
 Burrige-Carolyn Labouliere 2. Gary  
 Winston-Shari Winston-David  
 Crooks-Bill Kiehnhoff  
**Sat Bracketed Swiss**-5-9 Tables 1.  
 Darlene Moody-Paula Goodpasture-  
 Virginia Hillegeist-Clarissa Dowdy  
 2. Jack Dean-Jeanette Dean-Steven  
 Bell-Courtney Coffman  
**Sat Bracketed Swiss**-6-9 Tables 1.  
 Herbert Warner-Patrick Tourais-

## UNIT 174 PROUDLY PRESENTS THE 2019 ELECTION SECTIONAL APRIL 5-7, 2019

**HOUSTON MARRIOTT WESTCHASE**  
 2900 Briarpark Dr., Houston TX 77042  
 (713) 978-7400

**Room Rate: \$99.00** (Reservation code - ACBL APR)  
**Cutoff Date: Mar 22, 2019**

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

**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

Bracketed Swiss  
 Brackets of 7-9 teams

**District 16 Grand National Teams**

Flight B Qualifying Round 1 starts Friday at 7:30pm  
 Flight A & C start Saturday at 10:00 (see GNT flyer)

**Table Fees**

All Sessions: \$12 (\*lunch included on Sunday)  
 \$4 more for unpaid members

**Guest Speakers - 2:00 Friday and Saturday**

**Friday:** Gil Micheletti      **Saturday:** Barbara Phillips

**Playing Schedule**

**Friday and Saturday, Apr 5 & 6**

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, Apr 7**

Stratified Open Pairs (single sessions)	10 & TBA
Stratified 299'r Pairs (single sessions)	10 & TBA
Bracketed Swiss	10 & TBA

Unit 174 annual meeting between sessions  
 Proposed bylaw change will be voted on  
 by our membership during the meeting

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Wayne Edmonson-H Sonneman 2.  
 Millicent Wear-Barbara Webber-  
 Betty Davis-Bette Linbeck  
**Sat Bracketed Swiss**-7-9 Tables 1.  
 Gail Wood-Ian Sachs-Jane Boozalis-  
 Rosalind Kokolis 2. David Littmann-  
 Marcia Lindsey-Carolyn Wedel-Sue  
 Geller  
**Sat Bracketed Swiss**-8 1. Mark  
 Incerto-Rubin Chang-Mary Ellen  
 Vail-Douglas Lilly 2. Mark Levy-  
 Karen Winston-Joseph Baker-Gigi  
 White  
**Sunday A/X Swiss**-19 Tables /  
 Based on 65 Tables A1. Linda El-  
 more-Chris Compton-David Grainger  
 -Venkatrao Koneru A2X1. Daniel  
 Jackson-Romeo Bodrogi-Podoaba-  
 Syed R Naqvi-Mike Doyle X2. Ra-  
 leigh Williamson-Harold Copeland-

Sandra Clark-Betsy Dubose  
**Sunday Bracketed Swiss**-1-9 Tables  
 1. Gary Winston-Shari Winston-  
 David Crooks-Bill Kiehnhoff 2. Ju-  
 dith Ensor-Anita Goldman-Yvonne  
 Pierce-Barbara Courtright  
**Sunday Bracketed Swiss**-2-9 Tables  
 1. Gordon Yee-Linda Albright-  
 Sophie Chen-Shyue Yuan Wu 2.  
 Robert Reichel-Richard Polunsky-  
 Carol Wilson-Herbert Kalman  
**Sunday Bracketed Swiss**-3-9 Tables  
 1. Tonya McNabb-Ann Sinclair-A  
 Ansari-Bharat Shrestha 2. Kenneth  
 Baker-Nancy Guthrie-Sandi Mills-  
 Sherry Scoggins  
**Sunday Bracketed Swiss**-4-9 Tables  
 1. Marguerite Crowl-Gerry Earnest-  
 Jean Jardine-Cissy Wortham 2. David  
 Littmann-Pamela White-Carolyn

Wedel-Sue Geller  
**Sunday Bracketed Swiss**-5-10 Tables  
 1. Donald Bell -Jeannie Stone-  
 Laura Chandler-Jackie King 2.  
 Ronnie Martin-Rubin Chang-Russell  
 Chandler-George Feng  
**Sun AM 299er Pairs**-3.0 Tables 1  
 Mary Vagnoni-Gloria Ventress 2.  
 Mark Levy-Gigi White  
**Sunday Open Pairs**-11.0 Tables / Based on  
 14 Tables ABC1. A Moulton-Tamara  
 Moulton ABC2. Jeanette Jack Dean  
**Sun Aft 299er Pairs**-4.0 Tables  
 ABC1. Sally Reagan-Thomas Russell  
 ABC2 Craig Howard-Wanda Wis-  
 niewska .

## NOVEMBER HOUSTON SECTIONAL WINNERS



Saturday Open Pairs A  
 Sally Wheeler-Buddy Hanby

Saturday Swiss Bkt1  
 Romeo Bodrogi-Podoaba-Syed R Naqvi  
 Jack LaVigne-John Erickson

Friday Open Pairs A  
 John Erickson, Ralda St Pierre

Friday Swiss Bkt 1  
 Steve Toplansky, Ken Schutze,  
 Joe Quinn, Tom Breed

Friday Open Pairs B  
 Harold Copeland, Raleigh Williamson

Friday Swiss Bkt2  
 Kenneth Baker, Mike Goldberg,  
 Sherry Scoggins, William Smith

Friday Swiss Bkt3  
 Carol Wilson, Carol Lombardino,  
 Gordon Yee, John Montgomery

Friday Swiss Bkt4  
 Jeanette Dean-Jack Dean  
 Courtney Coffman-Steven Bell

Friday Swiss Bkt5  
 Jay Evert-Linda McReynolds  
 James Sells-David Wicks

Saturday Aft 299ers  
 Joy & George Cowan

Sunday Swiss Bkt4  
 Marguerite Crowl-Gerry Earnest  
 Cissy Wortham-Jean Jardine

Saturday Morn 299ers  
 Sharon Kaplan-Baijanti Shrestha

Friday KO Bkt6  
 Doris Everette, Lila Lee Fennell  
 Joe Everette, Robert Hannasch

FridayMorn 299rs  
 Bill & Debbie Nash

Sunday Swiss Bkt5  
 Jeannie Stone-Jackie King  
 Laura Chandler-Donald Bell

Saturday Open Pairs B  
 Susan Kaplan-Alfred FortierIII

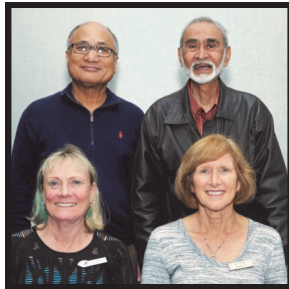
Sunday Swiss X  
 Romeo Podoaba, Syed R Naqvi  
 Daniel Jackson, Mike Doyle

Saturday Swiss Bkt2  
 Wes Peirce-Thomas Rush,  
 Shawn Drenning





Saturday Swiss Bkt3  
Carol Jewett-Dianna Gittelman  
Jeffery Parker-Lisa Zummo



Sunday Swiss Bkt3  
Bharat Shrestha-A Ansari,  
Tonya McNabb-Ann Sinclair



Saturday Swiss Bkt5  
Paula Goodpasture-Clarissa Dowdy  
Virginia Hillegeist-Darlene Moody



Saturday Swiss Bkt4  
Robert Burrige-Bob Dowlen  
Marsha Doyle-Carolyn Labouliere



Saturday Swiss Bkt7  
Rosalind Kokolis-Gail Wood  
Ian Sachs-Jane Boozalis



Saturday Swiss Bkt8  
Rubin Chang-Mary Ellen Vail  
Douglas Lilly-Mark Incerto

<b>Unit 176 Dallas</b>
Mary Jane McGinnis



By the time you read this, the holidays will have come and gone; however, I'm writing this right in the midst of the holiday season. I do wish for everyone a safe and very happy holiday.

Unit 176 held its annual holiday party on December 9th at 12pm at the Richardson Civic Center. The lunch and play were free to all who attended, and boy did they attend! We had a record 88 tables with sections for 49, 499, 1500, and open. There were also door prizes and free plays. These generous bridge players donating over \$4000 to the North Texas Food Bank. Thank you, thank you for making our holiday party such a success.

This was followed by our metroplex STaC week from December 10-16. Perhaps many should have been Christmas shopping, but I myself had much rather have been playing bridge for the extra points during STaC week.

Our Winter Election Sectional is coming up January 10-13, 2019, at Richardson Civic Center. The games are at 10am and 2:30pm which seemed to be the more popular times. We are lucky to have such great people running for the board. Our nominees are Stuart Nelan, Ann Lewis, Robbie Ogle, Rich Brandenburg, and Milt Neher so please come play and

vote.

On Saturday, February 23rd, 2019, at 1:30pm at Dorsey's Bridge Club, the unit is sponsoring a Pro-Am. Non-Life Masters can play with Life Masters. Be sure and sign up and join the fun.

Last but not least is our March Madness Tournament on March 7-10, 2019 at Richardson Civic Center. The games are at 10am and 2:30pm. The IN Regional Tournament is attached to our March Tournament, and we are very fortunate to have Cheryl and Jim Rider as co-chairs of this event. This is a great way to earn points for the Non-Life Masters. Please put this on your calendar.

Let me know of more upcoming events so that I can include them in the newsletter. See you at the table!

**Dallas Fall Sectional**

Richardson Nov 01-04 2018  
448 players 470 tables.

- 1 45.05 Hemant Lall
- 2 39.81 Bill Staats
- 3 36.45 Kimmel Jones
- 4 32.05 Nagy Kamel
- 5 32.05 Mark Bumgardner
- 6 29.57 Thomas Leberman
- 7 29.11 Petra Hamman
- 8 28.81 Nancy Passell
- 9 28.56 Stephen Kornegay
- 10 28.56 Nancy Kornegay

**Thu Morn Open Pairs-19.0 Tables /** Based on 34 Tables AB1. Helene Blumenau-Iraj Rastegar A2. James Bauer-Jerry Derby B2C1. Susan Day-Robert Deboom C2. Sue Doe-Tom Whitesides  
**Thu Morn 499er Pairs-15.0 Tables** ABC1. Nina Watkins-Ansel Goldgar

AB2. William Eads-Dana Pickett C2. Elizabeth Winslow-Anne Difiore  
**Thu Aft Open Pairs-11.0 Tables /** Based on 23 Tables A1. Suresh Agrawal-Bob Scallan A2B1. Bob Friz-Truett Cates B2. Pat Measley-Ira Nemazie C1. Richard Wittup-Linda Walton C2. Jennifer Rao-Renee Levy  
**Thu Aft 499er Pairs-12.0 Tables AB1.** Anita Everhart-John Everhart AB2. Mary Williams-Wilton Crocker C1. Doug Hughes-Lori Slocum C2. Jenise Young-Frances Coleman  
**Thu Bracketed Swiss-1-7 Tables 1.** Peggy Sutherlin-Mark Bumgardner-Joan Jackson-Nagy Kamel 2. Emily Harrell-Nancy Passell-Petra Hamman-Hemant Lall  
**Thu Bracketed Swiss-2-7 Tables 1.** Jim Harp-J Reagan Dixon-Barry and Connie Martin 2. Frank Durante-Stephen Bennett-G Morey-Nancy Latner  
**Thu Bracketed Swiss-3-13 Tables 1.** William Higgins-Jean Higgins-Lynn Cooper-Barry Cooper 2. Judy and-Jim Nixon-Ross Ramsey-Franca Torellini  
**Fri Morn Open Pairs-20.5 Tables /** A1. Michael Murphy-Thomas Leberman A2. Marion Gebhardt-Jack Borenstein B1. Peter Grenier-Lynne Wood B2. Mark Hatkoff-R Randall Smith C1. Bob -Julie Butterfield C2. Mimi Lempert-Jan Welsh  
**Fri Morn 499er Pairs-14.5 Tables** AB1. Nand Kuloor-Deepak Aurora A2. Pat Glaser-Wendy Plant B2. Neill Ray-Gano Ehlers C1. Jane Canning-Elizabeth Brown C2. Sharon Childs-Danna Simon  
**Fri Aft Open Pairs-16.5 Tables /** Based on 28 Tables A1. Michael Murphy-Thomas Leberman A2B1. William Garrard-Donna Garrard B2C1. Ira Nemazie-Maryanne Hon C2. Jianbo Chen-Jin Chu  
**Fri Aft 499er Pairs-11.0 Tables A1.**

Pat Glaser-Wendy Plant A2B1. Beverly Yoehle-Linda Walton B2C1. Donna Michel-Gene Michel C2. Debor Cassen-John Saylor  
**Fri Bracketed Swiss-1-7 Tables 1.** Nancy Kornegay-Stephen Kornegay-Kimmel Jones-Hugh Hillaker 2. Hemant Lall-Michael Penick-Nancy Passell-Bill Staats  
**Fri Bracketed Swiss-2-7 Tables 1.** Stan Pushkarsky-Anita Albert-Jarek Langer-Sharon Dameron 2. Ann Parker-Marie-Anne Johnson-Ginger Morgan-Liane Tsai  
**Fri Bracketed Swiss-3-7 Tables 1/2** Fred Seipp-J Reagan Dixon-Khalifa Ahmed-Judy Thompson 1/2 Rich Brandenburg-Terence Harley-William Driscoll-Robert Holliday  
**Fri Bracketed Swiss-4-12 Tables 1.** James Rider-Cheryl Rider-Bruce Harbour-Fonse Ragland 2. William Higgins-Jean Higgins-Janice Trombello-Joni Antweil  
**Sat Morn Open Pairs-19.5 Tables /** Based on 38 Tables A1. James Bauer-James Thurtell A2. Stephen Sinclair-Thomas Leberman B1. Mark Hatkoff-R Randall Smith B2. Peter Grenier-Lynne Wood C1. Richard Page-Rebecca Page C2. Mary Lynn Trentham-Ted Bender  
**Sat Morn 499er Pairs-18.0 Tables** AB1. Abu Qureshi-S.N. Singh A2. Jeanne Wyatt-Marcia Messinger A2. Gary Twitty-Allen Lempert B1. Debor Cassen-John Saylor B2. Cecily Hutchison-Mike Carter  
**Sat Aft Open Pairs-13.5 Tables /** Based on 29 Tables A1. David Pearlman-Emily Harrell A2. James Thurtell-James Bauer B2. Charles Anderson-Patricia Marchman C1. Lintao Shen-Xiaoqi Zhou C2. Mary Lynn Trentham-Ted Bender  
**Sat Aft 499er Pairs-15.0 Tables AB1.**

Judy Duval-Pat Glaser AB2. Sharon Seagraves-Daniel Butler C1. Debor Cassen-John Saylor C2. Nina Watkins-Ansel Goldgar  
**Sat Bracketed Swiss-1-7 Table 1.** Hemant Lall-Petra Hamman-Bill Staats-Phil Clayton 2. Eric Diamond-Judith Lotridge-Martha Young-Jay Gibson  
**Sat Bracketed Swiss-2-7 Tables 1.** Jeff Dater-Scott Nason-Milton Neher-Rajasekhar Menon 2. Donald Hixson-Virginia Hixson-Janet Gelles-Brian Gelles  
**Sat Bracketed Swiss-3-7 Tables 1.** Edward Yetter-Bonnie Kay Yetter-John Moore-Roxann Swenson 2. G Morey-Mickey Tryon-Stephen Hibbard-Stephen Bennett  
**Sat Bracketed Swiss-4-12 Tables 1.** Stuart Nelan-Victoria Sublette-Bill Brooks-Kenneth Melvin 2. Marilyn Hicks-Don Greer-Susan Breeding-Arvind Sharma  
**Sun A/X Swiss Teams-11 Tables /** Based on 43 Tables A1. David Pearlman-Milton Neher-Jerry Derby-Pat Cassidy 2. Michael Penick-Kimmel Jones-Tom Edwards-Bill Staats X1. Jim Harp-Nancy Fellman-John Spesard-Bill Osborn X2. Gerry McKim-John Schwartz-Pawel Hanus-Ari Sipola  
**Sun B/C/D Swiss Teams-32 Tables** BC1. Andi Gordon-Marie-Anne Johnson-David Clegg-Chuck Eastin-Globa Cooper B2/3 Stephen Birbaum-Bob Butterfield-Eileen Smith Davidoff-James McCommons B2/3C2D1 Marilyn Hicks-Don Greer-Susan Breeding-Arvind Sharma D2. Rebekah Hahn The Colony ; David Salem-Daniel Butler-Susan Moss  
**Sunday Aft Open Pairs-4.0 Tables** AB1. Nancy O'Fallon-Rita Holzweig AB2C1. Stella Sach-Nand Kuloor C2. Ansel Goldgar-Nina Watkins

**DALLAS FALL SECTIONAL WINNERS**



Thursday Morn Open Pairs A  
Iraj Rastegar, Helene Blumenau



Thursday PM Open Pairs A  
Suresh Agarwal, Bob Scallan



Sat AM Open Pairs A  
Jim Bauer, Jim Thurtell



Friday AM & PM Open Pairs A  
Tom Leberman, Mike Murphy



Thursday Swiss Bracket 1  
Mark Bumgardner, Joan Jackson  
Peggy Sutherlin, Nagy Kamel



Sat Swiss Bracket 1  
Petra Hamman, Bill Staats,  
Hemant Lall, Phil Clayton



Sunday Swiss A  
Milt Neher, Jerry Derby,  
Pat Cassidy, David Pearlman



Sunday PM Pairs  
Nancy O'Fallon, Rita Holzweig



Thursday Swiss Bracket 2  
Connie Martin, Reagan Dixon,  
Barry Martin, Jim Harp



Thursday PM Open Pairs B  
Bob Friz, Truett Cates



Thursday Swiss Bracket 3  
Jean Higgins, Lynn Cooper  
Bill Higgins, Barry Cooper



Thursday Morn Open Pairs B  
Tony Pellegrini, Rich Brandenburg



Thursday PM Open Pairs C  
Renee Levy, Jennifer Rao



Friday Swiss Bracket 2  
Sharon Dameron, Jarek Langer,  
Anita Albert, Stan Pushkarsky





Friday AM Open Pairs B  
Lynne Wood, Peter Grenier



Friday Swiss Bracket 3 (tie)  
Bill Driscoll, Rich Brandenburg,  
Terry Harley, Bob Holliday



Friday Swiss Bracket 3  
Reagan Dixon, Judy Thompson,  
Khalifa Ahmed, Fred Seipp



Friday Swiss Bracket 4  
Cheryl Rider, Bruce Harbour,  
Jim Rider, Fonse Ragland



Friday PM Open Pairs C  
Maryanne Hon, Ira Nemazie



Friday PM Open Pairs B  
Donna & Bill Garrard



Sat Swiss Bracket 2  
Jeff Dater, Scott Nason,  
Raj Menon, Milt Neher



Sat Swiss Bracket 4  
Bill Brooks, Ken Melvin,  
Victoria Sublette, Stuart Nelan



Sat AM Open Pairs B  
Mark Hatkoff, Randy Smith



Sunday Swiss X  
Bill Osborn, Nancy Fellman,  
John Spessard, Jim Harp



Sunday Swiss B  
Marie Anne Johnson, Andi Gordon,  
Dave Clegg, Chuck Eastin



Thursday AM 499er & Friday AM 49er  
Nina Watkins, Ansel Goldgar



Friday AM 499er  
Deepak Aurora, Nand Kuloor



Sat PM 499ers  
Pat Glaser, Judy DuVal



Thursday PM 299er  
Mary Williams, Wilton Parker

**Unit 183  
Fort Western**



**Bill Walker**

By the time you read this, our Holiday parties will be history. There's something special about this time of year. It starts when you enter the club house and the beautiful decorations put you in a festive mood. People are friendlier and play nicer. The dealing machine is more forgiving and the queen lays over the jack more often. Oh, folks still call the director, but usually not through clinched teeth. The food is delicious and plentiful. Then that moment comes when the director calls out, "The next door prize winner is table four, east." You have won a gift boxed whatchacallit. At least you now have a present for Aunt Maude. It would be foolish to single out one party as special, but the Unit 183 party on December 22 was well attended with great food and interesting door prizes. With that I'll move on wishing everyone a joyous holiday season and a prosperous and healthy 2019.

In our last issue we discussed some time honored bridge clichés. This time we'll look at another one. "Go with the odds." What does this really mean. If you have the choice of play A which works 51% of the time, and play B which works 49%, then, in the long run, you are better off to try A over B. This is really so close a choice, many other factors could affect your decision. This includes all bids and plays made before you have to make a decision.

While, all that has gone before, is always a consideration; a bridge player's interest should be directed to choices with a wider range of outcomes. These are the most basic: a simple finesse (50% chance of success); when opponents hold six cards in one of your suits that they will divide three-three (36% chance); when you are missing five trumps they will divide three-two (68% chance); and the old stand-by "eight ever, nine never". This means of course, with an eight card suit finesse for the queen, with nine cards play AK to drop the queen. The odds of the drop are 52%, versus 50% for the finesse.

When you go against any of these odds, or the dozens of others not mentioned, you are in for a bad score. For example, say you are in a four spade contract, with eight spades missing the queen. With queen third

inside, you play AK for the drop. The queen is now a winner. So you score 420 rather than 450. As every duplicate bridge player knows, one trick can be the difference between a good board and a very bad board.

This has only scratched the surface of a topic you can write a book about. In fact people have written books on the odds at bridge. Of these, one that is considered among the best is Hugh Kelsey and Michael Glauert's "Bridge Odds For Practical Players". It's published in the UK, but is available from Barclay-Barron and Amazon, et al. The book contains a wealth

of information and numerous real life, practical examples. But unless you are into statistics, parts of it will cure insomnia.

To conclude, always remember, every bid or play you make is conditioned by all that has been said and done before.

Congratulations to Jane Walker (no relation) on making Silver Life Master. And, as always, please, every director, teacher, and player let me know when someone does something outstanding.

**FORT WESTERN SECTIONAL  
February 15-17,, 2019**

**CERA Recreation Complex**

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

**Friday, February 15**

Bracketed Swiss Teams 10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.  
Stratified Open Pairs (Single Session) 10:00 a.m. & 2:30p.m.  
Stratified 299er Pairs (Single Session) 10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

**Saturday, February 16**

Bracketed Swiss Teams 10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.  
Stratified Open Pairs (Single Session) 10:00 a.m. & 2:30p.m.  
Stratified 299er Pairs (Single Session) 10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

**Sunday, February 17**

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

**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**

Jean Helmers 254) 431-8090 [jhbridgeplayer@gmail.com](mailto:jhbridgeplayer@gmail.com)

All single sessions \$13.00 per player  
\$4.00 additional for lapsed ACBL members  
Sunday Swiss \$120.00 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 Feb 10, 2019

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**Unit 187  
Corpus Christi**



**Melissa Plumb**

We sadly report that Eleanor Sherwyn passed away on Christmas. She was our Texas Star winner this year and had 3400 masterpoints.

South Texas Bridge Club would like to thank all visitors and local players who helped make our sectional tournament a success. A special thank you goes out to Martha De Cou for facilitating this event. We would also like to thank Tom Marsh for directing the tournament in his joyful spirit that he is known for.

Please join us for our Christmas party to be held on Sunday, December 2nd. A Unit Championship game will begin at 2:00 p.m. followed by dinner. Gather with our club to enjoy what many bridge players love: a bridge game, great food, and fellowship. The celebration will take place at our club located at 5959 S. Staples Ste 106. We look forward to your attendance.

Ever wonder what it would feel like to not play bridge for decades? Well, you can ask our returning player Bill Whittle. William (Bill) Whittle was born to Claude and Mary Lois Whittle in Pensacola, Florida, one of three sons. Bill, son of a Navy pilot, lived in various places during his childhood. He lived in Florida, California, Illinois and Corpus Christi, Texas.

Bill attended Del Mar College, North Texas State University, and University of Texas Law School. During his sophomore year at Del Mar College, as he was walking through the Harvin Center, he noticed fellow students playing cards. He met Byron Economidy who introduced him to duplicate bridge. Byron subsequently mentored Bill which was instrumental in his involvement with bridge.

While Bill was studying at North Texas, he played in Dallas. He and his teammates: Reed, Murray, Sullivan, and Acker, would play against the Dallas Aces. Although, the challenge of victory was exciting to the team, they were unsuccessful. The thrill of the competition kept the team striving to become better bridge play-

ers. In 1970, after graduating from the University of Texas Law School, Bill obtained employment. A senior partner at the law firm advised him he would no longer be playing bridge.

Bill Whittle continues to practice law in real estate, business, estate and will planning, and bankruptcy.

In 2015, Bill resumed playing bridge in a tournament, and has continued to play regularly at the club and tournaments around the state. When asked what advice he would give to novice players, Bill stated "If you want to be serious about playing cards, you must study. The members at the South Texas Bridge Club are very nice. In the past, people weren't pleasant. The idea is to create a pleasant environment. That was not the attitude before. It was very cutthroat. Players were mean to their partners and their opponents". Bill is now pleased to see a welcoming club.

Bill Whittle also enjoys hunting, water-related activities, audio books and travelling. He adores his three daughters, Mary, Melinda and Erin. Bill also enjoys spending time with his seven grandchildren. When speaking about his daughters, he lights up. Bill is proud of their talents, smarts, and accomplishments.

Unit 187 is excited Bill is back at our clubs, enjoying the game. Happy Holidays to all!

Melissa Plumb

**Corpus Christi  
Shoreline  
Oct 26-28 2018**

82 players. 91 tables.

- 1 20.60 Jerrold Harrington Sa n
- 2 20.60 Bill Walker
- 3 14.11 Penny Snow
- 4 12.94 Terry Peterson
- 5 12.29 Diana Afflerbach
- 6 11.74 Nancy Riley
- 7 11.74 Bill Riley
- 8 11.40 Ira Hessel
- 9 11.40 Ellen Hessel
- 10 9.82 Joe Black

**Fri Aft Open Pairs**-17.0 Tables A1. Bill Walker-Jerrold Harrington A2BC1. Donald Lang-Marilyn Lang BC2. Carroll Schoenewolf-Bonnie Todd  
**Fri Eve Open Pairs**-10.5 Tables A1. Bill Riley-Nancy Riley A2. Penny Snow-Terry Peterson BC1. Mary Driesbock-William Whittle BC2. Rosalind Brazda-Robert Christophel



# CORPUS CHRISTI SECTIONAL CHAMPS



Friday Aft Open Pairs A  
Jerry Harrington, Bill Walker



Friday Eve Charity Game A  
Bill & Nancy Riley



Saturday Morn Open Pairs A,B,C  
Mickey Wilson, Diana Afferbach



Saturday Aft Open Pairs A  
Ellen & Ira Hessel



Sunday Swiss Team A  
Jerry Harrington, Bill Walker,  
Janise Saul, Joe Black



Friday Aft Open Pairs B  
Marilyn & Donald Lang



Friday Eve Charity Game B&C  
Bill Whittle, Mary Driesbach



Saturday Aft Open Pairs B  
Robert Crawford, Betty Schell



Sunday Swiss Team B  
Libby Boeye, Phyllis Priet,  
Lynn Swinger, Jason Kiker

Pruet-W Lynn Swinger B2. Mabel Byrnes-Janet Daniel-Margaret Kennedy-Diana Afflerbach C1. Dodi Dix-Helen Nerod-Judith Gutowski-Ruthlalea Taylor

Unit 201  
Sabine Neches  
  
Linda Briggs



U201 members attending Mary Johnson's Gold Life Master Party, Oct. 27 carried out the travel theme relating to Mary's extensive world travels. Members wore t-shirts of their own travel experiences and contributed travel memorabilia items since Mary had lost hers in Hurricane Harvey. Thanks to hostesses Betty Poindexter, Martha Sigler, Arline Meyers, June Eddingston, Marian Jones, Nixie Hanson, Loretta Gary, Anna Smith, and Vivian Breedlove, the party was a good time for all. Mary's daughter Leann, and Don and Juinez Moss provided the program. Placing 1st - Cynthia Stueber and June Eddingston; 2nd — Tipton Golias and Dr. Aiyandar Bharathi; 3rd — Paul Keedy and Sandra Allison.

The players from Orange Bridge League ushered in the holidays with Billie Carter's Life Master party, Dec. 1. Martha Oliver, Wayne Outlaw, Jerry Triggs, Ruby Collins, Mike and Carolyn Lemons, Kris Cherry, and Joe and Dee Payne headed up the duties, along with others from the Orange group. Christmas decorations and festive attire filled the studio. Players appreciated Kimberly Tidwell and Lynn Bittinger's help in the kitchen. Placing 1st - Jan Niederstadt and Arline Meyers; 2' — Wilbur and Verna Dalquist; 3' — John and Nancy Smalley.

Players with 70% or above games in October/November were Mike and Carolyn Lemons (Oct and Nov), Ed Rasmussen and Dr. Aiyandar Bharathi,

October mentor pairs placing: 1st — Kay Hooper and Carol McGill; 2' — Patricia Woods and Frankie Hall; 3rd — Cleo Martin and E.W. Sweeney. October mentor teams placing: 1st — Helen Williams, Lou Ida Rising, Carolyn Worsham, and Marian Jones; 2' — Judy Dishman, Nadine Pearce, June Eddingston, and Martha Sigler. November mentor pairs placing: 1st — Judy Dishman and Martha Sigler ; 2' — Patricia Woods and Frankie Hall ;3 d Sylvia Street and Pat Bell. November mentor teams placing: 1st Carolyn Oliver, Sandra Allison, Ar-

## 64th Beaumont Spindletop Sectional

### March 7-9, 2019

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

**Thursday, March 7, 2019**

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

**Friday, March 8, 2019**

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

**Saturday, March 9, 2019**

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

**Host Hotels**

MCM Elegante Hotel and Convention Center  
2355 I10S, Beaumont 77705 409-842-3600  
Rate: \$109 per night

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

Free WiFi and Parking (8 minutes from BBS)  
Fairfield Inn and Suites (recently renovated)  
2265 I10S, Beaumont 77705 ) 409-840-5751  
Rate: \$92 per night

\*\*Ask for Beaumont Bridge Tournament\*\*

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

Sessions: \$11 per person per session; \$4 additional per session for ACBL non-members and unpaid members

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

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\*\* This is a Zero-Tolerance,

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

line Meyers and Martha Sigler; 2' — Mike Lemons, Sylvia Street, Dr. A. Bharathi,, and Pat Bell ; 3rd — Barney Hammer, Jobie Irvine, Paul Keedy, and Lynn Adamchik. The highest monthly totals for October were Dr. A. Bharathi , Pat Bell, and Martha Sigler; November - Nancy Smalley, Dr. A. Bharathi, and Martha Sigler.

Arline Meyers continues the tradition of bridge members supporting the Empty Stocking Fund by donating toys to needy children for Christmas. This giving spirit highlights the holiday season along with several party games with Christmas eggnog, Hanukkah traditional snacks, and lots of goodies and good cheer.

## ROCKPORT BEACH RECOVERY SECTIONAL

February 16-18, 2019

### PLAYING SITE

**La Palma Event Center**  
2955 Hwy 35 N  
(361) 537-2353 playing days

#### Friday, February 16

##### SPECIAL GOODIES DAY

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

#### Saturday, February 17

Stratified Open Pairs.....10:00 A. M. & 2:30 P.M.  
(2 separate games)  
BEACH BALL NEWCOMER 0-299er GAMES  
Friday & Saturday Strats A 2000+, B-500-2000, C-0-500

#### Sunday, February 18

##### DELICIOUS BAR-B-Q DAY

Swiss Teams 9:30 A.M. & TBA  
(stratified by average masterpoints)

Strat A 2000+ Strat B 500-2000 Strat C- 0-500

This is a non-smoking tournament with smoking breaks scheduled

#### HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES

(361)729-4444 \$109

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

\$11 per session (Fri.eve \$1 more)& Sat. \$140 per team Sunday Swiss  
\$4 more per session for un-paid or non ACBL members)

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**LA QUINTA INN & SUITES**  
2921 Hwy 35 N. Rockport, TX  
(361) 727-9824  
Special Bridge Rates/Breakfast  
\$129 +taxes  
1/16 cut-off

**PARTNERSHIP**  
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**PLAYING SITE**  
La Palma Event Center  
2955 Hwy 35 N  
(361) 537-2353 playing days

**Sat Morn Open Pairs**-19.0 Tables  
ABC1. Mickey Wilson -Diana Afflerbach A2. Jerrold Harrington-Bill Walker B2. Margaret Crumpler-Mahesh U Maruvada C.2 Carol Ramberg-Jeanne Dawley  
**Sat Aft Open Pairs**-18.5 Tables A1. Ira Hessel-Ellen Hessel A2. Nancy Riley-Bill Riley B1. Betty Schell-Robert Crawford B2. Kim Cox-Terry Peterson C1. Sandra Thompson-Mary Ruth Bordman C2. Carol Ramberg-

Jeanne Dawley  
**Dee Schade Swiss Teams**-13 Tables  
A1. Joe Black-Jerrold Harrington -Janise Saul-Bill Walker A2. Ira Hessel-Ellen Hessel-Donna Swarouth-Dave Swarouth B1. Jason Kiker-Libby Boeye-Phyllis





<b>Unit 197</b> Lubbock	
Anita Woodard	

Llano Estacado Bridge Unit 197 Legacy  
 With thanks to John Castleman

Llano Estacado Bridge Unit 197 originated in 1958. The Unit included both Plainview and Amarillo. Today, Amarillo is part of another Unit and the Plainview club is no longer in existence. Calver Curry became the first Unit 197 president but did not finish his term. Frank Pindexter filled in during 1958-59 and was elected to serve a full term in 1959-1960.

Duplicate Bridge in Lubbock has a nomadic history. During the beginning years, Duplicate Bridge players were vagabonds. They frequently changed playing venues, shifting as often as the West Texas winds. Before finally locating in its permanent location on 74<sup>th</sup> Street, Duplicate Bridge games were played all over town, frequently the Country Clubs.

Unit members wanted a permanent facility and personally committed time and money in helping build the Center. The lot was purchased from TIME-DC, Inc, a truck freight company, on April 26, 1977. A proposal-contract to build the current Bridge Center was submitted by Tusha Buildings, Inc, on May 31, 1977. The Bridge Center became a reality and the first Duplicate Bridge game was played at its present location October 1, 1977.

Unit members enthusiastically contributed their time and money to meet the cost this new obligation. They joined together in fund raising activities such as garage and magazine sales, collected aluminum cans, and held bake sales. Each person contributed at least a \$100 to help reduce the indebtedness. Their efforts showed remarkable success and the bank note was paid in full June 7, 1983, in five and a half years.

The Bridge Center has received many gifts since 1983. There were volunteers who served on different projects. When there was a need to provide or repair, they gave their time, money and labor. Over the years, examples include: materials for the eaves around the building, various kitchen fixtures such as an electric range, microwave, and an ice machine. When new, more comfortable chairs were needed, everyone contributed at least \$90 per chair, and some purchased more than one. With so many people possessing generous hearts, things have always gotten done.


Many players remember Marguerite Marquam helped to keep alive the game she loved, serving many years as a teacher and director. We honor her memory with the annual Marguerite Marquam Memorial Charity Game.

Our Legacy is incomplete and an evaluation of current our status is in order. We admit that organizations like our become stagnant. We have fewer Bridge players than previously. At the same time, we have fewer replacements and the average age of the membership is 86, making us the third oldest by player age in the entire country.

New President Gayle Miller has committed herself to increasing membership. We provide games to transition social Bridge players to Duplicate. Education Chairman Leane Thornberry presents basic convention classes prior to 299er games Directed by Betsy Bloechl. Education is key, and we are looking at new classes and games that will attract new members. Transitioning one or our night games to an afternoon encourages folks who no longer want to drive at night. We invite District 16 clubs

and Units to share their methods of increasing membership growth. Let's start a real conversation about membership growth that will benefit us all!

We're saddened to announce the passing of Rebecca Howard. She died surrounded by family on November 28, 2018 in Colorado Springs, CO. She was a member of Unit 197 for over a decade, and enjoyed playing as well as teaching.

<b>Unit 204</b> Fort Concho	
Larry Hettick	

In this edition we honor: two new life masters, Carolyn Reed-Jones and Sam Sneed; one new gold life master, Iris Warren; and Dr. Robert Morton - a friend who left us too soon.

Carolyn reached her life master status at the recent Dallas area Labor Day regional tournament when she earned her qualifying gold point. Always smiling, her Swiss team mates noted that she marked the occasion with "a huge grin from ear-to-ear." Carolyn, now retired, initially started to play bridge when in graduate school, but put the game on hold for 30 years in favor of her family and her professional life. When she moved to San Angelo, Chuck Anderson encouraged her to return to the game.

Changes to ACBL rules allowed her to be reinstated with credit that included her past master points, enabling her to reach her goal of becoming a life master. Along the way, she notes, she "has made some really good friends... and that's the best part of the game." Her advice: "come and play, make and make new friends. Being a life master is nice, but you don't need that to play and have a good time."

Sam started playing bridge in 1972, although he took four breaks along the way to earning his life master status. A native of Iowa, Sam was a Navy Seal and is a Vietnam Veteran. He has lived in different places, but he settled in Texas—at one point living between Abilene and San Angelo, giving him the chance to play in clubs located in both cities. Sam is now retired, living on a ranch also populated by 28 horses.

Sam won his qualifying gold at the recent regional tournament in Abilene

where he met his "gold partner" at the partnership desk, winning his gold the same day they met! His advice to new players: work with your partner. You are only as good as your partner allows you to be."

Iris Warren also achieved a bridge milestone, earning her gold life master status here in San Angelo. Iris is a kind, delightful lady- always offering an encouraging word and a warm smile to old friends and new players alike. Congratulations Iris!

Finally, we have some sad news to share. Dr Robert Morton, a beloved member of our bridge family, passed away in August. Bob will always be remembered for his intense love for life, family, and friends; his kind and gentle soul; his excellent skills as a physician; his joy of photography; his contagious smile and the twinkle in his eyes; his yearly need for Colorado mountain air; his enjoyment for the game of bridge; and his moves on the dance floor.

<b>Unit 207</b> Austin	
Sue Caulfield	

Here it is, 2019 already. We've managed to get through another year. Last year was eventful. Even though a lot of it was good, 2018 brought sadness as well. We lost several dear friends and family members. We'll probably forget a lot of what happened in the last 12 months, but we'll always remember the people who are no longer with us.

Let's start 2019 with a resolution to make it the best year yet. Happy New Year!

**CHARLENE SANDS AND VIRGIL MASSEY WIN THE HAWAII 6K BLUE RIBBON PAIRS**  
 Congratulations to Charlene Sands and Virgil Massey for a big win at the Hawaii NABC. What a great achievement. Well done!

**JERRY BARRET, MINI-MCKENNEY WINNER (1000 TO 1500)**  
 Congratulations, again, to Jerry Barret for winning the 1000 to 1500 Mini-McKenney. If you remember, Jerry won the 500 to 1000 race in 2017. As of the writing of this column, Jerry was nearly 300 points ahead of the number 2 person in the 2018 competition with a little over 826 points. That also put him at 88th on the Barry Crane Top 500 list. Wow!

**UNIT SPECIAL GAMES AND TOURNEYS**



Top: Sue Alt, Lazaro Brener, Bob Sanders, Dan Mudgett, Meg Putnam



From Left: Cynthia Smith, Dee Willars, Sue Breeding, Judy Alpert, John Herzer



## Austin Bluebonnet Sectional



### Feb 28—March 3, 2019

**Bridge Center of Austin  
 6700 Middle Fiskville Rd.**

Thursday Feb 28—Saturday March 2

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

Sunday March 3

**Strati-flighted A/X & BCD Swiss 10 am & TBA**

Stratifications (based on average masterpoints)

**Open Pairs: A: 2000+, B: 750-3000, C: 0-750**  
**299er Pairs: A: 200-300, B: 100-200, C: 0-100**

**Sunday Swiss:**  
**A: 3000+, X: 0-3000, B: 500-1500**  
**C: 3000-500, D: 0-300**

**Director has discretion on A/X MP Break**  
**Basic Chart for 299ers and B/C/D Swiss**  
**Open Chart for All Other Events**  
**Meal Served Between Sunday Sessions**  
**Entries: \$12/session (\$16 non/unpaid members)**  
**\$120/Sun Swiss**  
**Fragrance Free Event**



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February 2-3: Non-Life-Master Sectional

February 17: Unit Annual Meeting with Free Play

February 28-March 3: Austin Bluebonnet Sectional

March 10: New Life Master Recognition (Free to New LMs)

More info on these special games and tourneys can be found on Unit 207's website (<http://www.austinbridge.org/>) and on the B C A 's (<http://www.bridgecenteraustin.com>).

**UNIT 207 IS NOT JUST THE BRIDGE CENTER OF AUSTIN**

Let's not forget that Unit 207 is comprised of several great clubs:

\*Austin Bridge South, \*Bridge Center of Austin, \*Georgetown, \*Heritage Gaines Ranch, \*Kingsland, \*Kyle, \*La Grange, \*San Marcos, \*Austin Senior Activity Center, \*South Austin Senior Activity Center, \*Westlake, \*Wimberly

For information on game times, check under the Club section on the Unit website (<http://www.austinbridge.org/>). All the relevant information you need will be there, including club manager, directors, and phone numbers.

**OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENTS**

Congratulations to all the folks who reached a higher bridge level in the last couple of months. Well done!

**OCTOBER:**

**JUNIOR MASTER:** \*Marjorie Coghurn \*Jim Comeskey \*Martin Hrachovy \*Evelyn Lanier \*Nancy Morris \*Dan Mudgett \*Dan Seitz \*Dave Young

**CLUB MASTER:** \*Sean Althaus \*Christine Dailey \*Kelly Price.

**SECTIONAL MASTER:** \*Dorothy Foster \*Suzanne Miller \*Claire Smith

**REGIONAL MASTER:** \*Andrew Hush \*Lois Kertesz \*Karen Oberling \*Robert Sanders

**NABC MASTER:** \*Meg Putnam

**ADV NABC MASTER:** \*Sue Alt

**BRONZE LIFE MASTER:** \*Lazaro Brener \*Denise Shade

**SILVER LIFE MASTER:** \*Geneva Berg \*Harvey Browning \*Bobbie Gruhlkey

**RUBY LIFE MASTER:** \*Sharon MacMorran

**GOLD LIFE MASTER:** \*Roy Jambor

Some of the October Milestone Achievers who attended the luncheon are pictured here:

**NOVEMBER:**

**JUNIOR MASTER:** \*Cynthia Smith \*Dee Willars  
**CLUB MASTER:** \*Sue Ellen McNally \*Joseph Trombley  
**SECTIONAL MASTER:** \*Karen Dameron \*John C Herzer  
**REGIONAL MASTER:** \*Kalyan Venkat  
**NABC MASTER:** \*Judy Alpert \*Sue Breeding  
**BRONZE LIFE MASTER:** \*Patricia J Webb

Some of the November Milestone Achievers who attended the luncheon are pictured here:

**BOLS BRIDGE TIP FROM DAVID PORISS (1992)**

Don't Walk the Plank "Never let the level of the contract or the quality of your opponents immobilise your thinking process!"

**WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO READ IN THE SCORECARD?**

There's never a better time than now to suggest new topics. Email me those suggestions or talk to me at the Bridge Center. Your thoughts make our newsletter better! [susiecc@comcast.net](mailto:susiecc@comcast.net)

<b>Unit 209</b> Permian Basin	
Ann Parish	

We started October bridge with the ACBL-wide Senior Game on October 5 with 5 1/2 tables. Midland Country Club catered delicious sandwiches and fruit trays. **Shirley Davenport** and **LaDoyce Lambert** won first place with 65.63% and placed fourth in the district. **Kay Arrell** and **Rick Perry** were second.

The ACBL-wide Instant Match Point game was held on Wednesday afternoon, October 31, with 6 1/2 tables. N/S winners were **Dorothy Brenne-man** and **Paula Baggett** in first place and **Jim Hawkins** and **Lena Nichols** in second. E/W winners were



**Marlene Blumentritt** and **Flo Curry** in first place and **KC Evans** and **Betty Dickerson** in second.

The next day, November 1, we held a Dia de Los Muertos celebration—with lots of food, of course. We had six tables playing, and first place in A, B, and C was taken by novices **Ann Brooks** and **Mary Tift**. As Mary says, "Holy Toledo!" Second in A were **Dorothy Breneman** and **Paula Baggett**. Third in A and second in B were **Ann Parish** and **Sonya Hopkins**. Fourth in A and third in B were **Kay Sewell** and **Greg Keys**.

In tournament news, **Shirley Davenport**, **Pamela Erskine**, **Debra Jones**, **Mike Schlueter**, **Amanda Shaw**, and **Scott Vaughan** from Odessa headed to Abilene for the Harvest Regional in October. Joining them was **Shyla McGill** from Hobbs, NM. They all came home with points, so they considered the tournament a success.

In November we welcomed **Kawther Romanos**, who came from Lebanon to visit her son in Midland for a couple of months. For weeks before she actually arrived, she was contacting the Midland club about her interest in playing. She played with different partners her first ten days in Midland and won first place several times. In December, her husband, also an avid bridge player, arrived, and they continued playing several times a week.

We had several 70%+ games in Midland and Odessa:

October 15 – **Jean Pistole** and **Bob Schuler** – 71.88%

November 2 – **Shirley Davenport** and **Helen Davis** – 77.5%

November 3 – **Marilyn Matthews** and **Lena Nichols** – 80.21%

November 14 – **Jean Pistole** and **Scott Vaughan** – 70%

November 20 – **Kawther Romanos** and **Marlene Blumentritt** – 72.92%

[We welcome back director Belle Harris, who missed several months of bridge, first with health problems](#) and then with a wonderful around-the-world trip

Finally, we are sad to report that **Dale Beck**, a long-time Odessa bridge player and a silver Life Master, died on October 16 after a lengthy illness. And **Gloria Lambert**, wife of frequent player **LaDoyce Lambert**, died suddenly from complications following surgery. We offer our sympathy to the families of both Dale and Gloria.

As I write this column in early December, we are planning our holiday parties. We have already had one big one at Midland Country Club, and there are more to come. So stay tuned!



The Abilene tournament went better than we could hope for with many out of town players attending and having

a great time. The hospitality was above and beyond expectations and was provided by the players with Sue Patton in charge and Joan Paradel helping her out with making sandwiches and keeping the table full. The schedule did not leave time for leaving to eat lunch so it took a lot of food and Ft Phantom came through again. I would list the ones i know did so much but i don't want to leave out someone that i don't know about so just thanks to all of you who know who you are. The tournament boasted 350 tables with 203 people winning masterpoints. Of these, 32 were Unit 224 members

The Board of Directors for next year was selected with Richard Pike, Carol Whiten and Jo Smith replacing Jeff Lewis, Bob Young and Beverly Joosten. Thanks Jeff, Bob and Beverly for serving. The party season is upon us and all the clubs will be having Christmas festivities. Hopefully all of you participated and had a wonderful time and a very Merry Christmas. At our time in life, bridge is a big part of our life and our friendships. Thank all of you for your support for each of us.

Carl Grisham has gone through a setback but is better. We wish him well. Bobbie Grier is getting back to playing and we welcome her. We still miss Robin Juilian and Billye Stoval as well as Bill and Rosemary Johnson. Our hearts go out to Cleta Dix for the loss of Will, who was the best building maintenance person Unit 224 ever had. He suffered a long illness and we hope Cleta will return to bridge where ever she goes. I hope the new year brings good health to all and renewed dedication to bridge. It is still a mind game that improves your health and welfare according to AARP.

Having 70% games were Jo Smith and Robert Patton with a 76% in a 3 table game, Jo Smith ad Alan Copeland with a 70% in a 3 table membership game, Jo Smith and Ed Grant with a 76% in a 3 table game, Melba Long and Bob Snyder with a 71% in a 3 table game, and Gwen Riggs and Darla Mawson with a 74.54% in a 5 1/2 table game. Good bridge all of you.

I want to encourage all of you to play as much as you are comfortable with as we need the games to be bigger in order for them to support the building we are fortunate to have. Reading other articles shows me that it can be better, Lubbock is an example. Be nice and welcome new players and don't see them as only an opportunity to get a good board. Our future depends on you.

This will be my last Scorecard article and it has been a great pleasure to write them. Circumstances cause me to turn this over to someone else to enjoy and report the happenings of Unit 224. Working with Ira Hessel is a pleasure and i wish good writing to the new reporter. Thank you, Bette Byrd

Bette Byrd

### Abilene Fall Harvest Regional

Oct 16-21, 2018  
203 players 350 tables.

- 1 52.35 Virginia Noelke, San Angelo
- 2 52.35 Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio
- 3 48.54 Jo Smith, Abilene
- 4 48.54 Bruce Ferguson, CA
- 5 40.74 Donna Swarouth, San Antonio
- 6 40.74 Dave Swarouth, San Antonio
- 7 38.02 Jerry Barrett, Austin
- 8 33.30 Robert L McClendon, FL
- 9 32.35 Neal Perlman, San Angelo
- 10 30.19 Thomas Rush, Houston
- 11 30.19 Dolores Aquino, Houston
- 12 24.46 Joe Black, Austin
- 13 23.87 Kimmel Jones, Euless
- 14 23.87 David Pearlman, Southlake
- 15 20.94 Stan Pushkarsky, Austin
- 16 20.94 Sandy Potts, Austin
- 17 20.64 John Schwartz, Plano
- 18 20.64 James Thurtell, Dallas
- 19 20.48 Gene Gammill, Mason
- 20 20.21 Robert Patton, Abilene
- 21 19.96 Pat Ramsey, Stephenville
- 22 18.49 Flo Curry, Midland
- 23 17.85 Tom Edwards, Grand Prairie
- 24 17.85 John Bromberg, Dallas
- 25 17.85 Bryan Storey, Frisco
- 26 17.85 Beth Bromberg, Dallas

**Tuesday Evening Pairs**-11.5 Tables / Based on 9 Tables A1. Dave Swarouth-Donna Swarouth, San Antonio A2. David Pearlman, Southlake ; Kimmel Jones, Euless A3. John Schwartz, Plano ; James Thurtell, Dallas A4. Millie Williams-Shelba Parmley, Fort Worth B1. Jean Blilie, Kerrville ; Eugene Lux, Fredericksburg B2. Joe Ramirez-Phyllis Giffin, San Antonio B3. Alan Rauch, Fort Worth ; Sam Sneed Jr, Robert Lee  
**Tuesday Stratified Swiss**-15 Tables A1. Jerry Barrett-Joe Black, Austin ; Robert L McClendon, Ponte Vedra FL; Neal Perlman, San Angelo A2BC1. Jim Nixon-Judy Nixon-Ross Ramsey-Jeanette McDonald, Flower Mound A3BC2. Dwight Silver-Curt Wyman-Ken Hanson-Eric De Rouffignac, Austin A4, Jo Smith, Abilene ; Virginia Noelke, San Angelo ; Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio ; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA A5B3. Gwen Wright-Virginia Reinier-Mary Hildebrand-Jane Giddens, Lubbock B4C3. Robin Tucker-Michele Abriol-Jean Durocher, Austin ; Kelly Price, Lakeway C4. Karen Elaine Dameron-Sharon Dameron, Cedar Park ; Meg Putman-Paul Putman, Austin

**Wednesday Gold Rush Pairs**-9.5 Tables B1. Carol Ramberg, Fair Oaks Ranch ; Mary Harrington, San Antonio B2C1. Linda Harley-Terence Harley, Richardson B3. Jenelle Chamberlain-Bill Chamberlain, Houston B4. Debrah Chockley-Michael Chockley, Plano B5. James Cuccia, Schertz ; Helen King, San Antonio B2. Rodney Wood-Joan Wood, Southlake C3. AJ James, Spring ; Linda Prust, Hot Springs Vlg AR C4. Jon Pack-Anni Pack, Boerne  
**Wednesday A/X Pairs**-9.5 Tables / A1. David Pearlman, Southlake ; Kimmel Jones, Euless A2. Robert Patton, Abilene ; Pat Ramsey, Stephenville A3B1. Stan Pushkarsky-Sandy Potts, Austin 4AB2. Robert Snyder, Abilene ; Coyita Bowker, Santa Anna A5. Dave Swarouth-Donna Swarouth, San Antonio B3. Jean Blilie, Kerrville ; Eugene Lux, Fredericksburg B4. Alan Rauch, Fort Worth ; Sam Sneed Jr, Robert Lee  
**Wednesday Strat Swiss**-18 Tables A1. Virginia Noelke, San Angelo ; Jo Smith, Abilene ; Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio ; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA A2. Jerry Barrett-Joe

Black, Austin ; Robert L McClendon, Ponte Vedra FL; Neal Perlman, San Angelo A3. Bryan Storey, Frisco ; John Bromberg-Beth Bromberg, Dallas ; Tom Edwards, Grand Prairie A4BC1. Joyce Anderson-Gloria Schuford, Fort Worth ; Mary Ellen Little, Trophy Club ; Carol Segreti, Arlington A5BC2. Judy Nixon-Jim Nixon-Ross Ramsey-Jeanette McDonald, Flower Mound B3. Will Anthony-Kay Davidson-Virginia Reinier-Mary Hildebrand, Lubbock B4C3. Robin Tucker-Michele Abriol-Laurene Jacob-Patricia Webb, Austin A5B4. Alan Wakefield, Roscoe ; Michael Sadler-Jeff Lewis-Glynda Groves, Abilene

**Thursday Gold Rush Pairs**-11.5 Tables / A1. Carol Ramberg, Fair Oaks Ranch ; Mary Harrington, San Antonio A2. Jeanne Dawley, San Antonio ; James Cuccia, Schertz A3. Norma Mearns-Robert Desjardin, Albuquerque NM A4. Mark Andrews, Mapleton ND; Cheryl Lurie, Avondale AZ A5. Jenelle Chamberlain-Bill Chamberlain, Houston B1. Linda Harley-Terence Harley, Richardson B2, Ken Hanson-Curt Wyman, Austin B3R. odney Wood-Joan Wood, Southlake X B4. Joy Foster, Sterling City ; Carol Diminnie, San Angelo

**Thursday A/X Pairs**-9.5 Tables / Based on 24 Tables A1. Dave Swarouth-Donna Swarouth, San Antonio A2. Gene Gammill, Mason ; Flo Curry, Midland A3. Millie Williams-Shelba Parmley, Fort Worth A4B1. Thomas Rush-Dolores Aquino, Houston A5B2. Stan Pushkarsky-Sandy Potts, Austin B3. Robert Patton-Robert Young, Abilene B4. Joe Ramirez-Phyllis Giffin, San Antonio

**Thu Stratified Swiss**-14 Tables A1. Virginia Noelke, San Angelo ; Jo Smith, Abilene ; Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio ; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA A2. John Bromberg-Beth Bromberg, Dallas ; Tom Edwards, Grand Prairie ; Bryan Storey, Frisco A3B1. Mary Hildebrand-Kay Davidson-Will Anthony-Virginia Reinier, Lubbock A4B2C1. Meg Putman-Paul Putman, Austin ; Sharon Dameron-Karen Elaine Dameron, Cedar Park A5. Jerry Barrett-Joe Black, Austin ; Robert L McClendon, Ponte Vedra FL; Neal Perlman, San Angelo B3/4C2/3 Dwight Silver-Eric De Rouffignac, Austin ; Patsy Miller, Georgetown ; Annette Sides, Lubbock B3/4C2./3 Amanda Shaw-Pamela Erskine, Midland ; P Scott Vaughan-Shirley Davenport, Odessa C4. Joyce Anderson-Gloria Schuford, Fort Worth ; Mary Ellen Little, Trophy Club ; Carol Segreti, Arlington

**Friday A/X Pairs**-9.0 Tables / Based on 21 Tables A1. Jerry Barrett, Austin ; Robert L McClendon, Ponte Vedra FL A2B . Thomas Rush-Dolores Aquino, Houston A3. Dave Swarouth-Donna Swarouth, San Antonio A4. Gene Gammill, Mason ; Flo Curry, Midland A5. Bette Byrd-Coleen Grisham, Abilene X2. Paul VanHoorebeke-Helen Lauderdale, Lubbock X3. Stan Pushkarsky-Sandy Potts, Austin

**Friday Gold Rush Pairs**-9.5 Tables A1. Jerre McAfee-David McAfee, San Angelo A2. Robert Desjardin-Norma Mearns, Albuquerque NM A3. Bill Chamberlain-Jenelle Chamberlain, Houston A4B1. Ginny Russell, Brownwood ; Karen Cook, Arlington A5B2. Joy Foster, Sterling City ; Carol Diminnie, San Angelo B3. Betty Mastick, Lavon ; Sandie

Walser, Forney B4. Martin Blecha-Gina Inman, Wichita Falls  
**Fri Swiss Teams**-1-13 Tables A1. Petra Hamman, Carrollton ; Hemant Lall, Dallas ; Tobi Sokolow-David Sokolow, Austin A2. Bryan Storey, Frisco ; John Bromberg-Beth Bromberg, Dallas ; Tom Edwards, Grand Prairie A3. Virginia Noelke, San Angelo ; Jo Smith, Abilene ; Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio ; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA A4BC1. John Herzer-Charlene Coor, Austin ; Jon Pack-Anni Pack, Boerne A5BC2. Sally Miller-H Ann Brannon -Aloma Crow-Judy Pate, Carlsbad NM B3. Cheryl Thompson-Phyllis Kinnison-Annette Sides, Lubbock ; Patsy Miller, Georgetown B4. Kay Davidson-Will Anthony-Virginia Reinier-Mary Hildebrand, Lubbock C3. Meg Putman-Paul Putman, Austin ; Sharon Dameron-Karen Elaine Dameron, Cedar Park

**Saturday A/X Pairs**-8.5 Tables / Based on 21 Tables A1. Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio ; Virginia Noelke, San Angelo A2B1. Thomas Rush-Dolores Aquino, Houston A3. Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA; Jo Smith, Abilene A4. Norma Walker-Suzanne Dorris, San Angelo A5. Dave Swarouth-Donna Swarouth, San Antonio B2. Vicky Fisher-Barbara Wright, San Angelo

**Saturday Gold Rush Pairs**-6.0 Tables A1. Jerre McAfee-David McAfee, San Angelo A2B1. Lynnne Sharma-Arvind Sharma, Southlake A3. Norma Mearns-Robert Desjardin, Albuquerque NM A4B2. Betty Mastick, Lavon ; Sandie Walser, Forney B3. Ginny Russell, Brownwood ; Karen Cook, Arlington 49.79%

**Sat Swiss Teams**-1-12 Tables A1. James Thurtell, Dallas ; John Schwartz, Plano ; Carl McGill-Neal Perlman, San Angelo A2. David Sokolow-Tobi Sokolow, Austin ; Petra Hamman, Carrollton ; Hemant Lall, Dallas A3B1. Phyllis Kinnison-Annette Sides-Cheryl Thompson, Lubbock ; Patsy Miller, Georgetown A4B2C1. Helen Lauderdale-Paul VanHoorebeke, Lubbock ; Linda Prust, Hot Springs Vlg AR; Sam Sneed Jr, Robert Lee B3C2. Paula Park-Francis Thornberry-Liz Taylor-Lane-Darnell Dingle, Lubbock B4/5C3/4 H Ann Brannon-Judy Pate-Sally Miller-Aloma Crow, Carlsbad NM B4/5C3/4 Amanda Shaw-Pamela Erskine, Midland ; Shirley Davenport -P Scott Vaughan, Odessa

**Sunday Stratified Swiss**-15 Tables A1. Virginia Noelke, San Angelo ; Jo Smith, Abilene ; Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio ; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA A2. Pat Ramsey, Stephenville ; Betty Henderson-Beverly Walker-Glynda Groves, Abilene A3/4B1/2 Edward Grant-Lera Lewis-Robert Young-Robert Patton, Abilene B3/4C1/2 Jerry Barrett-Shawn Drenning-Joe Black, Austin ; Robert Snyder, Abilene A5. James Thurtell, Dallas ; John Schwartz, Plano ; Neal Perlman-Carl McGill, San Angelo B3/5 Barbara Bridges-Coleen Grisham-Norma Labarthe-Bette Byrd, Abilene B3/5 Stan Pushkarsky-Sandy Potts, Austin ; Thomas Rush-Dolores Aquino, Houston B3/5 Phyllis Kinnison-Annette Sides-Cheryl Thompson, Lubbock ; Patsy Miller, Georgetown C1/2 Jerre McAfee-David McAfee, San Angelo ; Cheryl Lurie, Avondale AZ; Mark Andrews, Mapleton ND C1/2 Amanda Shaw-Pamela Erskine, Midland ; Shirley Davenport-P Scott Vaughan, Odessa

## ABILENE REGIONAL WINNERS



Tuesday Stratified Swiss A  
Joe Black - Robert McClendon  
Neal Perlman - Jerry Barrett



Wednesday Pairs A  
Kimmel Jones, David Pearlman



Saturday Stratified Swiss B  
Phyllis Kinnison, Cheryl Thompson  
Patsy Miller, Annette Sides



Wednesday Stratified Swiss A  
Thursday Stratified Swiss A  
Venkatrao Koneru, Bruce Ferguson  
Jo Smith, Virginia Noelke



Thursday Pairs - A  
Donna & Dave Swarouth



Saturday Pairs A  
Venkatrao Koneru  
Virginia Noelke





Friday Pairs A  
Jerry Barrett, Robert L McClendon



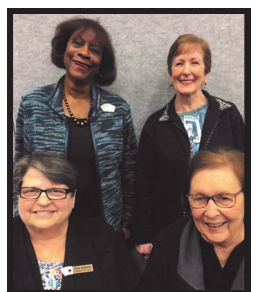
Friday Bracketed Swiss A  
Tobi Sokolow, Petra Hamman  
David Sokolow, Hemant Lall



Saturday Stratified Swiss A  
Neal Perlman - Carl McGill  
James Thurtell - John Schwartz



Thursday Pairs X  
Friday Pairs X  
Saturday Pairs X  
Dolores Aquino, Thomas Rush



Wednesday Stratified Swiss B&C  
Gloria Shuford, Carol Segreti  
Joyce Anderson, Mary Ellen Little



Wednesday Gold Rush Pairs  
Thursday Gold Rush Pairs  
Carol Ramberg - Mary Harrington



Tuesday Pairs B  
Eugene Lux, Jean Blilie



Wednesday AX Pairs X  
Stan Pushkarsky - Sandy Potts



Tuesday Stratified Swiss B&C  
Judy Nixon, Jeanette McDonald  
Jim Nixon, Ross Ramsey



Thursday Stratified Swiss C  
Sharon Dameron, Meg Putman  
Karen Dameron, Paul Putman



Friday Gold Rush Pairs  
Karen Cook, Ginny Russell



Friday Bracketed Swiss B&C  
Jon Pack, John Herzer  
Anni Pack, Charlene Coor



Saturday Stratified Swiss C  
Sam Sneed, Paul VanHoorebeek  
Linda Prust, Helen Lauderdale



Sunday Swiss B tie  
Bob Snyder, Joe Black  
Shawn Drenning, Jerry Barrett



Sunday Swiss B tie  
Ed Grant, Bob Young  
Robert Patton, Lera Lewis



Sunday Swiss C tie  
David and Mark Andrews  
Jerre McAfee, Cheryl Lurie



Sunday Swiss C tie  
Scott Vaughan, Shirley Davenport  
Amanda Shaw, Pamela Ersking



Winter and high season on the Mexican Riviera are now upon us. The bridge tables are filling up at all of our Clubs, and Unit 205 activities are in full swing!

Unit 205 hosted the Mexican Resort Regional in Puerto Vallarta from November 5-11. The annual event was held at the Westin Resort & Spa, with sessions at 9:30am, 2:00pm and 8:00pm providing ample opportunity to enjoy the sun and surf and still play two sessions a day. Thanks to everyone who keeps coming back year after year to make this event a success. We hope you all had fun. Thanks also to all of the volunteers who helped along the way—we couldn't have done it without you! And special thanks to Lew Crippen for publishing the newsletter daily. It is truly a labor of love that keeps him up until the wee hours of the morning.

The overall tournament winners, amassing 115.82 points, were Owen Lien (Oak Park, MI) and Joshua Donn (Las Vegas, NV). Owen and Joshua, along with teammates Barbara and Gaylor Kasle and Jack Zhao (Boca Raton, FL), dominated the KOs, winning the Vallarta, Acapulco, and Cancun KOs. But it was Mike Levine (Boca Raton, FL), Oren Kriegel and Ron Smith (Chicago, IL), and David Grainger (Etobicoke, ON) who won the Sunday Swiss. The team of Jonathan Steinberg (Toronto, ON), Alex Hudson (Raleigh, NC), Hendrik Sharples (Brush Prairie, WA), and Gerry Marshall (Calgary, AB) also performed well in the team events, winning the Tuesday and Saturday Swiss Teams.

The Monday Charity Pairs was won by William Bailey (Mill Valley, CA) and James Griffin (Sausalito, CA). Also performing well in pairs events were Arti Bhargava (Mill Valley, CA) and Aaron Jones (San Francisco, CA) and Wirt Gilliam and Sam Madison-Jammal (San Diego, CA). Victors in the Gold Rush were Monica Schapira and Frida Cassab (Mexico City, MX).

The side games were dominated by Marjorie Michelin (Laguna Woods, CA) in the morning; Nancy Trager (Shawnee Mission, KS) and John Gillett (Barrington, IL) in the afternoon; and Bill Heim and David Hoogenberg (Ajijic, MX) in the evening.

Congratulations to the following unit players who advanced their ACBL ranking: Lee Wagar (Club Master), Joy Wilson (NABC Master), Dale Klassen (Bronze Life Master) and Charles Chartier (Silver Life Master).

Set your sights on the following upcoming Unit events: Mazatlan will be hosting a sectional from January 17-20, 2019, at the Playa Mazatlan Hotel; Ajijic will hold its sectional from January 31-February 3, 2019, at the Hotel Real de Chapala; and the Puerto Vallarta sectional is slated for February 20-22, 2019, at the Lions Club. Lots of opportunities to win those silver points!

**Bridge Club News.** Congratulations to Deborah Camp-Simpson and Sonny Colvett of the Lake Chapala DBC, who scored 70.84% on November 2 in the 299r game (10½ tables). At the Baja Bridge Club, it was George and Paula Jauch who posted 74.01% on November 25 (5½ tables), and Chris and Les Marks who scored 72.05% on November 27 (5 tables).

The Inter-Club Championship Game on November 5 at the Lake Chapala DBC was won by Mike Roney and Cindy Thomson with 61.94%. That was good enough for 30<sup>th</sup> place overall out of 640 pairs. Way to go!

Congratulations to the following LCDBC members who performed well at the Puerto Vallarta tournament: John Betz and Diane Van Brocklin finished first in B in the Monday Charity Pairs. Mary Ann White and Jimmy Reynolds, playing with Mauricio Smid (Mexico City, MX) and Patrice Martel (Guadalajara, MX) won the Tuesday/Wednesday morning Swiss. Tom Gillett and Dagmar Rettberg were first in B in the Saturday Choice Pairs. And Bill Heim and David Hoogenberg won the Evening Side Series. High point winner for the Club was Mary Ann White with 30.19 points for the tournament.

The Lake Chapala DBC hosted its Annual General Meeting on December 4. The following Management Committee members were elected: Louise Morel, President; Stephen Segall, Secretary; John Betz, Member at Large; and Nancy Segall, Club Manager. Jeane Treloar, Treasurer; Charles Chartier, Facility Manager; and Donnie van Rooy, Vice President, will also continue their roles on the Management Committee. We thank you for your service.

Thanks also to Diane van Brocklin for her many years of service as a Director for the Lake Chapala DBC. And we're glad to see Ray Hickey stepping up to direct several games. Without directors, there would be no bridge! We appreciate all that you do.

### Mexican Resort Regional

Puerto Vallarta  
Nov 05-11, 2018  
319 players 761 tables.

- 1 115.82 Owen Lien, Oak Park MI
- 2 115.82 Joshua Donn, Las Vegas
- 3 115.40 Gaylor Kasle, FL
- 4 115.40 Barbara Kasle, FL
- 5 70.52 Jack Zhao, Boca Raton FL
- 6 68.74 Ellen Anten, Encino CA
- 7 66.12 Craig Kavin, CA
- 8 60.65 Paul Markarian, CA
- 9 60.65 Jeffrey Goldsmith, CA
- 10 56.82 Arti Bhargava, CA
- 11 56.82 Aaron Jones, CA
- 12 56.63 Jo Smith, Abilene TX
- 13 56.63 Greg Hinze, San Antonio
- 14 56.63 Chris Compton, Dallas TX
- 15 55.10 Sam Madison-Jammal, CA
- 16 53.15 Ron Smith, Chicago IL
- 17 53.15 Oren Kriegel, Chicago IL
- 18 53.15 David Grainger, ON
- 19 50.41 Mike Levine, FL
- 20 46.61 Hendrik Sharples, WA
- 21 46.61 Gerry Marshall, AB
- 22 44.93 Jonathan Steinberg, ON
- 23 44.93 Alex Hudson, Raleigh NC
- 24 43.87 Mauricio Smid, MX
- 25 42.09 Tony Haddad, Houston

**Tue Choice Pairs-20.5 Tables**  
AB1. Judy Hansen, Eagan MN; Elizabeth Hughes, Minneapolis MN  
A2. Aaron Jones, San Francisco CA; Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA  
A3. William Woodfine, Penticton BC; Maxine Webb, High River AB  
A4. William Bailey, Mill Valley CA; James Griffin, Sausalito CA

A5B2C1. Michael Shuster-Shelley Mardiros, Banff AB B3. Jack Paulus, Eastpointe MI; Kenneth Lee, Elliot Lake ON B4C2. Brij Chadda-Tejinder Chadda, Mississauga ON B5. Tobey Roland-Arthur Rocklin, Baltimore C3. Huguette Joly-Roger Buckland, Shediac NB C4. Diane Patience, Chicago IL; Norma Scott, San Miguel De A Mexico C5. William Ahlstrom, Bloomfield Hls MI; Duff Pfanner, Anchorage AK 51.52%  
**Tue Swiss Teams-15 Tables A1.** Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Alex Hudson, Raleigh NC; Hendrik Sharples, Brush Prairie WA; Gerry Marshall, Calgary AB A2. Gonzalo Herrera, Naucalpan Mexico; Miguel Reygadas, Tlalpan Mexico; Alberto Cohen, Naucalpan Mexico; C. Valerie Gamio, Palos Verdes Pn CA A3/4 Stefan Reich, Mexico Mexico; Gloria Kreimerman, Tecamachalco Mexico; Jimmy Reynolds-Mary Ann White, Laredo TX A3/4B1 Edwin Glickman, Glenwood Spgs CO; Charles Fortney, Wheaton IL; Bernie Weiss, Aspen CO; Steven Nemerovski, Snowmass Vlg CO B2. Mauricio Smid, Huixquilucan Mexico; Claudia Tinajero-Margarita Dolera, Mexico Mexico; Max Chauvet, Naucalpan Mexico B3C1. Carol Weir, Bedford NS; Diane Livingstone-Nancy Spencer-Linda Smith, Halifax NS

**Mon-Tue KO-1-8 Tables 1.** Gaylor Kasle-Barbara Kasle, Boca Raton FL; Owen Lien, Oak Park MI; Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV 2. Craig Kavin, Oxnard CA; Paul Markarian, Lancaster CA; Ellen Anten, Encino CA; Jeffrey Goldsmith, Tujunga CA 3/4 Mike Levine, Boca Raton FL; Kay Enfield, Santa Fe NM; Oren Kriegel-Ron Smith, Chicago IL; David Grainger, Etobicoke ON

**Mon-Tue KO-2-8 Tables 1.** Patricia Herrera, Mexico Mexico; Sam Madison-Jammal-Jim Johnsen, San Diego CA; Rob Rich, Laredo TX 2. Marisa Silverman, Aspen CO; Tom Breed, Kingwood TX; James Breihan, Houston TX; Joe Yassi, Etobicoke ON 3/4 Robert Wright-Olga Wright-Ron Pritchard-Rod Hilderaman, Calgary AB

**Mon-Tue KO-3-8 Tables 1.** Barry Berk, San Miguel Alle Mexico; Liz Jacobson-Pierre Lalonde, Laredo TX; Maureen Barnes, Kelowna BC 2. Richard Peacock-Lucy Peacock, Grosse Pt Shore MI; Fred Batten-Penelope Rudolph, Grosse Pointe MI  
**Tue-Wed AM Swiss-5 Tables A1.** Mauricio Smid, Huixquilucan Mex-

ico; P Martel, Guadalajara Mexico; Mary Ann White-Jimmy Reynolds, Laredo TX A2B1. Richard Peacock-Lucy Peacock, Grosse Pt Shore MI; Fred Batten-Penelope Rudolph, Grosse Pointe MI C1. Manohara Senaratne-Valerie Bowlen, Edmonton AB; Richard Parslow, St Albert AB; Janet Mori, Penticton BC; David Hopkins, Shelton WA

**Wednesday Morn Side Pairs-7.0 Tables A1.** Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Woods CA; Howard Parker III, Clements CA A2BC1. Naida Gubbins-Berry Gubbins, Parksville BC A3BC2. John Douglass-Geraldine Douglass, Alamogordo NM A4/5BC3/4 Jorge Rosen, Alvaro Obregon Mexico; Gilles Aubin, Cuernavaca Mexico A4/5BC3/4 Barry Berk, San Miguel Alle Mexico; Laura Werner, Chicago IL B5. Carolyn Wood, Cobbs Creek VA; Peter Rans, Halifax NS

**Wed Choice Pairs-24.0 Tables AB1.** Roxanne King, Boerne TX; Lamya Agelidis, La Jolla CA A2. Aaron Jones, San Francisco CA; Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA A3. Howard Parker III, Clements CA; Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Woods CA A4B2. Peter Andrews-Irma Andrews, Aptos CA A5. Michael Mikyska, Los Angeles CA; Ifiikhar Baqui, Irvine CA B3. Arthur Rocklin-Tobey Roland, Baltimore MD B4C1. Cynthia Swezey-Rene Reid, Reno NV B5C2. Camille Ovitsky-Ronda White, Santa Fe NM C3. Michael Shuster-Shelley Mardiros, Banff AB C4. Carol Ramberg, Fair Oaks Ranch TX; Mary Harrington, San Antonio TX 5 Diane Patience-Ruth Watts, Chicago IL

**Wed-Thu KO-1-9 Tables 1.** Gaylor Kasle-Barbara Kasle-Jack Zhao, Boca Raton FL; Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV; Owen Lien, Oak Park MI 2. Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Gerry Marshall, Calgary AB; Alex Hudson, Raleigh NC; Hendrik Sharples, Brush Prairie WA 3/4 Gonzalo Herrera, Naucalpan Mexico; Miguel Reygadas, Tlalpan Mexico; Alberto Cohen, Naucalpan Mexico; C. Valerie Gamio, Palos Verdes Pn CA 3/4 Mike Levine, Boca Raton FL; Kay Enfield, Santa Fe NM; Oren Kriegel-Ron Smith, Chicago IL; David Grainger, Etobicoke ON

**Wed-Thu KO-2-12 Tables 1.** Mauricio Smid, Huixquilucan Mexico; Claudia Tinajero-Margarita Dolera-Bronia Nosnik, Mexico Mexico; Max Chauvet, Naucalpan Mexico 2. Jim Dick-Linda Dick, Harlingen TX; Wolf Schroeter-Ann McDougal,



Houston TX 3/4 Edwin Glickman, Glenwood Spgs CO; Charles Fortney, Wheaton IL; Bernie Weiss, Aspen CO; Steven Nemerovski, Snowmass Vlg CO 3/4 Lewis Crippen-Trudy Crippen, Ajijic Mexico; Thomas Gillett, Laredo TX; Dagmar Rettberg, Chapala Mexico

**Thu Swiss Teams-19 Tables A1.** Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Greg Hinze, San Antonio TX; Jo Smith, Abilene TX; Anton (Tony) Haddad, Houston TX 2/3 Craig Kavin, Newbury Park CA; Ellen Anten, Encino CA; Paul Markarian, Lancaster CA; Jeffrey Goldsmith, Tujunga CA 2/3 Patricia Herrera, Mexico Mexico; Rob Rich, Asheville NC; Susan Somogyi, Encino CA; Martin Blain, Rancho Mirage CA 4 Dawn Campbell, Portland OR; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR; Jon Bartlett, Happy Valley OR; Joel Datloff, Vancouver 5/6 1 Ron Pritchard-Robert Wright-Olga Wright-Rod Hilderma, Calgary AB 5/6 Howard Parker III, Clements CA; Ellis Feigenbaum-Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Woods CA; Michael Mikyska, Los Angeles CA; Iftikhar Baqai, Irvine CA 2 Richard Peacock-Lucy Peacock, Grosse Pt Shore MI; Fred Batten-Penelope Rudolph, Grosse Pointe MI

3 Tobey Roland-Arthur Rocklin, Baltimore MD; William Heim, Laredo TX; David Hoogenberg, Ajijic Mexico 66.00  
2.13 4/5 Liz Jacobson, Laredo TX; Gerdur Kristjansdottir, Boulder CO; Monica Taylor-Lewis Richardson Jr, Astoria OR 59.00  
2.13 4/5 Graham Waters-Peter Rans-Mary MacKay, Halifax NS; Carolyn Wood, Cobbs Creek VA  
2.50 1 Jo McDaniel-Tom Banet-Walter Freitag-Mickie Damon, Georgetown TX 57.00

**Thu Open Pairs-9.0 Tables / Based**

on 27 Tables A1. Keith Falkenberg, Calgary AB; Bernie Lambert, Acme AB A2 Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA; Aaron Jones, San Francisco CA 59.03%  
9.11 A3B1. Jerry Chamberlain-Winnie Jasper, Moraga CA A4. James Griffin, Sausalito CA; William Bailey, Mill Valley CA A5. Michel Paragot-Victoria Benozio, San Miguel Mexico B2. Gloria Kreimerman, Tecamachalco Mexico; Stefan Reich, Mexico Mexico B3. Adela Naftali-Sue Gerard, Mexico Mexico B4. Maxine Webb, High River AB; Linda Lake, Southampton NY

**Thu Gold Rush Pairs-7.0 Tables A1.** Monica Schapira-Frida Cassab, Mexico Mexico A2. Janet Baumgartner, Edmond OK; Dwight Stafford, Oklahoma City OK A3. Carol Ramberg, Fair Oaks Ranch TX; Mary Harrington, San Antonio TX A4. Danny Matteucci-Jean Matteucci, Butte MT A5. Rod Goree, San Francisco CA; Margaret Webb, Renton WA B1. Monica Reyes Retana, Bosquesdl Lomas Mexico; Alicia Reyes Retana, Mexico Mexico B2. Joanne Smith-Douglas Smith, Steamboat Spgs CO

**Fri Choice Pairs-26.0 Tables A1.** Sam Madison-Jammal-Wirt Gilliam, San Diego CA A2BC1. Michael Shuster-Shelley Mardiros, Banff AB A3. Susan Somogyi, Encino CA; Martin Blain, Rancho Mirage CA A4. Aaron Jones, San Francisco CA; Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA A5. Alice Kinningham, Aurora CO; Debra Dallas, Highlands Ranch CO B2. Mary Lou Fowler-Chris Curran, Houston TX B3. Gloria Kreimerman, Tecamachalco Mexico; Stefan Reich, Mexico Mexico B4C2. Diane Patience, Chicago IL; Norma Scott, San Miguel De A Mexico C3. Kathy George, Rochester NY; Norman

Webb, Puerto Vallarta Mexico C4. Monica Schapira-Frida Cassab, Mexico Mexico  
**Morning Side Series-33.50 Tables / Based on 17 Tables 1.** Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Woods CA 2. A Ansari, Austin TX 3/4 Linda Akazawa, Toronto ON 3/4 Eric Endicott, Toronto ON 5/6 Berry Gubbins, Parksville BC 5/6 Naida Gubbins, Parksville BC

**Aft Side Series Final-35.50 Tables / Based on 18 Tables 1/2 Nancy Trager, Shawnee Mission KS 1/2 John Gillett, Barrington IL 3/4 Janet Larson, Olympia WA 3/4 Douglas Larson, Olympia WA 5/6 Barry Berk, San Miguel Alle Guatemala 5/6 Colleen Berk, San Miguel Alle Guatemala**

**Evening Side Series-27.75 Tables / Based on 12 Tables 1/2 William Heim, Laredo TX 1/2 David Hoogenberg, Ajijic Mexico 3/4 Linda Akazawa, Toronto 3/4 Eric Endicott, Toronto ON 5/6 Mary Ann White, Laredo TX 5/6 Jimmy Reynolds, Laredo TX**

**Fri-Sat KO-1-9 Tables 1.** Gaylor Kastle-Barbara Kastle-Jack Zhao, Boca Raton FL; Owen Lien, Oak Park MI; Joshua Donn, Las Vegas NV 2. Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Greg Hinze, San Antonio TX; Jo Smith, Abilene TX; Anton (Tony) Haddad, Houston TX 3/4 Joel Datloff, Vancouver WA; Jon Bartlett, Happy Valley OR; Dawn Campbell, Portland OR; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR 3/4 Ellen Anten, Encino CA; Craig Kavin, Newbury Park CA; Jeffrey Goldsmith, Tujunga CA; Paul Markarian, Lancaster

**Fri-Sat KO-2-10 Tables 1.** Raul Bouffier Jr, Sp Garzagarcia Mexico; Claudia Tinajero-Bronia Nosnik-Margarita Dolera, Mexico Mexico 2. Ron Pritchard-Robert Wright-Olga

Wright-Rod Hilderma, Calgary AB 3/4 Edwin Glickman, Glenwood Spgs CO; Charles Fortney, Wheaton IL; Cecil Crowson Jr, Morelos Mexico; Gilles Aubin, Cuernavaca Mexico 3/4 David Hoogenberg, Ajijic Mexico; William Heim, Laredo TX; Arthur Rocklin-Tobey Roland, Baltimore MD

**Sat Swiss Teams-13 Tables A1.** Gerry Marshall, Calgary AB; Hendrik Sharples, Brush Prairie WA; Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Alex Hudson, Raleigh NC A2/3 Patricia Herrera, Mexico Mexico; Martin Blain, Rancho Mirage CA; Rob Rich, Asheville NC; Susan Somogyi, Encino CA A 2/3 Marjorie Michelin-Ellis Feigenbaum, Laguna Woods CA; Enrico Pagani, Mexico Mexico; Mauricio Smid, Huixquilucan Mexico A3/4 Mike Levine, Boca Raton FL; Kay Enfield, Santa Fe NM; Oren Kriegel-Ron Smith, Chicago IL; David Grainger, Etobicoke ON A5. Gonzalo Herrera, Naucalpan Mexico; Miguel Reygadas, Tlalpan Mexico; Alberto Cohen, Naucalpan Mexico; C. Valerie Gamio, Palos Verdes Pn CA BC1. Liz Jacobson, Laredo TX; Gerdur Kristjansdottir, Boulder CO; Barry Berk-Colleen Berk, San Miguel Alle Mexico B2. Walter Freitag-Mickie Damon-Jo McDaniel-Tom Banet, Georgetown TX 3 Eric Endicott-Linda Akazawa, Toronto ON; Lilian Grant-John Grant, Willowdale ON

**Sat Choice Pairs-27.5 Tables / Based on 24 Tables A1.** Aaron Jones, San Francisco CA; Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA A2. Sam Madison-Jammal-Wirt Gilliam, San Diego CA A3. Mary Ann White-Jimmy Reynolds, Laredo TX C1. Thomas Gillett, Laredo TX; Dagmar Rettberg, Chapala Mexico B2. Starr Bulmer-Glen Bulmer, Berwyn AB B3. Peter An-

draws-Irma Andrews, Aptos CA 4 B J Sanders-Mark Sanders, Austin TX 5 1 George Cushon-Rita Cushon, Victoria BC C2. Alicia Reyes Retana, Mexico Mexico; Monica Reyes Retana, Bosquesdl Lomas Mexico C3. Michael Shuster-Shelley Mardiros, Banff AB 5 Monica Schapira-Frida Cassab, Mexico Mexico

**Sun Swiss Teams-47 Tables 1** Mike Levine, Boca Raton FL; Oren Kriegel-Ron Smith, Chicago IL; David Grainger, Etobicoke ON A2. Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Greg Hinze, San Antonio TX; Kay Enfield, Santa Fe NM; Anton (Tony) Haddad, Houston TX; Jo Smith, Abilene TX A3. Craig Kavin, Newbury Park CA; Ellen Anten, Encino CA; Jeffrey Goldsmith, Tujunga CA; Paul Markarian, Lancaster CA A4. Jerry Ranney-Jane Ranney, Morrison CO; Alice Kinningham, Aurora CO; Debra Dallas, Highlands Ranch CO A5. Jon Bartlett, Happy Valley OR; Joel Datloff, Vancouver WA; Dawn Campbell, Portland OR; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR B1. Kathy Swaine-Rand Pinsky, Valencia CA; Lewis Richardson Jr-Monica Taylor, Astoria OR B2. Ron Pritchard-Robert Wright-Olga Wright-Rod Hilderma, Calgary AB B3. Tobey Roland-Arthur Rocklin, Baltimore MD; David Hoogenberg, Ajijic Mexico; William Heim, Laredo TX B4. Mick Friedberg-Joanne Brown, Santa Cruz CA; Irma Andrews-Peter Andrews, Aptos CA C1. Berry Gubbins-Naida Gubbins, Parksville BC; Shelley Mardiros-Michael Shuster, Banff AB C2. Frida Cassab-Monica Schapira, Mexico Mexico; Enaid Savage, Guajuato Mexico; Jorge Rosen, Alvaro Obregon Mexico C3. Roger Buckland-Huguette Joly, Shediac NB; Brij Chadda-Tejinder Chadda, Mississauga ON

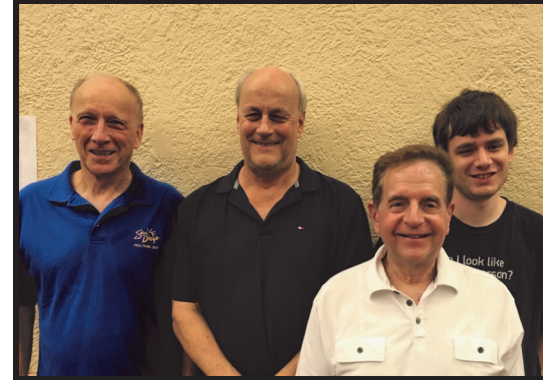
## PUERTO VALLARTA REGIONAL CHAMPS



James Griffin, William Bailey  
Monday Eve Pairs



Bernie Weiss, Steven Nemerovski,  
Edwin Glickman, Charles Fortney  
Tuesday Swiss Teams B



Jerry Marshall, Hendrik Sharples,  
Jonathan Steinberg, Alex Hudson  
Tuesday & Saturday Swiss Teams A



Wirt Gilliam, Sam Madison Jammal  
Friday Choice Pairs A



Mary Ann White, Jimmy Reynolds,  
Patrice Martel, Mauricio Smid  
Tuesday- Wednesday AM Swiss A



Bernie Lambert, Keith Falkenberg,  
Thursday Open Pairs A



Elizabeth Hughes, Judy Hansen  
Tuesday Choice Pairs A



Winnie Jasper, Jerry Chamberlain  
Thursday Open Pairs B



Tom Gillett, Dagmar Rettberg  
Saturday Choice Pairs B



Michael Shuster, Shelley Mardiros  
Tuesday Choice Pairs C,  
Friday Choice Pairs B



John Betz, Diane van Brocklin  
Monday Eve Pairs

Unit 225  
East Texas

Susan Ford



\* Mary Wright & Sammie Borum -- 72% at Sheila Bell DBC on 11/14

\* Gay Roach & Jack Yarbrough -- 70.14% at Longview DBC on 11/14/18

\* Dotsy Miller & Jackie McElhaney - 70.03% at MG's Diamond Life Party on 11/3/18

\* Dorothy McCasland & Liz Guthrie -- 76% game at Pittsburg DBC on 11/2/18

\* Cliff Smith & Mike Graham -- 70.5% game at LDBC on 10/25/18

\* Jean Friedell & Jean Huskey -- 71.67% game at Pittsburg DBC on 10/23/18

NAP-Unit 225 hosted the NAP qualifying game Oct 6th in Tyler with 10.5 table in play.

Dottie Pirkle DBC - It is with deep sadness we mourn the passing of two of our most ardent bridge players and supporters Nancy Strain and Chester Neal. They will be sorely missed.

Nancy Louise Peterson Strain  
29 August 1926 - 13 July 2018

Nancy retired as a gift manufacturer representative from her own corporation on 5th Avenue in New York City. She was a strong, independent woman, with a feisty, but playful sense of humor. She loved attending church, caring for cats, solving crossword puzzles, and the camaraderie at

70% Games: Betty Wilkinson & Sandy Molander - 71% game 11/5



the bridge studio. Nancy loved playing bridge so much she built a new home for the Dottie Pirkle's DBC in downtown Athens, TX in January 2007. She always looked forward to her Monday's and Thursday's at the bridge club, and never came without something for everyone to snack on.

Chester Neel

Chester Neel passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 21st in a Tyler hospital at the age of 75. He had serious health problems that he bravely faced, including hospitalizations, but he always came back to playing bridge as much as he could. He loved duplicate and Bonnie Magee was his regular partner for Wednesdays & Fridays. As partnership person for our club, he was my favorite player to call. It happened more than once...Chester and a novice coming in first. He was always a gentleman at the table. Bonnie's partner was not able to play on Monday, the 20th, so she asked Chester to play. They came in first. Later that evening, his wife Suzanne took him to the hospital and he died the next afternoon at 2:30. Bonnie says there are 3 kinds of bridge: Standard American, Two Over One and Chester bridge.

The Bridge Studio at Cedar Creek. On August 11th Doris Neathery celebrated her 99th birthday. It was the year to renew her driver's license and she failed the eye exam for the first time. That didn't stop her! She went to the eye doctor, got glasses for driving only, retook the eye exam, passed it and her driver's license was renewed. Twice a year our club participates in a charity bridge game which benefits The Library at Cedar Creek Lake. In November, Gloria Rowland directed the duplicate side of the event and the first place winners were Larry Laudig and Barbara McMinn. Sharon Sanders won the raffle prize of \$100 Walmart Gift card. The event raised \$4,100. All of the charity games in November benefited Santa's Kids, an organization which provides personal Christmas gifts for foster children in Van Zandt County. Sandy Hilliard has worked diligently many years with Santa's Kids to help make Christmastime a happy time for these children. Our annual Christmas Party is a catered luncheon provided by the studio. The entry fee for the game is either \$10 or a new, unwrapped toy. All entry fees are presented to a representative of the Gun Barrel City "Toys for Tots" campaign for children in need.

Canton Nannies DBC - Sandy & Charles Ford work with Canton Intermediate School students in an after-school bridge club. This is the club's 3rd year and 9 of the current group are returning for their second year, making a total of 39 third, fourth & fifth graders. They are very attentive and are excited about playing bridge.

Diamond Life Master Mike Graham-On November 3rd Janie Wolaver hosted a spectacular "Denim and Diamonds" party for Mike Graham to celebrate his achievement as a Diamond Life Master. The party was held at Papacita's Mexican Restaurant in Longview with many friends attending the luncheon and 17.5 tables enjoyed a fun time playing bridge.

2018 Pittsburg NLM held Nov 15-17 - With players from Dallas, Austin, Bossier City, Shreveport and East Texas, the NLM Tournament was a big success with 48.5 tables. Linda Harrison & Janie Wolaver, were co-chairs, and Mike Graham was the tournament director. The tourney was held in the American Legion Building in Pittsburg. PDBC and LCSDBC had totally remodeled the building from floor to walls to ceiling thanks to members' donations of money and time and lots of hard work. Frank Harrison's chili for lunch on day one of the tournament was a big hit. Hospitality co-chairs, Dotsy Miller & Jackie McElhaney, made everyone feel welcomed and enjoy a relaxing, fun time.

AWARDS-Unit 225 Board sought

nominations for the 2018 Texas Star Award and also the Goodwill Award. Carol Kinsey was selected for Unit 225 Texas Star Award given her work as Unit 225 Board member and Unit Webmaster. Dotsy Miller and Jackie McElhaney are the Goodwill Award recipients as they both exhibit a welcoming, fun, encouraging and helpful approach to all players they meet at the bridge table. District 16 will officially present these awards to Carol, Dotsy and Jackie at the Lone Star Regional Tournament Feb 4-10, 2019.

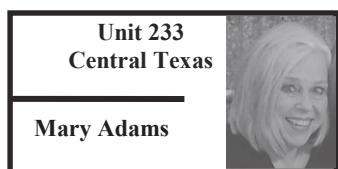
#### UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS:

\* 2019 Piney Woods NLM--LDBC Studio, Feb 15-16, 1409 W Loop 281, Longview, TX

Pittsburg Duplicate Bridge Club and Lake Cypress Springs Bridge Club-The Beginner and Intermediate classes that started in September have wrapped up. We have two new ACBL members, Karen Bell and Cathy Barley, who are playing in our games now as a result of these classes.

Rose City - Rose City DBC Recently celebrated Karlene Hall's 90th birthday.

Richard Bryant, Silver Life Master, passed away this past weekend (11/9). Richard played regularly in Longview, monthly Unit games, and area tournaments. Prior to moving to Henderson, TX, Richard was director of a bridge club in Michigan. He will be missed by all that knew him.



Tom Corlett became the new Manager/Director for Sul Ross Bridge Club in October. He "stepped up to the plate" after Ila Bates had to resign due to her health issues. Ila continued the wonderful tradition at Sul Ross after Judy Bales, and Waco is lucky to have Tom to step in at this time. Thanks to all who have played at Sul Ross past, present, and hopefully in the future! Great tradition. The only change currently is that the Thursday afternoon game has been moved to Wednesday!

Well, if you missed the annual Unit 233 Christmas Party, you indeed were missed--but you also missed a great time. We had 16 tables in the afternoon and 15 tables in the morning. Carol Ann Wadley presented the Maxine Tessmer Awards for our unit members scoring the most points in the Temple and then the Waco Bridge on the Brazos tournaments: Jan Hart and Mary Adams for Temple and Jimmy LaFountain and Richard Ware for Waco. The Judy Bales Award went to Patti Santini--for the second year in a row!! Her enthusiasm for the game has inspired all of us! It is certainly an honor to have a name on the plaque with so many current and former truly wonderful people. Gene Thompson was tireless in directing as well as facing and "fixing" some technical challenges! Gene, you deserve at least a week of sleep! You are great.

Maxine Tessmer, for whom the award mentioned above was named, was not only an acclaimed and loved Central Texas bridge player, but also she had a "wicked" and contagious sense of humor--as evidenced by this poem she shared with Dick Cunningham:

A man knocked on the heavenly gate  
His face was scarred and old.  
He stood before the Man of Fate  
For admission to the fold.  
"What have you done," St. Peter asked,  
"To gain admission here?"  
"I have been a bridge player, sir,  
For many and many a year."  
The Pearly Gates swung open wide;  
St. Peter touched the bell--  
"Come in and choose your harp," he said,  
"You have had your share of hell!"

Anonymous

Overall winners in order for the morning session: David Pennington and Mary Adams; Ethel and Tom Corlett; Alicia and Robert Smith; Susan LaFountain and Gerald Nelson; Jan Hart and Dick Cunningham; James Evans and Puddin Barnes; Pamela and George Holmes; Pat Kelly and Barbara Kirstein.

Section High Scores: Joe Nance and Maxine Nobbman; Ann Fulcher and Dale Allen; Trudi Lamendola and Frank Morgan; Gloria Danton and Janis Bodin; Jimmy LaFountain and Richard Ware; Peggy Downey and Nandy Ramsey; Karen Oberling and Marc Levin

Overall winners in order for the afternoon session: Trudi Lamendola and Frank Morgan; Wanda Carter and Helen Simonette; Lenora and Bill Parrish; James Evans and Puddin Barnes; Jo McDaniel and Tom Banet; Amy Wilson and Norma Swaim.

Section High Scores: David Pennington and Mary Adams, Ethel and Tom Corlett, Pam LaShelle and Richard Wall, Pam and George Holmes, Stephen Olson and VA Miller, George and Betty Fowler, Lynn Sykes and Lennie Wilkins.

Election for new Board Members was held in the morning, and those elected are Lennie Wilkins, Janice Bodin, and Gloria Stanton. Welcome to these three and thanks again for outgoing Board members George Fowler, Judy Taylor Matthews, and Bob Smith. The Unit Board as well as club managers met during the lunch break and, among other things, elected new officers. Our new President is Lennie Wilkins, and the new Vice-President is Barbara Kirstein. Great people to follow Carol Ann who has served for two terms (two years!!!) as President and Judy! Lynn Sykes will remain as Secretary and Helen Simonette as Treasurer. Other chair"persons" include: Gloria Stanton, Membership; Carol Ann Wadley, Web Master; Dick Cunningham, Disciplinary Chair; Harry Kenny, Recorder; Helen Simonette, Business Manager; Lynn Sykes, Tournament Coordinator, NAOP Coordinator GNT STaC Coordinator, and District 16 representative; Janis Bodin, Publicity; Wanda Carter, Hospitality; George Holmes, Charity; Pat Kelly, Intermediate and Newcomer Coordinator; Jan Hart, Education Liaison; Mary Adams, Scorecard Reporter. Thanks to you all!!!

The party afforded so many opportunities to visit with friends I had not seen in awhile--Inez and Don Grider, Jo McDaniel, Tom Banet, and VA Miller. They continue to do so much to "keep the game" thriving in their own area. Jo recently made Silver Life Master and added this side note: "I received both my Life Master and Silver Life Master while playing in Mexico. We traveled for several years to the regional in Puerto Vallarta--a "fantabulous" place to visit and play. My silver was completed last summer while playing in Lake Chapala, a favorite haunt for many American and Canadian players." Congratulations! I was happy to meet other Georgetown players Karen Oberling and Marc Levin. I was especially glad to play with my partner David Pennington who has been on a "vacation from bridge" for over two months.

Recent big games include Janis McIntosh and Margaret McLennan with a 72% game at Waco Slammers, and Melody Euler and Jimmy La Fountain with a 71.04% game and Jimmy and Janice Walker at Temple Duplicate with 71%.

The I-35 Corridor STaC games are over with winners in Georgetown at the Georgetown Bridge Club and in Temple at Rolling Hills Bridge Club. Overall winners in the 17 table game were, in order Melody Euler and Richard Wall, Belva Barrington and Pat Jodoin, Lynn Sykes and Amy Wilson, Inex Grider and Karen Oberling, Jackie and Larry Franz, Jane

Collins and Genevieve Lockley, Charlynn Casey and Mary Adams(B), Billie Ogens and Carol Laubomudrov (C). Wilson Haddow and Greg Flanigan (C), and Paul Schroeder and Betsy Lidgey (C). Special thanks to Lynn Sykes for helping organize the games!

The current issue of the BRIDGE BULLETIN had an interesting article on "Table Presence" that has generated some lively and positive discussions around the bridge table recently. I urge you to read the article if you have not already. We probably "know" most of these things, but I certainly needed to be reminded of them.

In closing---please remember our Temple Sectional Tournament on February 22-24. Wanda Carter is Chair ([wjkelly33@yahoo.com](mailto:wjkelly33@yahoo.com), and Jan Hart is Partnership Chair ([jshauthor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jshauthor@sbcglobal.net)). Melody Euler will again bring her expertise as Director. You can expect the same "culinary exquisiteness" as in the past as well as the lovely art and beauty of the Cultural Activities Center. I want to see all of you and hear many more anecdotes---true or not



To play the game of bridge you must learn a whole new language. There

who knows, goes. You will lose face if you underlead an ace." And then there is the phrase, "Rules are made to be broken. These are guidelines!"

Of course, there are other humorous quotes. I found these in a list compiled by Eddie Kantar. "There are two acceptable reasons for not leading partner's suit: having no cards in the suit or a death wish." "My partner is 20 years behind the times. He still thinks you need high cards to bid." "Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make them all yourself."

Bridge continually challenges each of us, and our minds work hard to solve problems at the bridge table. Life-long friendships grow and community develops. What more could you ask for in an afternoon game at the bridge table?

As life moves forward our bridge friends have had some personal challenges in their lives. Our thoughts and prayers have been with Marsha May in the illness of her husband, Martha Keller as she continues to cope with her rheumatoid arthritis, Tuck Harvey is getting stronger after knee replacement, and Helen Cash is recovering well after her complex surgery. We are grateful to have the opportunity to lovingly support our bridge friends through trials and through life celebrations.

At the time of the writing of this newsletter we are hoping the weather holds out for us to celebrate together at our Christmas Game Party on De-




## Heart of Texas

### Temple Sectional

**February 22-24, 2019**

Cultural Activities Center  
3011 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Temple, TX 76501

**FRIDAY, February 22**

Stratified Pairs (single session)	10 a.m., 2:30 p.m.
499er Pair Game	10 a.m., 2:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY, February 23**

Stratified Pairs (single sessions)	10 a.m., 2:30 p.m.
499er Pair Game	10 a.m., 2:30 p.m.

Masterpoints for pairs and teams are averaged

**SUNDAY, February 24**

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

**Stratifications**

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

**Tournament Chair**  
Wanda Carter 254 913 2182 [wjkelly33@att.net](mailto:wjkelly33@att.net)

**Partnerships**  
Jan Hart 254-778-2676 [jshauthor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jshauthor@sbcglobal.net)

**Tournament Hotel**  
Motel 6 Bridge Rate:\$51-55  
1610 W. Nugent Ave., Temple, TX 76504 254-770-1100

**Entry Fees**

ACBL Members: \$12.00/Session  
Non-Members: \$16.00/Session Students: \$6.00 entry  
Swiss Team: \$120.00/Team  
Smoking Breaks Snacks Coffee Soda Provided

are some common bridge guidelines that we try to follow that might not make sense to anyone else that does not play the game. You learn the meaning of phrases such as: "Eight ever, nine never. When the dummy is to your right, lead the weakest suit in sight. When the dummy is to your left, lead through heft. Don't be cute, lead partner's suit. The lead of top of three small is worst of all. The one

February 7th, 2018. North Texas has extreme and variable weather at times. We have very hot summers and sometimes snow in Winter. Spring can be volatile with threats of tornados and rainstorms. The one thing that is consistently true throughout the year is our beautiful skies!

Bridge Paradise Masterpoint Leaders for October were David Hertzog and



Tomie Johnson with 0.80 masterpoints; Gladys Barley and Nell Lister with 0.56 masterpoints. High Percentage Games for October were David Hertzog and Tomie Johnson with a score of 52.63; Gladys Barley and Nell Lister with a score of 49.30. Bridge Paradise Masterpoint Leaders for November were David Hertzog and Tomie Johnson with 1.32 masterpoints; Margie Brown and Wanda Gaynor with 0.90 masterpoints. High Percentage Games for November were David Hertzog and Tomie Johnson with a score of 73.13; Jody Elgin and Patricia Robinson with a score of 65.00.

The Bridge Club Masterpoint Leaders for October were Bernie Lange with 2.90 masterpoints; Margaret Kirkland and Dee McKinley with 2.33 masterpoints. High Percentage Games for October were Clay Abrams and Margaret Kirkland with a score of 64.00; Wanda Hughes and Nancy Purcell with a score of 61.81. Masterpoint Leaders for November were Lois Roberson with 1.69 masterpoints; David Hertzog and Tomie Johnson with 1.40 masterpoints. High Percentage Games for November were David Hertzog and Tomie Johnson with a score percentage of 68.15; David Hertzog and Tomie Johnson with 64.29; Shirley Bond and Barbara Cunningham with 63.75.

The Vernon Duplicate Bridge Club Masterpoint Leaders for October were Carrol Green with 11.96 masterpoints; Susan Couch with 10.89 masterpoints; and Boyd Green with 9.90 masterpoints. High Percentage Games for October were Boyd and Carrol Green with a score percentage of 69.00; Susan Couch and Anne Halsell with 68.50; Susan Couch and Carrol Green with 66.56. Masterpoint Leaders for November were Susan Couch with 6.33 masterpoints; Carrol Green with 5.61 masterpoints; Carolyn Trafton with 3.61 masterpoints. High Percentage Games for November were Susan Couch and Carole Tucker with a score percentage of 66.67; Susan Couch and Carole Tucker with 65.00; Susan Couch and Carole Tucker with 63.00.

The Bridge A-Gap Masterpoint Leaders for October were David Hertzog and Tomie Johnson with 2.40 masterpoints; Nancy Purcell with 1.64 masterpoints; Betsy Smith with 1.53 masterpoints. High Percentage Games for October were

Nancy Purcell and Marilyn Waggoner with a score percentage of 65.48; Kathleen Brown and Wanda Hughes with a score of 60.36; Margaret Kirkland and Betsy Smith with a score of 60.08. Masterpoint Leaders for November were David Hertzog and Tomie Johnson with 1.50 masterpoints; Margie Brown with 1.29 masterpoints; Kathleen Brown and Wanda Hughes with 1.18 masterpoints. High Percentage Games for November were David Hertzog and Tomie Johnson with a score percentage of 68.15; David Hertzog and Tomie Johnson with a score of 64.29; Barbara Cunningham and Shirley Bond with a score of 63.75.

The Suite 16 Bridge Masterpoint Leaders for October were Kathleen Brown with 6.55 masterpoints;

Bernie Lange with 4.82 masterpoints; Margaret Kirkland with 4.51 masterpoints. High Percentage Games for October were Faye Morrison and Suzanne Sosa with a score percentage of 65.63; Bernie Lange and Nancy Purcell with a score of 64.58; Kathleen Brown and Margaret Kirkland with a score of 63.69. Masterpoint Leaders for November are Kathleen Brown with 3.61 masterpoints; Martha Keller with 3.23 masterpoints; Margaret Kirkland with 2.55 masterpoints. High Percentage Games for November are Kathleen Brown and Anne Halsell with a score of 69.80; Patty Hofer and Lois Roberson with a score of 68.00; Martha Keller and Marsha May with a score of 66.80.

## McAllen Sectional

March 1-3, 2019

Las Palmas Community Center  
1921 N. 25th & E. Sycamore  
McAllen, TX 78501  
(956) 681-3350

### Friday 1st

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

### Saturday 2nd

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

### Sunday 3rd

Swiss Team 10:00 am and TBA  
\$25.00 per team member Meal included

All Events are Stratified  
(Average of both players) A 2000+ B 750-2000 C 0-750

Beverages and Snacks available during sessions

**Tournament Chair**  
Rene Wallace (956) 454-1016  
**Partnership Chair**  
Wayne Tindall (785) 213-9453

(\$4.00 extra per session for Unpaid Members)



## Magic Valley Sectional

January 25-27, 2019

Elks Lodge 1889  
1426 S Commerce Street  
Harlingen, Tx 78550  
(956) 423-4290

### Friday 25<sup>th</sup>

Dodi Waters Pairs 9:30AM and 1:30 pm  
Single Sessions \$11.00  
A 2000+ B 750-2000 C 0-750

### Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>

Rene Wallace Pairs 9:30AM and 1:30 pm  
A- 2000+ X- 0 - 2000  
Delores Jensen NLM Pairs 9:30AM and 1:30 pm  
B 300-599 C 0-750 D 0-149  
Single Sessions \$11.00

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>

Doris Allen Swiss Teams 10:00am/TBA Average A  
2000+ B 750-2000 C 0-750  
\$25.00 per team member includes meal

Beverages and Snacks available during sessions  
Join us In the Magic Valley

**Tournament Chair:**  
Johnny Johnson  
(956) 264-4321 johnson.financial@att.net  
**Partnership Chair:**  
Linda Dick  
lin3006@regan.com (540) 841-2262

(\$4.00 extra per session for non-ACBL and Unpaid Members)



## Dallas March Madness Sectional

March 7-10

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

Thursday, Friday and Saturday March 7th, 8th and 8th

Stratified Pairs: Open, 0- 1000 (single sessions) 10:00 am & 2:30 pm  
Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Session Event) 10:00 am & 2:30 pm

### Sunday, March 10th

A/X Swiss Teams — 2 Session Event B/CID Swiss Teams — 2 Session Event (no player over 3000)  
Stratified Open Pairs Stratified Open Pairs

**Stratifications:** Open Pairs: A: 4000+, B: 1500 -3999, C: 0-1499 (based on average masterpoints) Stratified Pairs: 0 - 1000 Stratified at director's discretion (based on average masterpoints) Swiss Teams: A: 5000+, AX: 0-5000 (based on average masterpoints) play together B: 2000-3000, C: 999-1999, D: 0 - 999 (based on average masterpoints) play together

**Entry Fees:** ACBL members \$13 per daytime session; 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**  
Mary Jane McGinnis (mjmcmgWatt.net)  
Sue Doe (psuedoe@yahoo.com)

**Partnerships**  
Mary Jane McGinnis call or text 214-986-1257

**Fragrance Policy:** Please refrain from the use of perfumes and colognes as many players have allergies.

**Hospitality:** Snacks and drinks every session; lunch provided during Sunday Swiss Teams games.

**Tournament Director:** Scott Humphrey

**Hotel Info:** (Ask for Dallas Bridge Tournament room block, reserve by Feb 15th for Marriott or Feb 19th 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

### From page 1 Honolulu

Museum; and bridge enthusiasts can drop by the ACBL Museum in Horn Lake, Mississippi, a 20-minute drive. Tobi and I hope to see you there.

To each and every one of you, a happy, healthy and fulfilling new year from Mr. & Mrs. S!

**NAIL LM PAIRS 102 Tables**  
1/Greg Hinze, San Antonio  
4/Justin Lall, Little Elm  
8/Dan Morse, Houston

**Marsha May Sternberg BAM 13 Tables**

5/ Claudette Hartman - Tobi Sokolow, Austin ;

**MITCHELL OPEN BAM 91 Tables**

7/Justin Lall, Little Elm  
14/Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio

**10K IMP PAIRS - 10.0 Table**  
1/Hua Yang, Plano ;

**WHITEHEAD WOMEN'S PAIRS 28 Tables**

2/Ellen Hessel, San Antonio ; Peggy Sutherlin, Dallas

8/ Yuanluo Wang - Yan Song, Plano  
11/Tobi Sokolow - Claudette Hartman, Austin

**6K BLUE RIBBON PAIRS 54 Tables**  
1/Virgil Massey, Driftwood ; Charlene Sands, Pflugerville

**KAPLAN BLUE RIBBON PAIRS - 103 Tables**

2/Chris Compton  
3/Bart Bramley, Dallas

13/Eddie Wold, Houston  
21/Greg Hinze, San Antonio

35/Mark Feldman, Austin  
36/Babu Koneru, San Antonio

44/ Hemant Lall, Dallas  
**SENIOR MIXED PAIRS 54 Tables**

15/Susan Stubinski - Bruce Wick, Houston

**NABC+ Mixed Swiss 68 Tables**

8/Hua Yang - Yan Song, Plano T  
9/Ellen Hessel - Ira Hessel, San Antonio ;

13/Kristen Onsgard, Dallas  
24/Stefanie Scott, Little Elm

**REISINGER BAM TEAMS 33 Tables**

9/ Babu Koneru, San Antonio  
**KEOHANE NA SWISS 71 Tables**

2/Justin Lall, Little Elm  
8/Hemant Lall, Dallas

15/Eddie Wold, Houston  
Mike Passell, Plano

66 players From district 16

240.83 Justin Lall, Little Elm  
180.27 Greg Hinze, San Antonio

153.69 Chris Compton, Dallas  
144.76 Bart Bramley, Dallas

129.84 Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio  
99.98 Hua Yang, Plano

99.04 Eddie Wold, Houston  
91.72 Virgil Massey, Driftwood

91.72 Charlene Sands, Pflugerville  
91.71 May Sakr, Ardmore PA

79.67 Ellen Hessel, San Antonio  
78.97 Hemant Lall, Dallas

77.68 Yan Song, Plano  
53.65 Peggy Sutherlin, Dallas

53.24 Ralph Katz, Burr Ridge IL  
52.50 Bob Hamman, Dallas

50.21 Mike Passell, Plano  
48.59 Yuan Luo Wang, Plano

42.27 Dan Morse, Houston  
41.75 Petra Hamman, Carrollton



Houston Unit 174 proudly presents the 58<sup>th</sup> annual

February 4-10, 2019

# Lone Star Regional

## MARRIOTT HOUSTON WESTCHASE

2900 Briar Park Drive, Houston, TX 77042  
 Reservations: 713-978-7400, 1-888-236-2427  
 Room Rate: \$119 Booking Code: [LSR2019](#)  
 Cut-off date: January 25, 2019

## INTERMEDIATE/NEWCOMER SCHEDULE



0-5, 49'r, & 299'r pairs Monday @ 1:00 & 6:30  
 and Tuesday-Sunday @ 10:00 & 2:30



Session and overall awards  
 will be red points.

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

**New!!:** Review of 1-2 hands after the 2:30 session.

## 0-750 "GOLD" OPPORTUNITIES!



### Daily Bracketed Swiss Events

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



### Gold Rush Pairs

Monday: 1:00 & 6:30, Tuesday-Saturday: 10:00 & 2:30



## LSR AFTERNOON SPEAKERS

Monday Noon, Tuesday-Saturday 2:00 PM



## DOOR PRIZES

from nearby restaurants given out daily



## ENTRY FEES

Monday through Friday .....\$14  
 Saturday (\$1 for future D16 NABC).....\$15  
 Sunday (includes lunch voucher) .....\$16

*\$4 more for unpaid ACBL members*

## AWARDS

Provided to Section Tops in Pairs Games and  
 to First Place in Team Events at Awards Desk

## DAILY OPEN PAIR GAMES

Monday	Education Fund Pairs .....	1 & 6:30
Tuesday	A/X/Y Pairs (2 sessions).....	10 & 2:30
Wednesday	A/X & Midflight pairs (2 sessions) ...	10 & 2:30
Thursday	A/X/Y Pairs (2 sessions).....	10 & 2:30
Friday	A/X & Midflight pairs (2 sessions) ...	10 & 2:30
Saturday	A/X & Midflight pairs (2 sessions) ...	10 & 2:30
Sunday	A/X/Y Pairs (2 sessions).....	9:30 & TBA

## THREE SIDE GAME SERIES

*Your best two games count toward the overalls*

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

## BRACKETED SWISS EVERY DAY

*All are two sessions!*

Monday.....	1:00 & 6:30
Tuesday-Saturday .....	10:00 & 2:30
Tuesday & Wednesday .....	7:30
Thursday & Friday .....	7:30
Sunday .....	9:30 & TBA

## TWO MINI-SOLOWAY KO OPPORTUNITIES

*For top bracket equivalent (in lieu of above) 2-day 4-session team event*

Tues/Wed & Thurs/Fri..... 10:00 & 2:30

*Conditions of Contest: [www.acblunit174.org/Flyers/lsr\\_ms.pdf](http://www.acblunit174.org/Flyers/lsr_ms.pdf)*

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## I/N CHAIR

Nancy Guthrie - nguthrie\_houston1@comcast.net

## PARTNERSHIPS

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*For partnerships in advance of the tournament, please use  
[www.acbl.org/partnershipdesk](http://www.acbl.org/partnershipdesk)*





*February 4-10, 2019*

# Lone Star Regional

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Education Fund Pairs (Single sessions) .....	1:00 & 6:30
Gold Rush Pairs (Double session).....	1:00 & 6:30
299'r Pairs (Single sessions) .....	1:00 & 6:30
49'r Pairs (Single sessions) .....	1:00 & 6:30
0-5 Pairs (Single sessions) .....	1:00 & 6:30
Bracketed Swiss .....	1:00 & 6:30

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

A/X/Y Pairs (Double session).....	10:00 & 2:30
Gold Rush Pairs (Double session).....	10:00 & 2:30
Morning Side Game Series.....	10:00
299'r Pairs (Single sessions) .....	10:00 & 2:30
49'r Pairs (Single sessions) .....	10:00 & 2:30
0-5 Pairs (Single sessions) .....	10:00 & 2:30
Afternoon Side Game Series .....	2:30
Bracketed Swiss Teams (Double session)* .....	10:00 & 2:30
Mini-Soloway (Session 1 and 2)* .....	10:00 & 2:30
Tues/Wed Bracketed Swiss (Session 1 of 2).....	7:30
Evening Side Game Series.....	7:30

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

A/X Pairs (Double session).....	10:00 & 2:30
Mid-flight Pairs (Double session) .....	10:00 & 2:30
Morning Side Game Series.....	10:00
Gold Rush Pairs (Double session).....	10:00 & 2:30
299'r Pairs (Single sessions) .....	10:00 & 2:30
49'r Pairs (Single sessions) .....	10:00 & 2:30
0-5 Pairs (Single sessions) .....	10:00 & 2:30
Bracketed Swiss Teams (Double session) .....	10:00 & 2:30
Mini-Soloway (Session 3 and 4) .....	10:00 & 2:30
Afternoon Side Game Series .....	2:30
Tue/Wed Bracketed Swiss (Session 2 of 2).....	7:30
Evening Side Game Series.....	7:30

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

A/X/Y Pairs (Double session).....	10:00 & 2:30
Gold Rush Pairs (Double session).....	10:00 & 2:30
Morning Side Game Series.....	10:00
299'r Pairs (Single sessions) .....	10:00 & 2:30
49'r Pairs (Single sessions) .....	10:00 & 2:30
0-5 Pairs (Single sessions) .....	10:00 & 2:30
Afternoon Side Game Series .....	2:30
Bracketed Swiss Teams (Double session)* .....	10:00 & 2:30
Mini-Soloway (Session 1 and 2)* .....	10:00 & 2:30
Thur/Fri Bracketed Swiss (Session 1 of 2).....	7:30
Evening Side Game Series.....	7:30

### BEST PRACTICES TEACHER WORKSHOP

Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1-5 & 6-10 pm  
 Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am—noon  
 For information or to register  
 Betty Starzec @ 713-562-2568 or lstarzec@comcast.net

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

A/X Pairs (Double session).....	10:00 & 2:30
Mid-flight Pairs (Double session) .....	10:00 & 2:30
Morning Side Game Series.....	10:00
Gold Rush Pairs (Double session).....	10:00 & 2:30
299'r Pairs (Single sessions) .....	10:00 & 2:30
49'r Pairs (Single sessions) .....	10:00 & 2:30
0-5 Pairs (Single sessions) .....	10:00 & 2:30
Bracketed Swiss Teams (Double session) .....	10:00 & 2:30
Mini-Soloway (Session 3 and 4) .....	10:00 & 2:30
Afternoon Side Game Series .....	2:30
Thurs/Fri Bracketed Swiss (Session 2 of 2).....	7:30
Evening Side Game Series.....	7:30

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

A/X Pairs (Double session).....	10:00 & 2:30
Mid-flight Pairs (Double session) .....	10:00 & 2:30
Morning Side Game Series.....	10:00
Gold Rush Pairs (Double session).....	10:00 & 2:30
299'r Pairs (Single sessions) .....	10:00 & 2:30
49'r Pairs (Single sessions) .....	10:00 & 2:30
0-5 Pairs (Single sessions) .....	10:00 & 2:30
Bracketed Swiss Teams (Double session) .....	10:00 & 2:30
Afternoon Side Game Series .....	2:30
Evening Side Game Series.....	7:30

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

A/X/Y Pairs (Double session).....	9:30 & TBA
Side Pairs (Single sessions) .....	9:30 & TBA
A/X Swiss Teams.....	9:30 & TBA
Bracketed Swiss Teams .....	9:30 & TBA

(No Player with > 3000 MPs)

### STRATIFICATION & FLIGHTING

Stratified Events .....	A: 3000+, B: 750-3000, C: 0-750
A/X Pairs (A&X play together) .....	A: 5000+, X: 0-5000
Midflight Pairs (B&Y play together).....	B:1500-3000, Y: 0-1500
Gold Rush Pairs (C&Z play together) .....	C: 300-750, Z: 0-300
A/X/Y Pairs .....	A: 5000+, X: 2000-5000, Y: 0-2000
Strati-Flighted Swiss (A&X play together)....	A: 4000+, X: 0-4000
	B: 0-3000 (Bracketed—no player over 3000 MPs)
Bracketed Swiss: .....	brackets of 7-9 teams by average MP

*\* 2-day Mini-Soloway starts for Top Bracket Equivalent  
 For Conditions of Contest: [www.acblunit174.org/Flyers/lsr\\_ms.pdf](http://www.acblunit174.org/Flyers/lsr_ms.pdf)*

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

### DAILY START TIMES

Monday.....	1:00 & 6:30
Tues - Sat.....	10:00 & 2:30 & 7:30
Sunday .....	9:30 AM & TBD



# EAST TEXAS TOURNAMENT OF STARS

APRIL 8 - APRIL 14

TOM MARSH - DIRECTOR IN CHARGE

HOLIDAY INN  
300 TUTTLE CIRCLE,  
LONGVIEW, TX 75605  
903-663-6464

USE CODE RBT FOR  
\$89.00 RATE  
(UNTIL MARCH 24, 2019)

**ENTRY FEES:**  
\$13 + \$4 PER SESSION  
FOR Lapsed MEMBERS

**East Texas Hospitality**  
COMPLIMENTARY SNACKS  
COFFEE AND WATER

**Free Parking**

**Daily Happy Hour**  
OFFERED BY HOTEL

**Guest Speakers**  
WEDNESDAY - SATURDAY

**299ER PAIRS SCHEDULE**

Monday 2:30-7:00  
Tuesday 10:00-2:30, 7:00  
Wednesday - Saturday 10:00-2:30, 7:00  
Suits & 200-300, B: 100-200, C: 0-100

**GOLD RUSH Pairs 0-750 Play for Gold**

Sessions:  
Tuesday thru Saturday  
6:10:00 A-7:30

**BRACKETED SWISS**  
Monday thru Saturday

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NELDA306@JUPITERLINK.NET  
903-530-0522

*April 13, Saturday continuation.*

**APRIL 12**  
10:00  
STRATIFIED OPEN CHOICE PAIRS (Play 2 of 3 Sessions)\*

**BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS** (1st Session)

**GOLD RUSH PAIRS** (1st Session)

**07:00**  
STRATIFIED OPEN CHOICE PAIRS (Play 2 of 3 Sessions)\*

**CHOICE PAIRS** (Play 2 of 3 Sessions)\*

**GOLD RUSH PAIRS** (2nd Session)

**BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS** (2nd Session)

**07:00**  
STRATIFIED OPEN CHOICE PAIRS (Play 2 of 3 Sessions)\*

**STRATIFIED OPEN CHOICE PAIRS** (Play 2 of 3 Sessions)\*

**SINGLE SESSION SWISS**

**APRIL 13**

**10:00**  
STRATIFIED OPEN CHOICE PAIRS (Play 2 of 3 Sessions)\*

**BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS** (1st Session)

**GOLD RUSH PAIRS** (1st Session)

**07:00**  
STRATIFIED OPEN CHOICE PAIRS

**APRIL 11**

**10:00**  
MARY ANN PEDEN KO TEAMS (2nd of 4 Sessions)

**BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS** (1st Session)

**STRATIFIED OPEN CHOICE PAIRS** (Play 2 of 3 Sessions)\*

**GOLD RUSH PAIRS** (1st Session)\*

**07:00**  
MARY ANN PEDEN KO TEAMS (3rd of 4 Sessions)

**BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS** (2nd Session)

**STRATIFIED OPEN CHOICE PAIRS** (Play 2 of 3 Sessions)

**GOLD RUSH PAIRS** (2nd Session)

**07:00**  
MARY ANN PEDEN KO TEAMS (4th of 4 Sessions)

**STRATIFIED OPEN CHOICE PAIRS** (Play 2 of 3 Sessions)

**SINGLE SESSION SWISS**

**APRIL 08**

**07:30**  
STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS  
Bracketed Swiss Teams (1st Sess.)

**APRIL 09**

**10:00**  
STRATIFIED OPEN CHOICE PAIRS (Play 2 of 3 Sessions)\*

**BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS** (1st Session)\*

**GOLD RUSH PAIRS** (1st Session)\*

**07:00**  
BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS (2nd Session)

**STRATIFIED OPEN CHOICE PAIR** (Play 2 of 3 Sessions)

**GOLD RUSH PAIRS** (2nd Session)

**07:00**  
STRATIFIED OPEN CHOICE PAIRS (Play 2 of 3 Sessions)\*

**SINGLE SESSION SWISS**

**APRIL 10**

**10:00**  
BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS (1st Session)

**STRATIFIED OPEN CHOICE PAIRS** (Play 2 of 3 Sessions)\*

**GOLD RUSH PAIRS** (1st Session)

**07:00**  
BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS (2nd Session)

**STRATIFIED OPEN CHOICE PAIRS** (Play 2 of 3 Sessions)\*

**GOLD RUSH PAIRS** (2nd Session)

**07:00**  
MARY ANN PEDEN KO TEAMS (1st of 4 Sessions)

**STRATIFIED OPEN CHOICE PAIRS** (Play 2 of 3 Sessions)\*

**SINGLE SESSION BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS**

Note: Stratification is based on average HPs for each pair/team. However, for Strat-Flighted events, qualification to play in a given flight is determined by the maximum HP holding for any player on that pair/team. KNOCK OUTS may be handicapped.





## DALLAS NLM SPRING REGIONAL

March 7-10

Richardson Civic Center

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

### GOLD POINTS AWARDED

**33% gold awarded for section top in flight A pairs and overall in flight A pairs**

**33% gold awarded for top three teams in each bracket of Swiss teams**

**Note: All players must have FEWER than 750 Masterpoints and may not be a Life Master as of March 6, 2019**

### Schedule of Events

Thursday, March 7	*Stratified Gold Pairs (Session 1 & 2 of 2)	10:00 am & 2:30 pm
Friday, March 8	*Stratified Gold Pairs (Session 1 & 2 of 2)	10:00 am & 2:30 pm
Saturday, March 9	*Stratified Gold Pairs (Session 1 & 2 of 2)	10:00 am & 2:30 pm
Sunday, March 10	Bracketed Gold Swiss Teams (2 Session Event)	10:00 am & 2:00 pm

*\* You may play only one session, but you maximize gold points by playing in both sessions*

#### **Stratifications:**

Based on average Pair or Team Masterpoints

A: 300-750 (NLM) B: 100-300 C: 0-100

#### **Speakers:**

Thursday: 9:20 am Tomi Storey: Table Etiquette

Friday: 9:20 am: Jay Gibson

Saturday; 9:20 am: Donna Compton

#### **Entry Fees:**

ACBL members \$13 per session; \$17 for unpaid members. Non-members must purchase an ACBL membership. 30 Day Memberships are available for \$8. Sunday Swiss \$120 for team of four.

**Tournament Co-Chairs:** Cheryl Rider: [ridercheryl@gmail.com](mailto:ridercheryl@gmail.com) and Jim Rider: [jimerider@gmail.com](mailto:jimerider@gmail.com)

**Partnerships:** Sharon Lux email: [sharonlux@me.com](mailto:sharonlux@me.com)

**Fragrance Policy:** Please refrain from the use of perfumes and colognes as many players have allergies

**Hospitality:** Snacks and drinks every session, lunch provided during Sunday Swiss Team games

**Tournament Director:** Scott Humphrey

**Hotel Info:** Reserve by Feb. 15th for Marriott/Feb.19th for Wyndam - "Dallas Bridge Tournament Block"

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