

American Contract Bridge League District 16 SCORECARD

Bridge News Bulletin for The Texas Regional Conference

San Antonio, Texas Volume 52 No 1 January/February 2020

Phil Clayton Wins Robot Individual and 0-6000 Blue Ribbon Pairs

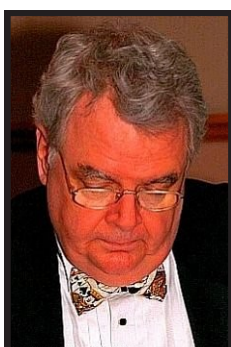
Bob Hamman Wins Open BAM; Tobi & David Sokolow Win Senior Mixed Pairs



Tobi and David Sokolow



Phil Clayton



Bob Hamman

David Sokolow Senior NABC Correspondent



It was feast or famine for District 16 at the fall NABC in San Francisco. Other than the four winners, virtually no one finished in the top ten in NABC events. I can't explain this anomaly; all I can do is recount the details.

Phil Clayton of Frisco had a fantastic week. First, he won the Robot Individual, held on line the week before the nationals, then followed it up with a win in the 0-6,000 Blue Ribbon Pairs in SF. Phil's average in the Robot Individual was 70.22%. A 70% game is a rarity; averaging 70% over three days—extraordinary! His performance in the mini-Blues was equally consistent: he was ninth after the first day, first after the semifinals, and first again at the bell. Hats off to Phil!

Bob Hamman of Dallas won the Open Board-a-Match Teams. Sometimes referred to as "TGBH" (The Great Bob Hamman), he is undeniably one of the best players in the history of the game. By my count, this was his 53rd win in an NABC event, stretching back to 1962. To cap off a stellar tournament, Bob came in third in the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams, the premiere team event on the ACBL calendar. There are no superlatives left to describe his accomplishments, so I'll just leave it at "TGBH."

In a thrilling and (for me) unexpected turn of events, Tobi and I won our first national event together, the Senior Mixed Pairs. Tobi played great (as usual) and I played as well as I ever have on the final day. It was my first win in an unrestricted NABC event, and Tobi's twentieth. In addition to teaching me a lot about the game, Tobi has encouraged me to trust my instincts, not "overthink" things, and believe in my game. Thanks, honey, for all your love and support!

Usually, a bevy of D16 players land

top-ten finishes in NABC events. Not this time! In fact, other than the successes noted above, only Mike Passell of Plano and Houstonite Eddie Wold made the cut—they were tenth in the North American Swiss Teams. Hopefully, our coterie of players will fare better at the spring NABC. Speaking of which....

The spring NABC will be held March 19-29 in Columbus, Ohio, home to the Buckeyes of Ohio State University. (BTW, did you know that the Buckeye is a nut? I kid you not. Who ever heard of a school with a nut as its mascot? But I digress....) Columbus is a first-time NABC venue. In many ways, Columbus is a lot like Austin: a state capital, home to the state's premiere university, and a mecca for creative artists. The host hotels, the Hilton Columbus Downtown, and the Hyatt Regency, are just a few blocks from the "Short North," where galleries and excellent restaurants abound. My favorite haunt in Columbus is the German Village neighborhood, where you can enjoy excellent German food at a number of restaurants and delicatessens. Doesn't a hot pastrami sandwich sound tempting right about now?

Here's to a happy, healthy and fun-filled new year for you and all your loved ones!

10374 tables. 116 players from District 16

15 262.64 Bob Hamman, Dallas
125 112.60 Mike Passell, Plano
130 112.07 Eddie Wold, Houston
132 111.92 Phil Clayton, Frisco
164 94.28 Hemant Lall, Carrollton
166 93.82 Tobi Sokolow, Austin
210 80.84 David Sokolow, Austin T
255 73.71 Greg Hinze, San Antonio
318 65.51 Petra Hamman, Carrollton
354 62.11 Thomas Rush, Houston
489 48.91 Michael Heymann, Fort Worth
505 48.06 Michael Kamil, Austin
509 47.71 Nancy Passell, Plano
560 43.53 Wes Peirce, The Woodlands
627 38.99 Kristen Onsgard, Dallas
771 32.03 Chris Compton, Dallas
812 30.26 Thomas Trudeau, San Antonio

NAIL LIFE MASTER PAIRS -
65.0 Tables / Based on 127 Tables
45 Michael Kamil, Austin
54 Georgiana Gates, Houston

MITCHELL B-a-M - 56 Tables /
Based on 114 Tables
1 Bob Hamman, Dallas

Super Senior Pairs - 39.0 Tables /
Based on 74 Tables
9 Petra Hamman, Carrollton ; Peggy
Sutherlin, Costa Mesa
34 Geoff Booth - Robert Sandfield,
Houston

WHITEHEAD WOMEN'S PAIRS
- 26.0 Tables / Based on 54 Tables
14 Petra Hamman, Carrollton ; Kris-
ten Onsgard, Dallas

SOLOWAY KO TEAMS - 32 Tables
Hemant Lall, Carrollton

MINI-BLUE RIBBON PAIRS -
18.0 Tables / Based on 72 Tables
1 Phil Clayton, Frisco
11 William & -Donna Garrard, Irving

KAPLAN BLUE RIBBON PAIRS
11 Greg Hinze, San Antonio
48 Michael Kamil, Austin ;
64 Chris Compton, Dallas
69 Ira Hessel, San Antonio

NABC 10K FAST PAIRS - 18.0
Tables / Based on 28 Tables

11 Hua Yang - Yan Song, Plano

SENIOR MIXED PAIRS - 47.0
Tables / Based on 94 Tables
1 Tobi & David Sokolow, Austin
17 Susan Stubinski - Bruce Wick,
Houston
29 Bryan Storey, Frisco
Nancy Passell, Plano
43 Joan Jackson, Dallas
Norman Beck, Dallas

Reisinger B-A-M - 10 Tables / Based
on 42 Tables
3 Bob Hamman, Dallas

MIXED SWISS - 58 Tables / Based
on 116 Tables
22 Georgiana Gates, Houston ;

North American Swiss Team - 24
Tables / Based on 94 Tables
10 Eddie Wold, Houston
Mike Passell, Plano
16 Hemant Lall, Carrollton
17 Phil Clayton, Frisco

Rebecca Brown District 16 President



It's time to say "adios!" or, more likely "hasta la vista!" This is the last President's column I will write; elections for new officers will occur at our next meeting on February 8, 2020, during the Lone Star Regional in Houston. I have every confidence that your new slate of officers will serve you brilliantly! (Please feel free to attend the meeting: it begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends in time for the 10 o'clock game. You will have to buy your own breakfast, though!)

It has been my honor to serve as your President for two years, during which time my work on your behalf was done mostly behind the scenes since we meet only three times each year. Between meetings, we've done a lot of work by email and phone. The Board, comprised entirely of volunteers, has been terrific to work with! We have dealt with GNT and NAP conditions of con-

test, conflicts between units (including a mediation), tournament allocations controversies, Scorecard distribution controversies, modifications to District awards, disciplinary issues,, adding new talent on the Board, keeping up with the dynamic processes at ACBL, enhancing the District website, etc.. I wish I had been able to travel to more tournaments to meet more of you, but "stuff" happens!

I hope to continue to participate on behalf of District 16; I encourage each of you to find a way to offer your talents to either your unit or the District. While serving on the District Board of Directors hasn't improved my bridge game, it has enriched me immensely in other ways and offered me new friendships. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

For 2020, I wish you all good health, good company and good cards!

SEE YOU AT THE TABLE!

Paul Cuneo District 16 National BOD



Congratulations to Phil Clayton for winning the Fall 2019 Robot Invitational and to Tobi and David Sokolow who won the Senior Mixed Pairs in San Francisco!!!

Also, congratulations to Melody Euler who received the Jean Molnar Employee of the Year Award which recognizes the field employee who consistently delivers directing expertise, customer service, and Professionalism!!!

The Marriott Marquis proved a delightful venue as host of the fall NABC. Attendance was 10373.5 tables which was significantly under the projection of 12,000 tables. Despite that, ACBL will end the year with a gain in excess of \$750,000. Georgia Heth of District 8 was elected President of the ACBL Board for 2020 defeating me in a very close election. I knew that I was challenging tradition by running for President during my 3rd year on the Board as most members seek election after much more time on the board. The following are highlights from the Board meeting:

A motion to restructure the ACBL Board from 25 District Directors to 13 Regional Directors failed 15 for and 10 against as a 2/3 majority is required since this is a Bylaws change. Despite that vote, I am encouraged that the prospects for passage at our next meeting in Columbus, Ohio, are very good as it looks like 3 votes could swing at that meeting. The purpose of the motion is to improve board

effectiveness and to reduce board costs. If approved in Columbus, a 2nd reading is required in Montreal and if approved by the Board of Governors the transition will begin in 2021.

We approved creation of a taskforce to develop motions to move the board's work on "bridge" to committees that report to management and to move many of the appointments the board makes on an annual basis to either the Board of Governors or to management. The idea is to focus the smaller board on the core activities of a board and to utilize the expertise of ACBL members for operations and honors.

The Strategic Plan work is progressing well. The high-level goals and objectives have been agreed by the Board and the work with management on implementation is beginning. We expect to have plans and a budget in Columbus. Key areas are membership growth, new member participation and retention, and improvements in tournament scheduling.

The ACBL Educational Foundation met in San Francisco as well. The budget for next year was approved and included increased spending on grants and programs including the collegiate program and the military initiative. The Foundation works closely with ACBL to fund bridge education and 2020 will be an exciting year as we work together to increase the number of people playing and enjoying bridge.

I'd like wish each of you a Happy New Year and all the best in 2020!

AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE

DISTRICT 16 SCORECARD

Bridge News Bulletin for
The Texas Regional Conference
10710 Tybalt Trail
San Antonio, TX 78213

District Highlights

- 1/ FORT WORTH NLM REGIONAL Feb. 21-23
- 2/ Houston Regional Feb 3-9 (16)
- 3/ NAPS San Antonio Jan. 18-19
- 4/ Land Cruises page 5
- 5/ FORT WORTH REGIONAL April. 13-19
- 6/ Grand National Teams Houston April 3-5 page 3

Moving Up

176	Daniel	Butler	Dallas	Life Master
176	Robert	Kayser	Carrollton	Life Master
207	Peter	Naimoli	Austin	Life Master
176	Neill	Ray	Dallas	Life Master
174	Robert	Burridge	Houston	Life Master
174	Brad	Chandler	Houston	Life Master
176	Allan	Chernov	Irving	Life Master
183	Karen	Collins	Fort Worth	Life Master
204	L Dale	Harris, Jr	San Angelo	Life Master
174	Jane	Joplin	Houston	Life Master
207	Barbara	Rodriguez	Volente	Life Master
207	Barbara	Clements	Austin	Bronze LM
183	Stan	Hsu	Denton	Bronze LM
176	Jeff	Karpeles	Dallas	Bronze LM
183	Bruce	Mann	N Richland Hil	Bronze LM
174	B J	Renshaw	Spring	Bronze LM
174	Gail	Wood	Houston	Bronze LM
254	Gordon	Young	Pictou	Bronze LM
183	Joyce	Anderson	Fort Worth	Bronze LM
172	Robert	Craig	Boerne	Bronze LM
176	Shelley	Early	Plano	Bronze LM
183	Carmond	Fitzgerald	Granbury	Bronze LM
201	Susan	Gore	Silsbee	Bronze LM
174	James	Meade	Spring	Bronze LM
176	Stuart	Nelan	Melissa	Bronze LM
174	James	Sells	Houston	Bronze LM
174	Kathleen	Stuart	Houston	Bronze LM
205	Cynthia	Thomson	Victoria	Bronze LM
176	Nicolas	Weisz	Dallas	Bronze LM
172	Irene	White	Fair Oaks Ranch	Bronze LM
174	Jack	Dean	Houston	Silver LM
174	Jeanette	Dean	Houston	Silver LM
176	Susan S	Doe	Irving	Silver LM
254	Wendy	Valentine	Crozet	Silver LM
207	Richard	Clements	Austin	Silver LM
174	Jeane	Crumpler	Conroe	Silver LM
173	Margarita	Dolera	Mexico	Silver LM
207	Ken	Hanson	Austin	Silver LM
225	Linda	Harrison	Pittsburg	Silver LM
176	William	Higgins	Dallas	Silver LM
254	Terry	Holden	Laredo	Silver LM
174	Carol	Krug	Houston	Silver LM
174	Bob	Matlock	Spring	Silver LM
174	Odis	Nolte	Conroe	Silver LM
174	Frances	Robbins	The Woodlands	Silver LM
225	Frances	Sanders	Mabank	Silver LM
176	Sharon	Ward	Richardson	Silver LM
183	Jo	Bryan	Denton	Ruby LM
197	Andrea	Ford	Lockney	Ruby LM
233	Bill	Parrish	Woodway	Ruby LM
233	Lenora	Parrish	Woodway	Ruby LM
207	Mark	Sanders	Austin	Ruby LM
176	Jo Ann	Truitt	Dallas	Ruby LM
176	Chris	Anderson	Dallas	Ruby LM
174	Mike	Goldberg	Houston	Ruby LM
174	Sharon	Graber	League City	Ruby LM
207	Sandra	Harris	Austin	Ruby LM
183	Janet	Jordan	Aledo	Ruby LM
176	Kristen	Onsgard	Dallas	Ruby LM
174	Jessie	Schoppe	Katy	Ruby LM
225	Joyce	Austin	Streetman	Gold LM
176	Pawel	Hanus	Carrollton	Gold LM
174	Kay	Humphries	Bellaire	Gold LM
172	Jean	Blilie	Kerrville	Gold LM
174	Dana	Brown	Houston	Gold LM
176	Jon	Browne	Plano	Gold LM
201	Marian	Jones	Round Rock	Gold LM
176	Jane	Kirby	Dallas	Gold LM
172	Jerome	Tilles	San Antonio	Gold LM
225	J Jack	Yarbrough	Nacogdoches	Gold LM
183	Robert	Buchanan	Arlington	Sapphire LM
176	Amy	Downing	Plano	Sapphire LM
353	Tomie	Johnson	Wichita Falls	Sapphire LM
183	Ned	Nolte	Arlington	Sapphire LM
183	Dee	Berg	Arlington	Sapphire LM
176	Phyllis	Gravitz	Plano	Sapphire LM
174	Jack	Stone	Sugar Land	Sapphire LM
187	David	Ticen	Victoria	Sapphire LM
174	Donald	White	Baytown	Diamond LM
174	Sally	Wheeler	The Woodlands	Grand LM
174	Ira	Chorush	Houston	Grand LM

In Memoriam

- *Mrs. Martha H. Bowes, Castle Hills TX
- Carol L. Eschelbrenner, McKinney TX
- *Mrs. Ava N. Huddleston, Lubbock TX
- *Mrs. Nita V. Kimball, McKinney TX
- *Sam Long, Arlington TX
- *Kathleen Midkiff, Temple TX
- *Dr. Albert P. Postar, Lubbock TX
- Margaret R. Rambo, Lubbock TX
- Ruben Ramirez, Pflugerville TX
- *Gail C. Rutledge, Lewisville TX
- *Mrs. Wanda Wilson, Lubbock TX
- *Joe Boyd, New Bern NC
- *Melva F. Keil, Houston TX
- *Life Master

JANUARY

Austin	2-5
Richardson	9-12
San Antonio (Nov Issue page 5)	16-19
San Antonio NAPS (Nov Issue 5)	18-19
Spring 499er	23-26
Mazatlán	23-26
Denton NLM	24-26
Harlingen (Nov Issue page 15)	24-26
San Miguel de Allende	30-Feb 2
Dallas 299er	31-Feb3

FEBRUARY

Austin NLM	1-2
HOUSTON REGIONAL (4)	3-9
Longview NLM/750	14-15
Temple (14)	14-16
Fulton (Rockport) (10)	14-16
Ajjic	20-23
San Angelo (13)	21-23
FORT WORTH NLM REGIONAL (16)	21-23
Fort Worth (15)	21-23
Puerto Vallarta	25-28
Austin (12)	27-March 1
McAllen (15)	28-March 1

MARCH

SAN MIGUEL REGIONAL	3-8
Beaumont (13)	5-7
Lubbock	6-8
Arlington NLM	7-8
Kerrville (7)	12-15
Richardson (9)	12-15
Spring 499er	19-22
COLUMBUS NABC	19-29
Dallas 299er	27-29
Austin 199er	28-29

APRIL

Houston	3-5
Houston GNT	3-5
FORT WORTH REGIONAL	13-19
San Antonio	22-25
Houston 499er	23-26
Pittsburg NLM/750	23-25
Spring 299er	30-May3
Austin	30-May3

MAY

Denton NLM	15-17
Richardson	21-25
Dallas 299er	29-31

JUNE

Houston	5-7
Midland	5-7
Austin NLM	6-7
San Antonio	11-14
STaC D16	15-21
Arlington	26-28
AUSTIN REGIONAL	29-Jul 5

Congratulations to Westside Bridge Academy in Houston and Bridge Academy of North Dallas . Both clubs went over 10,000 tables in 2019 and finished in the top 10 bridge clubs in the ACBL by table count.

Sally Wheeler Grand Life Master



Congratulations to Sally for becoming Grand Life Master, the highest rank in the ACBL. While Sally has 3 National Championships to qualify she just went over the 10K point total recently. She represented the USA in several world championships and finished fourth in the Venice cup

Sally's parents sent Sally for bridge lessons when she was 13. Her teacher was Paul Hodge (long-time partner of John Gerber, who is, perhaps, better known). In 1975, she began playing regularly with Buddy Hanby, who she had met at Rice a few years earlier. They married two years later.

Sally won her first tournament, the Open Pairs at a Houston Sectional, around 1977 at the conference center in The Woodlands, where she would move 17 years later). At the same tournament, Sally met Cindy and Bob Bernstein who then lived in College Station. The Bernsteins became close friends and regular teammates with whom Sally won many events. Sally's first Regional win was the Mixed Pairs at the Austin Regional in 1981 .

In 1984, the Spring NABC was held in San Antonio. Sally and Cindy decided to try out women's events. They were instant hits, 4th in the NABC+ Womens' Pairs (which I think was the first NABC that Sally ever entered) followed by 2nd in the NABC+ Womens' Knockout. Over the next 10 years or so, Sally and Cindy played frequently in womens' events. They were 4th in the Venice Cup, won a NABC+ Womens' Knockout, and had several other successes. In a rare non-Cindy womens' bridge event, Sally won a NABC+ Womens' Pairs playing with Georgiana Gates.

Phil Clayton Wins Robot Invitational

Phil Clayton won the 2019 Fall Robot invitational held just before the Fall NABC. Each player played 3 sessions with a computer partner and 2 computer opponents. Among around 2000 entries 7 D16 players had scores above 60%

- 1 Phil Clayton Frisco, 70.22%
- 34 Bob Black Beaumont, 63.80%
- 65 Peter Hudson, Coppell 62.22%
- 69 Shawn Drenning Austin, 62.05
- 104 B Haznedar Houston, 60.99%
- 109 Lynn Baker Austin, 60.73 %
- 120 Wanfeng Mou Sugar Land, 60.67%
- 135 Daniel Jackson Spring, 60.41%
- 147 Ed Rawlinson Helotes, 60.14%

Unit	Col-	Announcement	Results	Pictures
172 San Antonio	7	7	7	7
174 Houston	7		8	8
176 Dallas	9	9		
183 Fort Western		15, 16		
187 Corpus Christi	10	10		
197 Lubbock	13			
201 Beaumont	13	13		
204 Fort Concho	13	13		
207 Texas Capital	12	12		
209 Permian Basin	12			
224 Abilene				
225 East Texas	14			
233 Central Texas	14	14		
237 Magic Valley		15		
353 Wichita Falls	15			
205 Western Mexico	11		11	
Bridge Land Cruises	5			

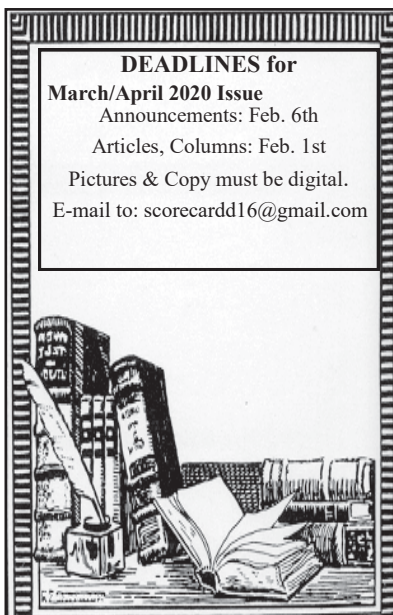
SCORECARD

Scorecard (ISSN 10560920) Published bimonthly on the first day of January, March, May, July, September and November by District 16 of the American Contract Bridge League, 10710 Tybalt Trail San Antonio TX 78213 Yearly subscription to members, \$ 3.60, paid with annual dues. Periodical Postage paid at Memphis, TN and at additional mailing offices.

Send copy photos & announcements to: Email: scorecardd16@gmail.com
All advertising and copy should be submitted to the editor by the first and sixth days of the month, respectively, preceding publication. Advertising rates available from the editor upon request. Pictures should be in digital format. For replies, include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Moving? Missed Issues
Send address changes to:
ACBL Data Processing Dept.
6575 Windchase Blvd.
Horn Lake, MS 38637
662-253-3130 or
e-mail addresschange@acbl.org.
Include ACBL number.

Editors
Executive: Ira & Ellen Hessel
Managing: Ellen Hessel
Photo Editor: Ellen Hessel
GNT/NAP Reporter: Ira Hessel
National Reporter: David Sokolow



DEADLINES for
March/April 2020 Issue
Announcements: Feb. 6th
Articles, Columns: Feb. 1st
Pictures & Copy must be digital.
E-mail to: scorecardd16@gmail.com



ACES & KNAVES

a film about bridge



THE MOVIE ACES & KNAVES COMING TO THE LONE STAR REGIONAL

The highly-acclaimed movie about bridge, ACES & KNAVES, will be shown Saturday, February 8, at 7 p.m. at the Lone Star Regional sponsored by the ACBL Educational Foundation, District 16 and Unit 174. Bring your friends, family and neighbors and enjoy a film that shows why we all love the game of bridge! And, it's FREE FOR EVERYONE! Our mission is not only to engage those already obsessed with bridge but also to draw in the uninitiated.

The film features a quick-paced explanation of the game, lively interviews with the world's superstars, a segment on bridge and brain science, and the gripping story of how a few elite players exposed cheating at the highest levels of the game.

- No reservations are required.
- Refreshments will be provided!
- Teachers and clubs will be offering discounted lessons to your friends interested in learning the game!

Help us expose the game we love to potential new players!

"A gem! Humorous, frank, and personal...a story that even non-bridge players will find entertaining and completely accessible." —ACBL Bulletin

"No doubt the best documentary on bridge ever made." —Michael Becker, Hall of Fame

Pictures and Biographies for Texas Stars, Mini-Mckenney and Ace of Clubs

If you are first or second in the District 16 2019 Mini-Mckenney and/or Ace of Clubs or are the winner of the Texas Stars for your Unit, please send us a digital picture for publication in the march/April issue of The Scorecard. Send to "scorecardd16@gmail.com".

Grand National Teams

by Scott Nason

GNT 2020 is underway. This national event begins in the Units, progresses to District Finals and culminates at the Summer Nationals. Do you have a Team? Do you know if you need to qualify? Do you know how?

There are four levels that will compete in the GNT's District Finals in Houston, April 3-5. The four winners of that event (and possibly more – see below) go on to compete at the GNT Finals in Montreal, July 15-19. The top flight – SuperFlight – is open to anyone. In order to play in Flight A, each member of the team must have had less than 6000 Masterpoints as of the August 6, 2019 posting. For Flight B the cutoff is 2500 points. And Flight C is limited to non-life masters with less than 500 points. Each team may consist of four, five or six players, but each player must be eligible for the flight in which the team is competing.

In order to play in Houston in April, Flight B and C players must qualify at a Club or Unit Qualifier, which began a few months ago and will continue through March 2020. SuperFlight and Flight A advance directly to District 16 Finals, with no Unit qualifying required. 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; they need not qualify in their home unit. Players qualify as individuals – that is, when a team qualifies, each member of that team will be deemed to have qualified individually – and players are free to switch teammates for the District Finals, as long as every member of the team is eligible, and if required, has qualified.

SuperFlight, Flight A, and qualified B and C players will play at the District GNT Finals the first weekend in April 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 in Montreal. Note also that if Flights B and/or C have eight or more teams, then the top **two** teams will qualify for Nationals.

Please check with your local clubs for dates of Club Qualifiers. Note that these Club games may include players with more than 2500 masterpoints. While those players can earn points, their teams will not be included in the qualifying calculations, which will qualify a minimum of 60% of the eligible field for Flights B and C.

For more information, you may consult the Conditions of Contest, which are available on the District 16 website under Conditions of Contest>GNT.



UNIT 174 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTICE AND BOARD ELECTIONS

Unit 174 will be holding their annual membership meeting Sunday, April 5 at 9:15am during the Election Sectional, April 3-5 at the Houston Marriott Westchase.

Members of Unit 174 will have an opportunity to vote to fill three vacancies on the Board of Directors while attending the Sectional. Members can vote, either in person, early online, or by absentee ballot.

The slate of candidates are: Dave Becker, B (Binnur) Haznedar, Greg May, Kathleen McDougall, Karen Nussbaum and Joe Quinn

For information on each candidate and detailed instructions regarding voting options, it will be posted on the unit website (acblunit174.org/candidates.pdf), at the Houston Lone Star Regional in February and in the March/April Scorecard.

Winners of the board election will be announced prior to the start of the afternoon session on Sunday, April 5.

Reported in the January/February Scorecard.....

25 Years Ago 1995

Minneapolis Fall Nationals

Bob Hamman- Bobby Wolff successfully defend Reisinger
Mildred Breed, Tobi Deutsch (Sokolow) win Women's Board-A-Match

Fort Worth Regional Winners

Linda Spangler and Lora Paris - Flight A Stratified Pairs
Nancy Passell, Grace Hunt, Pat Norman, Peggy Sutherlin - Flight A Swiss
Andy Tarkington, John Fisher, Donna Gradt, Fran Beard – Flight A Swiss
Paul Nimmons – New Life Master

Port Royale Sectional Winners

Bob & Jane Matcha, Chris Compton, Nevin Anderson – Flight A Swiss
Gail Huie, Marilyn German, Kim Cox, Penny Snow – B-A-Match Teams Flight A

Dallas Sectional Winners

Kimmel Jones, Merri-Jo & Hugh Hillaker, Jerry Derby – Bracket I KO
Jeff Olson, Steve Olson – Saturday Stratified Pairs Flight A

20 Years Ago - 2000

Justin Lall – New Life Master

Boston Fall Nationals Winners

Shawn Quinn, Mildred Breed – National Women's Pairs
Lynn Baker, Tobi Sokolow – Women's Board-A-Match Teams

Corpus Christi Regional Winners

Gary Powell, Phillip Grothus, Jim Thurtell, Jack Lacy, Paul & Rosemary Kelley – Bckt I KO
Tom Peters, Patsy Arndt – Thursday Open Pairs Flight A
Bob Gerberich, Randy Ekman, Carolyn Pinto, Nancy Peterson – Sunday Swiss Teams Flight AX

Abilene Harvest Festival Sectional Winners

Jo Smith, Steve & Darlene Shirey, Alan Copeland - Sunday Swiss Teams Flight A
Suzanne Dorris, Norma Walker – Saturday Evening Pairs Flight A

Dallas Fall Weekend Sectional Winners

Stephen & Nancy Kornegay – Thursday Evening Stratified Pairs Flight A
Barbara Nelson, Pat Measley – Thursday Evening Stratified Pairs Flight B
Tom Edwards, Bryan Storey, Mike Bukala, David Homer – Sunday Swiss Teams Flight A
Ethel Buzze (Corlett), Louis Cantu, Tom Corlett, Mike Miller – Sunday Swiss Teams Flight B

15 Years Ago 2005

Orlando Fall Nationals Winners

Bob Hamman wins his 9th Reisinger title
Babu Koneru wins his first national title, the North American Swiss

USBF Dallas Regional winners

Donna & Bill Garrard Wednesday Stratified Pairs A&B
Beth & John Bromberg – Saturday Stratified Pairs A
Hua Yang, Michael Dalton - Freed Barometer Pairs A

Donna Sectional Winners

Donna McBride, Ed Rawlinson – Friday Morning Stratified Pairs Flight A
New Life Master – Fonse Ragland

Thomas Rush
Bridge Teacher
Available for lessons:
Club, Tournament, or Online



Bid better
Play better
Have more fun!

832-228-7835

Thomas_Rush@ATT.Net

Houston Unit 174 proudly presents the 59th annual



Lone Star Regional

February 3-9, 2020

TOURNAMENT CHAIRS

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

Jack LaVigne
281-382-3002
jacklavigne@att.net

PARTNERSHIPS

Ken Hudson
281-488-1781
Partnership.LSR@gmail.com

For partnerships in advance of the tournament, please use www.acbl.org/partnershipdesk

HOSPITALITY

Sam Khayatt - sck0057@gmail.com

INTERMEDIATE/NEWCOMER

Cindy Cox - bridgecindy5@gmail.com

INTERMEDIATE/NEWCOMER SCHEDULE

0-5, 49er, & 299er pairs Monday @ 1:00 & 6:30
Tuesday-Saturday @ 10:00 & 2:30



Session and overall awards will be red points.



0-5 "Free" Supervised Game at 10:00 on Tuesday and Saturday Mornings

The I/N player amassing the most points will be awarded a special trophy between sessions on Sunday.



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

Mon at Noon, Tues-Sat at 2:00 PM



SATURDAY NIGHT MOVIE & ZIP KO

7:00 pm—"Aces and Knaves"
- Free -



8:30 pm—"Zip" Knock Out
- \$5 per person -



DIRECTOR'S REFRESHER CLASS

Sunday, February 2nd, 10:00-4:00pm
\$15 advance/\$20 at door

For information or to register:

Lauri Laufman - llaufman@texas2211.com

MARRIOTT HOUSTON WESTCHASE

2900 Briar Park Drive, Houston, TX 77042

Reservations: 713-978-7400, 1-888-236-2427

Room Block Rate: \$119 Booking Code: [LSR2020](#)

Cut-off date: January 24, 2020 **SOLD OUT**

*See www.acblunit174.org for overflow room block info

DAILY OPEN PAIR GAMES

Monday	Charity Fund Pairs	1 & 6:30
Tuesday	A/X & Midflight Pairs (2 sessions)	10 & 2:30
Wednesday	A/X/Y Pairs (2 sessions)	10 & 2:30
Thursday	A/X & Midflight Pairs (2 sessions)	10 & 2:30
Friday	A/X/Y 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 PAIR 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-Friday	7:00

DAILY BRACKETED SWISS TEAM GAMES

All are two sessions!

Monday	1:00 & 6:30
Tuesday-Saturday	10:00 & 2:30
Sunday	9:30 & TBA

TWO EVENING HANDICAPPED SWISS

Tuesday & Wednesday Evening	7:00
Thursday & Friday Evening	7:00

SUNDAY A/X SWISS

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, see online flyer (page 3)

DAILY START TIMES

Monday	1:00 & 6:30
Tuesday - Friday	10:00 & 2:30 & 7:00
Saturday	10:00 & 2:30 & 8:30
Sunday	9:30 AM & TBD

FULL SCHEDULE:

https://acblunit174.org/Flyers/LSR_2020.pdf

** We will be offering our 0-5 players two special free supervised play opportunities. These will be held on Tuesday and Saturday morning at 10am.

Welcoming our new players and ensuring they have the opportunity to play and feel comfortable is key to continued growth. We hope that this will help

Director's Refresher Course

Don't miss the chance to attend The Director's Refresher Course on Sunday February 2 at 10am - 4pm - only \$15 in advance/\$20 at the door

(we will probably conclude earlier to ensure no one misses any Super Bowl commitments)

Melody Euler does a terrific job of presenting - ACBL initiates rule changes frequently. This is a great way to stay current and also to ask questions.

Here is this year's speaker line up:

Monday: Gary King

Tuesday: Shawn Quinn

Wednesday: Bob Morris

Thursday: Tom Marsh

Friday: Michael Huston

Saturday: Daniel Korbel

www.UltimateBridgeVacations.com

info@UltimateBridgeVacations.com * 972.333.9214

**Join World Champion & Master Teacher Donna Compton,
Instructor Extraordinaire Gary King and
Grand Master & Five-Time Top 500 Champion Chris Compton
for a vacation like never before while taking your game to the next level.
Instruction for All Levels * Play & Practice * ACBL Masterpoints**



Donna Compton



Gary King



Chris Compton

2020 UBV LAND CRUISES

Bridge on Broadway

April 27-May 2, 2020

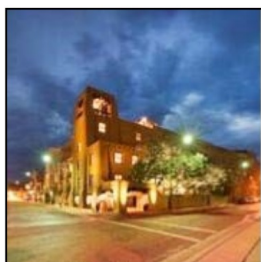
Crowne Plaza Time Square

Starting at \$3,195

Join the Ultimate Bridge Vacations Team for morning lessons,
afternoon duplicate (masterpoint) games and evening Broadway Shows.

Enjoy discounted tickets to following Broadway shows

- * Tuesday, April 28th ~ The Tina Turner Musical * Tuesday, April 28th ~ Hadestown
- * Wednesday, April 29th ~ Plaza Suite * Wednesday, April 29th ~ Six
- * Thursday, April 30th ~ Moulin Rouge * Thursday, April 30 ~ Wicked
- * Friday, May 1st ~ The Lion King



La Fonda Hotel

Bridge on the Santa Fe Plaza

10th Year in Santa Fe!

August 24-29, 2020

La Fonda Hotel

Starting at \$1,995

Join the Ultimate Bridge Vacations Team for morning lessons,
afternoon duplicate (masterpoint) games and evening Santa Fe Opera Shows.

Enjoy discounted tickets to following Operas

- * Tuesday, August 25th ~ The Barber of Seville
- * Wednesday, August 26th ~ Madame Butterfly
- * Thursday, August 27th ~ Rusalka
- * Friday, August 28th ~ The Magic Flute

www.UltimateBridgeVacations.com



Donna's 78 Lesson Videos and 136 Bundles will take your game to the next level!

www.PlayBetterBridge.com

Improving Your Game. Part 4 Kibitzing –Live and Online

We previously discussed the key parts of developing your game. Foremost is playing a system you are comfortable with and, most importantly, is the same as your partner. Relying on the many good books available to grasp fundamentals is a good start. Next, fill out your convention cards together with partner. If you use conventions it is often neglected how to followup. Responses by partner should be clarified to being forcing, invitational, sign off or even lead directing.

In chemistry we always have a laboratory to go along with the course. Concepts become clarified when you see them in action. So it is with bridge.

Traditionally, watching experts has been the best way to learn. Of course, be stoic, watch only one hand and do not ask questions until after the session. After the session many experts are happy to help. Besides observing technique and strategy, an important observation is when the expert takes pause. Always pause when the dummy appears. The expert will make a plan based on the bidding and lead. You should also note when new information is gleaned. The biggest errors made are often not taking into account new information.

In recent years a new medium has enhanced bridge. While many players enjoy playing online on BBO and other sites it can be quite enjoyable to learn and observe the matches shown on viewgraph. Just go to <https://www.bridgebase.com/login> and click the vugraph button. There is a schedule. They usually have a lot of activity during the team trials, NABC KO events and world championships. Also they have an archive of older events, You can kibitz a match with all the hands showing or just one and the dummy. Not only will you observe great bridge but sometimes complete blunders by world class players. That can be very refreshing. While watching sometimes the action is slow. I usually check the history and go over earlier hands. Actually the most exciting times are when you are waiting for a key play that can swing a huge amount of IMPs. Suddenly the play is made and it can be awesome.

Remember the words of that great chemist Louis Pasteur: "*Fortune favors the prepared mind.*"

D16 Lifetime Masterpoints as of Dec 6 2019

		Masterpoints	Masterpoints 2019	Unit
1	Mike Passell	86581.72	1441.43	176
2	Eddie Wold	75072.27	1642.15	174
3	Chris Compton	49550.04	1457.17	176
4	Bob Hamman	38299.09	418.53	176
5	Dan Morse	30168.5	922.16	174
6	John Zilic	27960.6	62.44	174
7	Bart Bramley	26105.83	600.2	176
8	Justin Lall	23082.5	880.21	176
9	Robert Morris	23064.4	730.99	174
10	Greg Hinze	22210.57	1288.9	172
11	Tobi Sokolow	22187.01	342.23	207
12	Michael Kamil	21660.16	715.18	207
13	Michael Schreiber	20231.49	886.9	176
14	Venkatrao Koneru	20192.6	1037.22	172
15	Hemant Lall	19770.36	513.19	176
16	Thomas Peters	19500.13	412.08	174
17	Tipton Golias	19041.16	1143.28	201
18	Shawn Quinn	18978.03	257.71	174
19	Mildred Breed	18851.36	257.22	174
20	Steve Shirey	17748.65	175.17	183
21	Ira Hessel	17727.05	864.21	172
22	Bob Black	17147.58	1162.15	201
23	Nagy Kamel	17016.72	359.14	176
24	Hugh Hillaker	16956.18	352.23	183
25	Miguel Reygadas	16440.29	178.28	173
26	Petra Hamman	16283.4	376.94	176
27	Donna Swarouth	15502.48	597.2	172
28	Shelba Parmley	15238.52	279.68	183
29	Linda Spangler	14437.4	315.19	183
30	Barry Schaffer	14191.24	262.98	176
31	Mark Feldman	13831.07	5.85	207
32	Joe Quinn	13714.61	602.84	174
33	Gerry Marshall	13667.64	446.81	173
34	Terry Riely	13440.35	377.26	172
35	Dave Swarouth	12879.55	627.82	172
36	Stephen Kornegay	12545.51	659.31	183
37	Pat Levy	12223.17	314	174
38	Georgiana Gates	12073.13	266.69	174
39	Gail Wells	12042.69	172.53	176
40	Kimmel Jones	12007.33	616.41	183
41	Tom Breed	11967.98	373.23	174
42	Mark Bumgardner	11863.51	718.13	176
43	Diane Olson	11553.92	339.9	172
44	S Kohan	11447.51	696.02	176
45	Nancy Kornegay	11443.24	592.88	183
46	Marion Gebhardt	11334.71	486.79	176
47	Jack Lacy	11242.3	361.16	207
48	Kenneth Schutze	11177.11	398.05	207
49	Nancy Passell	10777.68	278.33	176
50	James Thurtell	10746.84	199.35	176
51	Rosemary Kelley	10476.42	349.52	172
52	Michael Murphy	10070.43	690.74	176
53	Sally Wheeler	10037.91	445.54	174
54	Ira Chorus	10000.19	1265.98	174
55	Ron LaCour	9796.03	663.63	207
56	Ellen Hessel	9782.96	550.09	172
57	Ed Rawlinson	9700.42	315.09	172
58	Stephen Schwall	9699.53	171.57	174
59	Bill Staats	9556.99	370.8	183
60	Jo Smith	9240.55	273.15	224
61	Buddy Hanby	9066.63	406.49	174
62	Bryan Storey	9017.1	182.72	176
63	Jack LaVigne	8869.8	805.85	174
64	Carolyn Fox	8832.98	224.12	174
65	Richard Price	8788.92	39.64	183
66	Pat Cassidy	8718.8	406.85	183
67	Royce McCray	8668.64	97.77	225
68	Ann Brinker Schwall	8620.05	272.71	174
69	Virginia Noelke	8586.33	375.5	204
70	Marilyn German	8547.74	137.27	187
71	William White	8495.64	437.6	183
72	Greg Resz	8480.6	287.84	183
73	Shirley McKee	8407.74	288.37	174
74	William Woodfine	8329.81	203.73	205
75	Kerr Godfrey	8248.93	224.42	174
76	Terry Currie	8228.56	175.6	174
77	Billy Leeper	8150.27	146.17	183
78	Roy Baughman	8118.03	46.83	183
79	Mary Orock	8085.01	217.7	183
80	Donna McBride	8028.34	0	172
81	Rose Black	8006.17	0	176
82	Mary Pat Gentry	7960.38	322.51	174
83	Phillip Grothus	7947.28	365.59	174
84	James La Fountain	7930.43	260.84	233
85	Gonzalo Herrera	7925.22	250.96	173
86	Pam LaSelle	7843.78	213.76	207
87	Melody Gann	7734.82	360	183
88	Hai Gates	7654.2	0	183
89	David Henke	7636.78	712.23	174
90	Toni Snow	7636.14	21.91	174
91	Jeffrey Kroll	7352.6	1029.2	174
92	James Bauer	7329.4	285.14	176
93	Woodrow McHarg	7296.64	280.57	254
94	Bill Walker	7273.25	563.51	172
95	Greg Lorán	7215.32	267.85	197
96	Alan Copeland	7169.37	21.2	224
97	Marilou Powell	7169.15	151.04	207
98	Paul Nimmons	7105.14	204.66	174
99	Jay Gibson	7084.16	256.78	176
100	Betty Freedman	7037.02	161.98	174

Harold Lilie 1947-2019

Harold Lilie passed away on October 5th. Although relatively new to District 16 Harold, partnered mostly with hall of Famer David Berkowitz, was a major contender in the 1980s and 1990s. He won five NABC championships and was second in 2 others. In recent years Harold was active in poker tournaments and won 12 WSOP bracelets. He and his wife, Janis, from Austin, spent the last 6 years traveling the world.



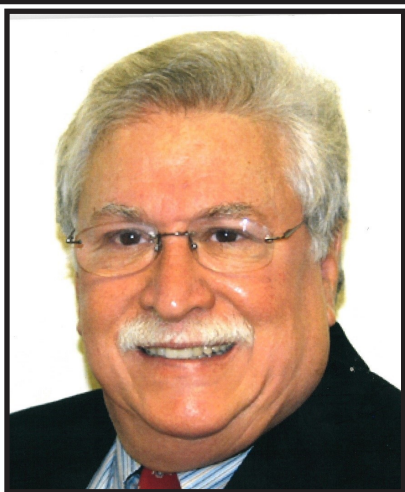
Harold had a passion for animals and he never met a dog he didn't love. For that reason, in lieu of flowers, please donate to Austin Pets Alive in his honor.

Dan Leightman 1940-2019

Eugene Daniel "Dan" Leightman passed away peacefully with his family on December 30, 2019 after a valiant battle against multiple myeloma.

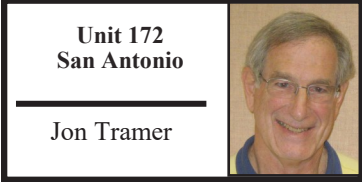
Dan served as district treasurer for almost 3 years

Dan graduated from The University of Texas at Austin Law School, excelling as the top student in his class, graduating in 1966 with an LLB, Law-Taxation Bachelor of Laws with honors, as well as receiving the top score for the Texas State Bar Exam that year



Dan played bridge in high school and college, and later in life resumed playing with his mother, sister and others, ultimately becoming a Life Master in the American Contract Bridge League and playing extensively in the Houston and regional bridge community and served as a board member.

In lieu of flowers, the family please asks for donations to be made directly to the Texas Gulf Coast Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (5433 Westheimer Road, Suite 300, Houston, Texas 77056



superior player willing to share his expertise with others.

San Antonio NLM Regional

Nov 13-16, 2019
161 players 196 tables.

- 1 16.99 Yesh Singh, San Antonio
- 2 16.59 Lew Spurlock, Fair Oaks Ranch
- 3 13.84 Thomas Russell, Cypress
- 4 13.84 Betty Westbrook, Houston
- 5 10.20 Bob Allen, Austin
- 6 8.67 Curt Wyman, Austin
- 7 8.43 Wendy Marks, Austin
- 8 8.40 Robert Thornton, Horseshoe Bay
- 9 7.98 Ronald Kunkel, Leander
- 10 7.57 Nancy Tom, San Antonio

Wed Gold Rush Pairs-26.5 Tables / Based on 25 Tables A1. Lew Spurlock, Fair Oaks Ranch ; Yesh Singh, San Antonio A2. Sandra Maalouf-Clydene Jones, Montgomery A3B1. Thomas Russell, Cypress ; Betty Westbrook, Houston A4. David Goodwin-Rose Goodwin, Roanoke VA A5B2. Linda Gaston, Pflugerville ; Charlene Coor, Austin B3. Donna Saltz, Naperville IL; Karen Oberling, Georgetown B4C1. John Dover, San Antonio ; Thomas Neagli, Corpus Christi B5C2. Thomas Dickerson, Granbury ; Byron Paris, Wimberley C3. Pam Pannell-Cindy McCauley, Georgetown C4. Virginia Hines, Frisco ; Becky Venhaus, McKinney

Thu Gold Rush Pairs-28.0 Tables / Based on 26 Tables A1. Bob Allen-Wendy Marks, Austin A2. Lew Spurlock, Fair Oaks Ranch ; Yesh Singh, San Antonio A3B1. Sharon Evans, Boerne ; Nancy Tom, San Antonio A4B2. James Gardner-Esther Preciado, San Antonio A5B3. David Minto, New Braunfels ; J Philip McGraw,

Clarksville B4. Yao-Hui Hsiau-William Norvell, San Antonio B5. H Quiles-Albert Fulton, San Antonio C1. Virginia Hines, Frisco ; Becky Venhaus, McKinney C2. Sandra Thompson-Mary Ruth Bordman, San Antonio C3. Teresa Bolen-Zane Bolen, The Woodlands C4. Jill Held-Claudine Loyd, San Antonio

Fri Bracketed Swiss-1-9 Tables 1. W Kenneth Davis-Sue Alt-Marie Russiello-Emil Russiello, Austin
2 P.D. Sharma-William Norvell, San Antonio ; Jon Pack-Anni Pack, Boerne 3 David Minto, New Braunfels ; Pat Baker, Caldwell ; J Philip McGraw, Clarksville ; Earl Cutler, San Antonio 4. Cindy Hillman-Phyllis Dillard, Spring ; Jenelle Chamberlain, Houston ; Joan Slayden, The Woodlands

Fri Bracketed Swiss-2-13 Tables 1. Curt Wyman-Cheri Gross-Daniela De Falco, Austin ; Ronald Kunkel, Leander 2. Michael Beldon-Louise Beldon, San Antonio ; Bill Nash-Debbie Nash, Cypress 105.00 3. John Foley-Jean Durocher-Elizabeth McDaniel, Austin ; Robert Sanders, Lakeway 4. Ann Roe-Karen O'Shea-Charlene Coor, Austin ; Linda Gaston, Pflugerville 5. Lawrence Michaels-Harlene Michaels, Brookeland ; Tom Russell, Cypress ; Betty Westbrook, Houston

Sat Gold Rush Pairs-18.0 Tables / Based on 17 Tables AB1. Richard Day-Robert Thornton, Horseshoe Bay AB2. Betty Westbrook, Houston ; Tom Russell, Cypress AB3. Harlene Michaels-Lawrence Michaels, Brookeland A4/5B4C1. Sandra Thompson-Mary Ruth Bordman, San Antonio A4/5 Yesh Singh, San Antonio ; Lew Spurlock, Fair Oaks Ranch B5/6 Curt Wyman, Austin ; Ronald Kunkel, Leander B5/6C2. John Dover -Julia Bondurant, San Antonio C3. Robert Schuler-Delores Schuler, Odessa

On a twenty hour bus ride to a high school math tournament, having exhausted hearts and spades, San Antonio native Hank Eng asked if anyone knew how to play bridge,

I guess Hank was a fast learner, as he was a member of the Texas A&M 1996 North American College Championship Team. After earning a PhD in solid state material chemistry(I am not kidding) from Ohio State, he has worked as a researcher or instructor both in France and in the United States, and is still an adjunct professor at SAC and St. Phillips. He now works in financial services.

Let's get back to bridge. As a member of the ACBL since 1995,Hank is an accredited bridge teacher and director, constantly trying to analyze and improve his own game, while encouraging other players to do the same.

He received the Goodwill Award for Unit 172 in 2014, and served on its Board of Directors from 2015-2018. He enjoys sectional and regional tournaments, both local and as far away as San Diego, Las Vegas, and Rancho Mirage.

Hank feels that one of the keys to successful bridge is a supportive and understanding partner. Even the best will misplay a hand, and having a forgiving and noncritical partner can make a huge difference, not just at the time, but over the long term.

Hank Eng was a pleasure to interview, affable, open, and a nice example of a



KERRVILLE SPRING IN THE HILLS

March 12-15, 2020
Inn of the Hills
1001 Junction Hwy 1-800-292-5690
Bridge Rate: \$98
must be booked by Feb 10, 2020
** Request San Antonio Bridge League rate
\$8.95 full breakfast

Thursday, March 12

Stratified Pairs 10:00 am
Stratified Swiss Teams 3:00 pm
499er Pairs 10:00 am & 3:00 pm

Friday, March 13

Stratified Pairs 10:00 am & 3:00 pm
499er Pairs 10:00 am & 3:00 pm

Saturday, March 14

Stratified Pairs 10:00 am & 3:00 pm
499er Pairs 10:00 am & 3:00 pm

Sunday, March 15

Margaret Higgins Bracketed Swiss 10:00 am & TBA

Card Fees

\$13/person/session, \$130/team Sunday Swiss (includes lunch)
Non or unpaid ACBL members add \$4
1 month membership for \$7.99

Stratifications

A: 2500+; B: 750-2500; C: 0-750 (averaging)
499er A 250-499 B 100-250 C 0-100

Tournament Co. Chairs:

Karen Fillis 210-884-5613 kfillis@icloud.com
Jerry Harrington 210-906-6301 m_jharrington@yahoo.com

Partnership Chair: Joe Ramirez

956-467-9973 Joe.ramirezjr@att.net

Director in Charge: Tom Marsh



SAN ANTONIO NON-LIFE MASTER REGIONAL



Sue Alt, Kenneth Davis,
Marie & Emil Russiello
Friday Swiss Bracket 1



Cheri Gross, Daniela De Falco,
Curt Wyman, Ron Kunkel
Friday Swiss Bracket 2



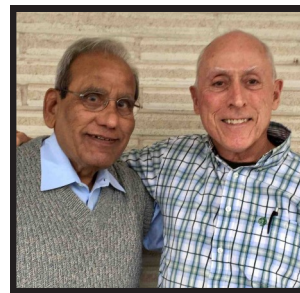
Richard Day, Robert Thornton
Saturday Gold Rush Pairs



Bob Allen, Wendy Marks
Thursday Gold Rush Pairs



Sandra Thompson, Mary Ruth Bordman
Saturday Gold Rush Pairs



Yesh Singh, Lew Spurlock
Wednesday Gold Rush Pairs



Thomas Neagli, John Dover
Wednesday Gold Rush Pairs



Nancy Tom, Sharon Evans
Thursday Gold Rush Pairs



Tom Russell, Betty Westbrook
Wednesday Gold Rush Pairs



Saturday night we will show the movie "Aces & Knives." Plenty of Bracketed Swiss games and many Gold Rush opportunities, PLUS the Mini-Soloway KO events for teams with 1200+ MP average. Tournament Chairs **Lauri Laufman** and **Jack LaVigne** are ready to make sure this is our best ever! Plan now to come and enjoy our expected balmy weather and great restaurants!

Other February events are GNT qualifiers at BCoh on 2/1, Clear Lake BC on 2/16, and WBA on 2/23. If you find yourself in town for any of those dates, come on out and bring your teams!

Unit 174's 2020 charity is **Dress for Success Houston**. DFSH provides programs to under-served women, including veterans, that focus on acquiring skills to find a job and succeed in the workplace. The goal is to attain financial independence, and

encouragement from staff and outstanding volunteers often provides that crucial motivational spark! We are proud to support this worthy group, and we are especially proud of **Nancy Strohmmer**, who has been re-elected President of the ACBL Charity Foundation.

Election Sectional April 3-5: We're already preparing for our April sectional, and one change will be very helpful to our members. The Unit 174 Annual Membership Meeting will be held at **9:15 on Sunday morning, April 5, before** the session begins at 10. The meeting will resume with announcement of election results to fill three board positions and the annual award presentations just prior to the afternoon session.

Finally, we are especially proud of **two** Unit members who have achieved the ACBL rank of Grand Life Master: **Sally Wheeler** and **Ira**

Chorush. Of our 2,571 members, only 11 are Grand LMs, and the requirements are stiff: First you must be a Platinum Life master (10,000 MPs of certain required colors), AND you must have won an unrestricted NABC event. Sally and Ira have each won two of those! We salute them with much admiration.

News from Unit 174 Clubs (all club links at www.acblunit174.org):

Westside Bridge Academy, westsidebridgeacademy.com, is happy to announce that **Robert Todd** will again present seminars at WBA in March, so reserve your spot now by email to jimmybreihan@comcast.net. Robert Todd is a pro from Tallahassee who teaches all over the country, hosts cruises, writes for the Bridge Bulletin, and plays at the highest levels. His prior seminar at WBA got rave reviews and those who missed it vow never to miss

another one! March 6, 3-6 p.m. Todd will teach "Defensive Strategies," and "Modern Preempts" on March 7, 9a-noon. Make a weekend of it and play at one of Houston's largest clubs. Each session is \$60, and both are \$100. Send your check to WBA, 9000 SW Freeway, Suite 290, Houston TX 77074, to secure your spot.

Bob Lee reports that **Katy Duplicate Bridge Club** has a new location: Spring Creek BBQ at 21000 Katy Fwy (Westgreen Blvd. and I-10) in Katy (281-829-0359). The \$5 fee is waived if you purchase a meal (and who wouldn't want that scrumptious Spring Creek BBQ and homemade rolls?). For info or partnership assistance, contact Bob Lee, relee321@gmail.com or text to 713.557.4077.

Bridge Club of Houston had a big party on 12/16 with catering by Spring Creek BBQ to honor **Beverly**

Unit News (www.acblunit174.org for all tournament flyers and club pages): This is our last chance to remind you about our **Lone Star Regional 2020** for **February 3-9**. This is our "Favorite Regional," and we hope it is or will be yours, too! The tournament hotel is the Marriott Houston Westchase (713-978-7400, \$119, Booking Code LSR2020, cutoff 1/24/20). The **Director Refresher Course** will be presented by **Melody Euler** on Sunday 2/2, 10a-4p. This is a great opportunity to bone up on all the new rule changes, for only \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door, and you'll be done in time for the Super Bowl.

Cheatham on her retirement as Club Manager after several years that included the club's move to its beautiful new location. A great time was enjoyed by a full house of 160 players!

New 70% Accomplishments: Bridge Club of Houston reports a 74.32% game by **Buddy Hanby** and **Sally Wheeler** on 10/12, a 75% game by **Bill Daniel** and **Karen Fireman**, and a 70.5% on 12/5 by **Timo Erkoc** and **Jimmy Breihan** in the open games. In the 199er games, **Jan Manchee** and **Ingrid Schulz** had a 70.1% on 10/21, and **Bill Farrar** and **Judy Farrar** posted a 72.62% on 10/23. In **Westside Bridge Academy's** Open Games, **Joe Quinn** and **Bill St. Clair** posted 70.17% on 10/1, **Larry Laird** and **Randall Lake** had a 71.42% on 10/2, and **Joe Quinn** and **Shawn Quinn** scored 73.38% on 10/28. In the novice games, **Mary Robinson** and **Wynette Stuntz** had a 71.55% on 10/1, **Sarah Springer** and **Sharon Kaplan** had 70% on 10/4, **Lucie Gysen** and **Veronique Lhemann** had a 72.22% on 11/5, **Lynda Kahn** and **Gulden Burdett** a 72.92% on 11/19, and **Brian Schwanitz** and **Marilynn Schwanitz** had a 70% game on 11/26. **Clear Lake Bridge Club** reports two big ts two big scores in limited games: on 10/10 in the 499ers, **Gregory May** and **David Badertscher** had a 70.83% game, and on 10/30 **Mary Shamma** and **Mary Ann Boerner**

had a 71.83% among the 199ers. **Congratulations to all!**

Till next time . . .

Moody Gardens Sectional

Galveston, TX
Nov 01-03, 2019
406 players. 435 tables.

- 1 32.46 Phillip Grothus
- 2 32.04 Jack LaVigne
- 3 31.83 Ira Hessel
- 4 31.83 Joe Quinn
- 5 28.25 Ellen Hessel
- 6 28.25 Shawn Quinn
- 7 24.87 Raleigh Williamson
- 8 24.87 Harold Copeland
- 9 20.76 L Laird
- 10 20.07 W Lease
- 11 20.06 Janice Sandberg
- 12 20.06 Eric Sandberg
- 13 18.86 Daniel Jackson
- 14 17.24 Mark Meigs
- 15 17.24 Mack Meigs
- 16 16.62 Victor Sitton
- 17 16.62 Kerr Godfrey
- 18 15.90 Harry Elliott
- 19 14.75 Pat McMullin
- 20 14.44 Carolyn Fox
- 21 14.43 Carolyn Labouliere
- 22 14.43 Bob Dowlen
- 23 13.83 Robert Burr ridge
- 24 13.83 Marsha Doyle
- 25 13.75 Nancy Boothe

Fri Morn 299er Pairs-14.5 Tables
AB1. Sharon Kirkland-Henrietta Sasser AB2. Betty Westbrook-Thomas Russell C1. Joseph Conti-Charles Killebrew Pamela Vincent-

Marcia Chambliss C2. Mary Shamma -Mary Ann Boerner
Fri Open Pairs-18.0 Tables / Based on 33 Table A1. Jack LaVigne-Phillip Grothus A2. Pat McMullin-Nancy Boothe B1. Mark Meigs-Mack Meigs B2C1. Frederick Gregory-Sam Khayatt C2. Adrienne Juno-Carol McCord
Fri Aft 299er Pairs-15.5 Tables
AB1. Sharon Kirkland-Henrietta Sasser AB2. Betty Westbrook-Thomas Russell C1. Jorge Rodriguez-Michelle Weller C2. David Vaughn-Mary Vaughn
Fri Aft Side Pairs-3.0 Tables A1. Barbara Pope-Donna Mann A2. Janet Smith-Carol Krug
Fri Bracketed Swiss-1-9 Tables 1. James Breihan-Anton (Tony) Haddad -Ann McDougal-Laura Jones 2. W Lease-Victor Sitton-L Laird-Kerr Godfrey
Fri Bracketed Swiss-2-9 Tables 1. Tessa Bodnar-Linda Lawrence-Alison Andrews-Paula Warren 2. Kenneth Baker-Sherry Scoggins-Vicki Dailey-Sandi Mills
Fri Bracketed Swiss-3-9 Table 1. Tom Nobis-Robert Crawford-Carolyn Wedel-Sue Geller 2. Carol Lombardino-John Montgomery-Debbie Nash-Bill Nash
Fri Bracketed Swiss-4-13 Tables 1. Ben Hernandez-Judith Rebmann-Terry McGarrity-Helene Gersch 2. Susan Morrison-Dinah Weems-Lisa Holzgrafe-Jane Collins
Sat Morn 299er Pairs-17.0 Tables
ABC1. Bill Nash-Debbie Nash ABC2. Kimberly Sunderland-Stacy Lodden
Sat Morn 49er Pairs-2.5 Tables A1. Barbara Nehr-Jo Corry C2/3 Martha

McWilliams-Cynthia Heagy C2/3 Marcus Aquino-Earlene Riser
Sat Open Pairs-17.0 Tables / Based on 32 Tables A1. Carolyn Fox-Phillip Grothus A2B1. James Zhan-Lunhui Lin B2. Charles Hilding-Ann Faget C1. Myra Marsh-Julia Thompson C2. Carol Ehrman-Linda Brodie
Sat Aft 299er Pairs-13.5 Tables
AB1. Yandell Rogers Jr -Mark Levy AB2C1. Sarah Springer-Barbara Sweeney C2. David Vaughn-Mary Vaughn
Sat Aft 49er Pairs-2.5 Tables 1/2 Martha McWilliams-Cynthia Heagy 1/2 Janet Jordan-Aisha May
Sat Bracketed Swiss-1-9 Tables 1. Shawn Quinn-Joe Quinn-Ellen Hessel -Ira Hessel-Dan Morse 2. Jolie Hess-Kay Johnson-Jane Armstrong-Betty Starzec
Sat Bracketed Swiss-2-9 Tables 1. Eric Sandberg-Janice Sandberg-Raleigh Williamson-Harold Copeland 2. Lucy Hofmann-Bonnie Terrell-Donna Mann-Barbara Pope
Sat Bracketed Swiss-3-9 Tables 1. Jack Dean-Jeanette Dean-Allison Ochsner-James Ochsner 2. Robert Burr ridge-Marsha Doyle-Bob Dowlen -Carolyn Labouliere
Sat Bracketed Swiss-4-9 Tables 1. Richard Jackson-Sandra Jackson-Kathleen Malcolmson-Lauri Laufman 2. Janet Smith-Susan Stone-Marilyn Jordan-Carol Krug
Sat Bracketed Swiss-5-17 Tables 1. Douglas Lilly-Shirley Kingsley-Mary Ellen Vail-Mark Incerto 2. Brad Chandler-Jeanne Stone-Laura Chandler-Donald Bell
Sun Morn Open Pairs-11.5 Tables
A1. Dan Morse-Kitty Wong A2. Karen Nimmons-Paul Nimmons B1.

Thomas Rush-Dolores Aquino B2. Robert Crawford-Betty Schell C1. Linda Brodie-Carol Ehrman C2. Cheryl Smith-Steven Gordon
Sun Morn 299er Pairs-7.5 Tables
ABC1/2 Sarah Springer-Barbara Sweeney ABC1/2 Paula Daly-Sarah Stephens
Sun Aft Open Pairs-7.0 Tables / Based on 13 Tables A1. Julia Blancet -Vern Schmidt A2BC1. Cheryl Smith -Steven Gordon BC2. Robert Crawford-Betty Schell
Sun Aft 299er Pairs-5.5 Tables
ABC1. Sharon Kirkland-Henrietta Sasser AB2. Mike Cowan-Joy Cowan Ben Hernandez-Eugene Hornstein C2. Paula Daly-Sarah Stephens
Sun A/X Swiss-8 Tables / Based on 40 Tables 1. Joe Quinn-Shawn Quinn -Ellen Hessel-Ira Hessel A2. Daniel Jackson-Jack LaVigne-Ralda St Pierre-Mike Doyle X1. David Goldfarb-W Lease-Harry Elliott-L Laird X2. Mack Meigs-Mark Meigs-James Gernentz- Tomi Porterfield
Sun Bracketed B Swiss-1-9 Tables
1. Eric Sandberg-Janice Sandberg-Raleigh Williamson-Harold Copeland 2. Carolyn Labouliere-Bob Dowlen-Robert Burr ridge-Marsha Doyle
Sun Bracketed B Swiss-2-9 Tables
1. Arjune Bose-Herbert Kalman-Robert Reichke-Michael Fagan 2. Martin Hrachovy-Donna Hrachovy-Kathy Sinkin-Amor-Cheri Gross
Sun Bracketed B Swiss-3-14 Tables
1. Susan Morrison-Dinah Weems-Lisa Holzgrafe-Jane Collins 2. Sandra Maalouf-Susan Mandel-Norma Lampkin-Janice Walker

GALVESTON FALL SECTIONAL CHAMPS



Friday Aft 299ers
Jorge Rodriguez, Michelle Weller



Friday Open Pairs A
Phillip Grothus, Jack LaVigne



Friday Aft Side Pairs
Barbara Pope, Donna Mann



Friday Swiss Bkt 1
Ann McDougal, Laura Jones, Tony Haddad, James Breihan



Friday Swiss Bkt2
Linda Lawrence, Paula Warren, Tessa Bodnar, Alison Andrews



Friday Swiss Bkt3
Tom Nobis, Sue Geller, Robert Crawford, Carolyn Wedel



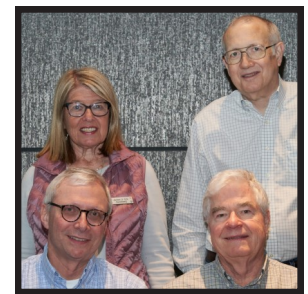
Saturday 299ers
Sarah Springer, Barbara Sweeney



Saturday Open Pairs C
Julia Thompson, Myra Marsh



Saturday Swiss Bkt 1
Shawn & Joe Quinn, Ellen Hessel, Dan Morse, Ira Hessel



Saturday Swiss Bkt 2
Sunday B Swiss Bkt 1
Janice Sandberg, Harold Copeland, Eric Sandberg, Raleigh Williamson



Saturday Swiss Bkt 3
Jeanette Dean, Allison, Ochsner, Jack Dean, James Ochsner



Saturday Swiss Bkt 4
Kathleen Malcolmson, Lauri Laufman, Sandra & Richard Jackson



Saturday Swiss Bkt 5
Mary Ellen Vail, Shirley Kingsley, Douglas Lilly, Mark Incerto



Sunday Morn 299ers
Bill & Debbie Nash



Sunday B Swiss Bkt 3
Jane Collins, Susan Morrison, Lisa Holzgrafe, Dinah Weems



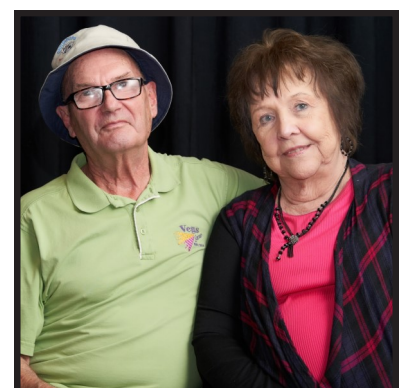
Sunday Swiss A
Ellen Hessel, Shawn Quinn, Ira Hessel, Joe Quinn



Sunday Swiss X
W Lease, David Goldfarb, L Laird, Harry Elliott



Sunday B Swiss Bkt 2
Robert Reichke, Herbert Kalman, Arjune Bose, Michael Fagan



Sunday Aft Open Pairs A
Vern Schmidt, Julia Blancet

Unit 176 Dallas



Mary Jane McGinnis

I hope each of you had Happy Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, and Christmas holidays. Blessings to all, and of course, I wish a happy and healthy New Year yet to come. Can it really be 2020? Where has the time gone?

Unit 176 held its annual holiday party and unit game on December 8th at 12pm at the Richardson Civic Center. There were 75 tables and the lunch and play were free to all who attended. There were door prizes and free plays galore for the participants. These generous bridge players donated over \$4000 to the North Texas Food Bank. Thanks to all the members of Unit 176 for making our holiday party such a success. Susan Flick chaired this event, so please pass on your thanks to her.

The Metroplex STaC week followed from December 9th through 15th. Don't we just love those extra points!

This is the first time I have had a chance to report on our past Fall Sectional. I'm happy to say that our table count was way up from the previous year, so our unit made quite a profit. We owe our thanks to Joe Gill and Robbie Ogle for co-chairing this fall tournament.

Our Winter Election Sectional is coming up from January 9th-12th at the Richardson Civic Center. The games are at 10am and 2:30pm. We are lucky to have a great slate of people running for the board. Deborah Chockley, Bob Holliday, Jim Rider, Joe Gill, Amy Downing, and Nina Watkins are our new nominees. So please come, vote, and join the fun.

Last, but not least, is our March Madness Tournament from March 12th-15th at Richardson Civic Center. The games are at 10am and 2:30pm. Please mark your calendars and join us at the table.

This is my last letter to our Unit 176 readers since my time on the board has expired. I have enjoyed serving our members and appreciate your pledge of confidence by electing me. Many thanks to you all, and I will look forward to seeing you at the table.

Dallas Fall Sectional

Richardson, TX
Nov 07-10, 2019

509 players 551 tables.

- 1 38.73 Stephen Kornegay
- 2 38.73 Nancy Kornegay
- 3 38.73 Nagy Kamel
- 4 36.73 Milton Neher
- 5 34.49 Petra Hamman
- 6 34.32 Phillip Grothus
- 7 31.84 Bob Friz
- 8 31.54 Tom Edwards
- 9 29.15 Michael Hout
- 10 27.62 Pat Cassidy
- 11 25.72 Marion Gebhardt
- 12 24.69 Hugh Hillaker
- 13 23.71 Eric Diamond
- 14 23.32 Hemant Lall
- 15 22.90 Jarek Langer
- 16 22.90 James Moody
- 17 21.53 Michael Schreiber
- 18 21.42 Bill Staats
- 19 20.90 Kimmel Jones
- 20 20.38 Norman Beck
- 21 19.68 Yan Song
- 22 19.68 Hua Yang
- 23 19.68 Hanchang Wang
- 24 19.68 Danny Feng
- 25 19.62 Phil Clayton

Thu Morn 499er Pairs-20.0 Tables
AB1. Anita Everhart-John Everhart
AB2C1. Susan Henchal-William Blackstone
C2. Nina Watkins-Ansel Goldgar

Thu Aft Open Pairs-15.5 Tables / Based on 38 Tables 1A. Hugh Hillaker-Tom Edwards
A2. John Spessard-Ann Berning
B1. Marilyn Florin-Nancy Fellman
B2. Preston Morrow-Jean Jensen
C1. Mary Lynn Trentham-Ted Bender
C2. Wright Barnebey-Carol Ramberg

Thu Aft 499er Pairs-22.5 Tables
ABC1. Tony Arthur-Carol Arthur
AB2. Joseph Steiner-J Brennan
C2. Judy Franklin-David Franklin

Thu Bracketed Swiss-1-9 Tables 1. Pat Cassidy-Stephen Kornegay-Nancy Kornegay-Nagy Kamel
2. Petra Hamman-Bill Staats-Phillip Grothus-Kimmel Jones

Thu Bracketed Swiss-2-9 Tables 1. James Rider-Cheryl Rider-Fonse Ragland-Randolph Worsham
2. Tom Moore-Dorothy Moore-Wilma Hill-Betty McCauley

Thu Bracketed Swiss-3-15 Tables 1. Martha Ward-Sharon Ward-Fred Carver-Robert Kayser
2. N Tripode-Nicolas Weisz-Rosalind Smith-Mary Lynn Genovesi

Fri Morn 49er Pairs-2.5 Tables A1. Toby Bartholow-Molly Bartholow
A2. Janet Bennett-Chuck Russler

Fri Morn Open Pairs-23.5 Tables / Based on 44 Tables A1. Norman Beck-Tom Edwards
A2B1. Mark Hatkoff-Lee Huber
A2B1. Leslie Conant-Eloise Meachum
B2. William Driscoll-Terence Harley

Fri Morn 499er Pairs-18.0 Tables
AB1. Nancie Wagner-Valerie Lawlor
AB2. Alice Ogle-Susan Day
C1. Kathy Russler-Judy Berg
C2. Donna Michel-Gene Michel

Fri Aft Open Pairs-19.0 Tables / Based on 39 Tables A1. Kim Brinkman Stan Pushkarsky
A2B1. James Moody-Jarek Langer

Fri Aft 499er Pairs-19.5 Tables
AB1. Bonnie Keene-Denise Patterson
AB2. Harold Mall-Mardi Rendell
C1. Bess Hoffman-Arlene Sanders
C2. John Peart-Sherry Peart

Fri Bracketed Swiss-1-8 Tables 1.

Pat Cassidy-Stephen Kornegay-Nancy Kornegay-Nagy Kamel
2. Michael Penick-Bill Staats-Kimmel Jones-Hugh Hillaker

Fri Bracketed Swiss-2-9 Tables 1. Linda Harley-Janet Borg-Stan Hsu-Khalifa Ahmed
2. Glenda Cooper Irving TX; David Clegg-Rolly Steen-Jo Ann Truitt

Fri Bracketed Swiss-3-9 Tables 1. Tom Lang-Bonnie Shea-Pingshan Wen-Jin Chu
2. Michael Chockley-Rosalind Smith-Carol Casey-Mary Lynn Genovesi

Fri Bracketed Swiss-4-9 Tables 1. Janice Trombello-Charles Golen-ternek-Gerald Urbach-Joni Antweil
2. Beverly Laster-Shelley Early-Barbara Horowitz-Lynell Pinion

Thu Morn Open Pairs-18.0 Tables / Based on 38 Tables A1. Michael Schreiber-Milton Neher
A2BC1. Vivian Li-Jun Li
B2. Becky Koenigseder-Robert Buchanan
C2. Mary Lynn Trentham-Ted Bender

Sat Morn Open Pairs-22.5 Tables / Based on 43 Tables A1. Thomas Schmidt-Leigh Anne Schmidt
A2. Marion Gebhardt-Milton Neher
B2C1. David Greims-Fred Curtis Jr

Sat Morn 499er Pairs-17.5 Tables
AB1. Feza Buyukdura-Frank La Cava
AB2. Judy Dolginoff-Nan Milanese
C1. Ansel Goldgar-Nina Watkins
C2. Tony Arthur-Carol Arthur

Sat Morn 49er Pairs-3.0 Tables
AB1. Charles Pavlue-Joan Byers
A2. Bonna Benjamin-Robert Muscianese
B2. Jim Brown-Lawrence Brennan

Sat Aft Open Pairs-18.0 Tables / Based on 35 Tables A1. Marion Gebhardt-Milton Neher
A2BC1. Jun Li-Vivian Li
C2. Bob Friz-Eric Diamond
C2. James Moody-Jarek Langer

Sat Aft 499er Pairs-14.0 Tables
AB1. Gano Ehlers-Anne Goodman
AB2. Jason Glatzer-Harold Mall
C1. Carolyn Henderson-Connie Mazzola
C2. Kim Temple-Jon Paul Temple

Sat Aft 49er Pairs-3.0 Tables A1. Charles Campbell-Anne Elmer
A2. Richard Adin-Robert Trimble

Sat Bracketed Swiss-1-8 Tables 1. Hemant Lall-Petra Hamman
Carrollton TX; Phillip Grothus Houston TX; Kristen Onsgard
2. Phil Clayton-Nancy Kornegay-Stephen Kornegay-Nagy Kamel

Sat Bracketed Swiss-2-9 Tables 1. Jim Harp-Paul Taylor-Robert Scrimale-Chris Myers
2. Valarie Remmers-Dale Remmers-Rosalind Smith-Jo England

Sat Bracketed Swiss-3-9 Tables 1. Carol Murray-Carol Casey-Laura Onsgard-Roslyn Miller
2. Terence Harley-Linda Harley-Bonnie Shea-Nancy Morse

Sat Bracketed Swiss-4-9 Tables 1. Linda Farish-Roger Farish-Gool Castleberry-Bradley
2. Victoria Sublette-Kenneth Melvin-Stuart Nelan-Brennan

Sat Bracketed Swiss-5 4.13 1 1 Carol Calkins-Jeffrey Nash
AB2C1. Wright Barnebey-Patricia Marchman
C2. Nina Watkins-Ansel Goldgar


Sunday Aft Open Pairs-10.0 Tables
A1. Nancy Stanton-Lynne Wood
A2. Thomas Leberman-Michael Murphy
B1. Anita Platt-Preston Morrow

B2C1. Jacqueline Brown-Janet Meyer
C2. Wright Barnebey-Patricia Marchman


Sun A/X Swiss Teams-11 Tables / Based on 45 Tables AX1. Bob Friz-Eric Diamond-Michael Hout-Gerry McKim
AX2. Hua Yang-Yan Song-Danny Feng-Hanchang Wang

Sun B/C/D Swiss Teams-34 Tables
B1. Kathryn Bailey-Jerry Barrett-James Moody-Jarek Langer
B2. Stephen Birnbaum-Jeff Dater-Eileen Davidoff-James McCommons
C1. Judy Nixon-Jim Nixon-Ross Ramsey-Larry White
C2/3 Brian Gelles-Janet

Gelles-Stuart Nelan-Robert Bender
C2/3 Andi Gordon-Marie-Anne Johnson-Chuck Eastin-David Clegg-Glenda Cooper
1/2 Gretchen Cash-Fred Carver-Robert Kayser-Carlene Merris
1/2 Genny Lemeshev-Yuri Lemeshev-Allan Chernov-Armstrong



Dallas Spring Sectional



March 12- 15, 2020

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

Thursday, March 12th
Stratified Pairs: Open, 0- 499 & 0-49 (single sessions) 10:00 am & 2:30 pm
Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Session Event) 10:00 am & 2:30 pm

Friday, March 13th
Stratified Pairs: Open, 0- 499 & 0-49 (single sessions) 10:00 am & 2:30 pm
Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Session Event) 10:00 am & 2:30 pm

Saturday, March 14th
Stratified Pairs: Open, 0- 499 & 0-49 (single sessions) 10:00 am & 2:30 pm
Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Session Event) 10:00 am & 2:30 pm

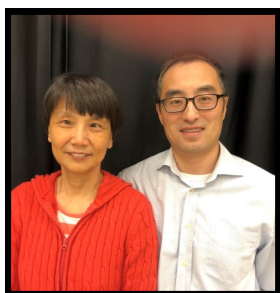
Sunday, March 15th
A/X Swiss Teams – 2 Session Event 10:00 am
B/C/D Swiss Teams – 2 Session Event (no player over 3000) 10:00 am
Stratified Open Pairs 10:00 am
Stratified Open Pairs 2:00 pm

Stratifications:
Open Pairs: A: 4000+, B: 3999-1500, C: 1499-0 (based on average masterpoints)
499er & 49er Stratified Pairs: Stratified at director's discretion (based on average masterpoints)
Swiss Teams: A: 5000+, AX: 0-5000 (based on average masterpoints) play together
B: 1500-3000, C: 500-1499, D: 499- 0 (based on average masterpoints) play together

Entry Fees: Current ACBL members \$13; non-current members \$17 per session. Non-members must purchase an ACBL membership. 30 Day Memberships are available for \$8. Sunday Games \$15 per session; Swiss: \$120 for team of four. Additional fees may be charged. ACBL members with 0-5 masterpoints play free Friday!

Tournament Co-Chairs: Rich Brandenburg Brandydot@verizon.net & Bob Holliday jbholliday@gmail.com
Partnerships: Adrienne Feuer feueradrienne@yahoo.com and Ann Parker Annnelsonparker@gmail.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 for Sunday games.
Tournament Director: Scott Humphrey
Hotel Info: Courtyard by Marriott, 1000 S Sherman St, Richardson, TX 75081; Phone: 800-321-2211; Rate: \$79 (Local # 972-235-5000 Ask for Dallas Bridge Tournament room block, reserve by Feb 20th)

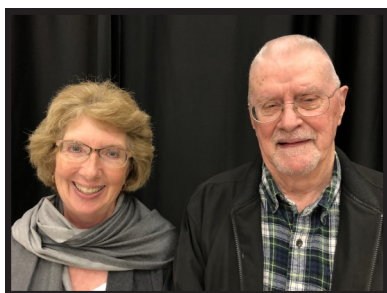
UNIT 176 NOVEMBER SECTIONAL WINNERS



Thursday Morn Pairs B
Vivian & Jun Li



Thursday Morn 499ers
Anita & John Everhart



Thursday Morn 499ers
Susan Henchal, Bub Blackstone



Thursday Swiss Bkt 2
Cheryl Rider,
Fonse Ragland, Jim Rider



Thursday Swiss Bkt 3
Fred Carver, Robert Kayser,
Martha Ward, Sharon Ward



Thursday Aft 499ers
Carol & Tony Arthur



Thursday Aft Pairs B
Nancy Fellman, Marilyn Florin



Friday Open Pairs B
Mark Hatkoff, Lee Huber



Friday Morn 499ers
Nancie Wagner, Val Lawler



Friday Morn 499ers
Burton Shepard, Chuck Thomas



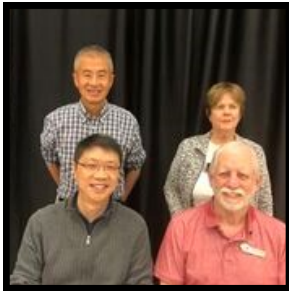
Thursday Morn Open Pairs
Michael Schrieber, Milt Neher



Friday Morn 499ers
Kathy Russler, Judy Berg



Friday Swiss Bkt 2
Linda Harley, Stan Hsu,
Khalifa Ahmed, Janet Borg



Friday Swiss Bkt 3
Pen Wen, Bonnie Shea,
Jin Chu, Tom Lang



Friday Swiss Bkt 4
Gerry Urbach, Charles Golenetnek,
Joni Antwell, Janet Trombello



Friday Aft Open Pairs C
Jarek Langer, James Moody



BCD Swiss
Jarek Langer, Kathryn Bailey,
James Moody, Jerry Barrett



Thursday & Friday Swiss Bkt 1
Pat Cassidy, Nancy Kornegay,
Nagy Kamel, Steve Kornegay



Saturday Morn Open Pairs C
David Greims, Fred Curtis



Saturday Morning Open Pairs A
Leigh Anne & Thomas Schmidt



Saturday Morn 499ers
Feza Buyukdura, Frank LaCava



Saturday Swiss Bkt 4
Lynda Bradley, Gool Castleberry,
Roger & Linda Farish



Saturday Swiss Bkt 2
Paul Taylor, Robert Scrimale,
Chris Meyers, Jim Harp



Saturday Swiss Bkt 1
Kristen Onsgard, Petra Hamman,
Phillip Grothus, Hement Lall



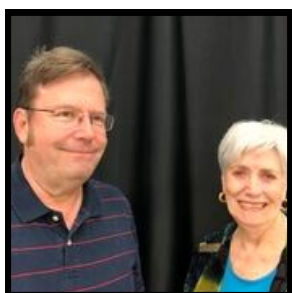
Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs A
Milt Neher, Marion Gebhardt



Saturday Swiss Bkt 3
Carol Murray, Laura Onsgard,
Carol Casey, Roslyn Miller



Saturday Aft 499ers
Anne Goodman, Gano Ehlers



Sunday Morning Pairs C
Andrew Bamebey, Pat Marchman



Sunday Afternoon Pairs A
Nancy Stanton, Lynne Wood



Sunday Swiss Teams A
Bob Friz, Eric Diamond,
Gerry McKim, Mike Hout



Friday, February 14

SPECIAL GOODIES DAY

Stratified Open Pairs (single session)....1:30 P.M.
Stratified Open Pairs (single session)....7:00 P.M.
Evening Fulton Good Samaritan Charity Game \$1 MORE
BEACH BALL NEWCOMER 0-299er GAMES

Saturday, February 15

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 16

DELICIOUS BAR-B-Q DAY

Barbara Estes 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)

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

TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN

Martha DeCou 361-537-2353 mizcou@stx.rr.com

PARTNERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Mary Ross 361-232-6181 mskimble@aol.com

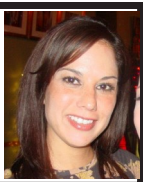
LA QUINTA INN AND SUITES

(361) 727-9824
Special bridge rates! Breakfast
\$109 + Taxes 9/25 Cutoff
2921 Hwy 35 N. Rockport Tx

\$11 per session Friday & Saturday (Fri. eve \$1 more)
Sunday Swiss \$140 per team-Includes Hot Lunch
(\$4 more per session for un-paid ACBL members)

**Unit 187
Corpus Christi**

Melissa Plumb



Greetings and Happy New Year to all! Unit 187 would like to thank you for joining us during the holidays and those who contributed to the festivities. Thank you Martha DeCou, Tom Neagli, Russ, and Kathe Powers for your work to make the Christmas parties a delightful time. In addition, we would like to thank Lina Crumpler for her wonderful food she prepared for our New Year's party. She is known to always bring in the new year with a fun bridge game, great friends, happy tummies. Again, we thank everyone who contributed.

In 2018 our unit was fortunate in obtaining new players. Not only were we excited to welcome new members, one stood out, Tom Neagli. His eagerness to improve his bridge game, friendly spirit, and always helping at the bridge club was amazing. Tom was helping the club immediately after joining and was constantly offering his assistance. That couldn't go unrecognized. In his honor, the Tom Neagli Citizenship Award was created to acknowledge such commitment in which he was the first recipient.

Bill Samelson received the Tom Neagli Citizenship Award for 2019. New to our club, Bill has exhibited similar qualities. Being technically savvy, he has offered his assistance with anything pertaining, but not limited, to the data world. Any club would value his desire to grow the bridge game. Bill's motivation is in-

spiring and worthy of such recognition.

What comes to mind when you hear Valentine's Day? Love? For those who love to play bridge please join us in Rockport February 14-16 for our sectional tournament! Visit our website for detailed information.

On one's journey through the bridge world many friendships are formed. Some are so strong, you consider them family. This is certainly true with veteran William (Bill) Palmer MacDonald whose sunset was October 23, 2019.

Bill MacDonald's sunrise was August 26, 1930 in Detroit, Michigan and was raised in Ecorse, Michigan. After graduating from the United States Naval Academy in 1952, he served as a pilot. In 1972, Bill retired a lieutenant commander.

Upon retirement, Bill moved to Corpus Christi where he met his amazing wife, Marilyn, to whom he was happily married to for 38 years. He loved and cherished her as she does him. The couple were a fierce pair at the table. Bill was very charismatic, social, and loved to laugh. For those who were fortunate to know him, also knew how much he loved bridge. Both Bill and Marilyn traveled the world while directing on cruise ships. Bill was also extremely involved in our unit both in administration and mentoring. His contributions over the years are priceless.

As a Sapphire Life Master, his mentorship was highly valued. Combining knowledge from many duplicate bridge books along with playing experiences he created his own reference

guide, MacBridge. Marilyn assisted in editing the guide as it has evolved over the years. Lina Crumpler, Jason Kiker, Becky Landon, Tom Neagli, Melissa Plumb, Lynn Swinger, and countless others are all grateful for his dedication in teaching us bridge, partnering with us, sponsorship, and for the advancement of the game.

Unit 187 sends their deepest condolences to Marilyn, his sons and daughters, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, extended family and friends. He is missed dearly and daily. This is for you LCDR William Palmer MacDonald:

Once you have tasted flight,
You will forever walk the earth
With your eyes turned skyward
For there you have been,
And there you will always
Long to return.

-Leonardo da Vinci

Melissa Plumb
Melissaplumb187@yah



Bill MacDonald



Come to San Miguel de Allende and enjoy playing bridge in the city the readers of Travel + Leisure voted the Best City to Visit in the World! San Miguel is blessed with a mild climate, beautiful colonial architecture and sumptuous yet inexpensive restaurants, all surrounded by a wild and spectacular natural high-desert setting.

**CHARITY EVENT
NON-LIFE MASTERS WITH LESS
THAN 500 MASTERPOINTS**

January 30, 2020
10:30 am
Stratified Pairs: <100, 100-300, 300-500
50% Silver Points Awarded

**OPEN GAMES
0 TO UNLIMITED MASTERPOINTS**

Friday, January 31
10 am and 3 pm
Stratified Open Pairs

Saturday, February 1
10 am and 3 pm
Stratified Open Pairs

Sunday, February 2
10 am and 3 pm
Stratified Swiss Teams
Two-Session Play-Through

STRATIFICATIONS

0-499, 500-1500 and over 1500
(or based on attendance)

**PER-SESSION PLAYING FEE 220 PESOS
SUNDAY SWISS PLAYING FEE \$550 PESOS/PP
FOR THE TWO SESSIONS, INCLUDES LUNCH**

80 pesos additional for all non-paid ACBL members. Non-members will be required to join on a temporary one-month membership for \$7.99.

SAN MIGUEL HOSPITALITY

- Novices with 0-5 masterpoints play free
- Beverages and snacks served all day
- Lunch served on Sunday for all 2-session Play-Through participants.

LOCATION

Hotel Arcada
Address : Calz. de la Estación 185, Zona Centro,
37759 San Miguel de Allende, Gto.
Telephone : 415 152 8940

HOTEL SUGGESTION
Hotel Arcada
hotel-arcada.com.mx



Unit President
Sherry McHarg
sherrymcharg@hotmail.com
Tournament Co-Chairs
Colleen Berk (cdrewberk@gmail.com) and
Gerdur Kristjansdottir (gerdur77@yahoo.com)
Partnership Chair
Liz Jacobson
lizj13@me.com
Director-in-Charge
Woody McHarg
woodymcharg@gmail.com

Tournament Sponsored by ACBL Unit 254, San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato, Mexico

Tecamachalco Mexico; Raul Bouffier Jr, Sp Garzagarcia Mexico X4/5 Thomas Rush-Dolores Aquino, Houston TX; David Ticen, Victoria TX; Donald Varvel, Corpus Christi TX X4/5Y4. Kathy Swaine-Rand Pinsky, Valencia CA; Adam Thiel-Gerene Albrecht, Red Deer AB 5 Rick Weiss-Myrleen Ann Knafelc, Reno NV; Vito Perillo, Renton WA; Kenneth Lee, Elliot Lake ON

Sun B/C/D Swiss-15 Tables B1. Charles Chartier, Chapala Mexico; Jeane Treloar, Ajijic Mexico; Lane Galloway, Seattle WA; Ellen Kuiper, Calgary AB B2C1. Liz Ashby-Ian Irving-Peter Peca Jr, El Paso TX; Enaid Savage, Guanajuato Mexico B3C2. Mollie Nadler, Cote Saint-Luc QC; Cynthia Thomson, Victoria BC; Amanda Hawthorn-Tony Hawthorn, Uxbridge England B4C3D1. Fran Henry-Jansa-Kathleen Hart-Ed Trachtenbarg-Mark Jansa, Portland OR; Patti Tussey, Boulder D2. Robert Halliday-Bev Hanson-Glen Kusch-Herta Barron, Saskatoon SK

Fri-Sat KO-1-12 Tables 1. Brad Moss, Denver CO; Ishmael Del'Monte-Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV; Sylvia Moss, Boca Raton FL; Kevin Dwyer, Melbourne FL 2. Cameron Cotton, Chula Vista CA; Paul Darin-Lynne Feldman-Sam Madison-Jammal, San Diego CA; Wirt Gilliam, Santee CA 3/4 Kay Enfield-Jerry Ruther, Santa Fe NM; David Grainger, Etobicoke ON; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI; Ron Smith, Chicago IL 3/4 Jim Johnsen, San Diego CA; Margaret Peterson, Larkspur CA; Dawn Campbell, Portland OR; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR

Fri-Sat KO-2-4 Tables 1. Mauricio Smid, Huixquilucan Mexico; Enrico Pagani, Mexico Mexico; Gerdur Kristjansdottir, Boulder CO; Liz Jacobson, Laredo TX 2. Robert Vanekeren-E Gail Vanekeren, Las Cruces NM; Ian Irving, North Saanich BC; Enaid Savage, Guanajuato Mexico 3. Catherine Gonzales, Laredo TX; Robert Johnson-David Davies, Ajijic Mexico; Nicola Beninger, Richmond BC 4. Edwin Glickman, Chicago IL; Jack Paulus, Eastpointe MI; Pierre Lalonde-Maureen Barnes, Kelowna BC

Sat Swiss Teams-13 Tables / Based on 29 Tables A1.. Carlos Hoyos, Bogota Colombia; Alejandra Lavin-Paula Gazzari-Hugo Albrecht, Santiago Chile; Rodrigo Garcia Da Rosa, Argentina Argentina; Maximo Cruzio, Argentina A2. James Breihan-Anton (Tony) Haddad, Houston TX; Greg Hinze, San Antonio TX; Marilyn Adams, Beaumont TX; Jo Smith, Abilene A3. Alex Hudson, Raleigh NC; Gonzalo Herrera, Naulcalpan Mexico; Gerry Marshall, Nayarit Mexico; Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON A4. Curley Anderson-Andy Anderson-Mark Churchman-Buz Trevor, Saskatoon SK B1. Bruce Blakely, San Rafael CA; Martin Blain, Rancho Mirage CA; Susan Somogyi, Encino CA; Patricia Herrera, Mexico Mexico 02 B2. Arti Bhargava, Mill Valley CA; Sylvia Shi, Las Vegas NV; Finn Kolesnik, Ventura CA; Anam Tebha, Charlotte NC C1. Dorothy Mersereau-David Johnson-Jadwiga Polujan, Calgary AB; Paul Vevera, Roseville CA

Another year has passed, very quickly it seems. 2019 was, in many ways, an extremely tumultuous year. Let's hope that 2020 brings peace and unity to our leadership, weather that makes us want to enjoy the beauty of the outdoors, and a significant drop in the hate and violence we've experienced in our great state, the U.S. and internationally. Always remember those dear family and friends we've lost in the last year. Forget the bad, remember the good, and make this year the best ever. Happy New Year!

SPECIAL EVENTS AND GAMES

NLM Sectional at the BCA **February 1st & 2nd** 3 single session stratified pairs (no life masters & you must have under 500 points)



Leap Year Sectional at the BCA **February 27th - March 1st** Swiss Teams and Pair Events An extra day in February to play bridge? Can it get any better than that?

Unit GNT Qualifier at the BCA- **March 7th** Get your teams together and qualify!

CONGRATULATIONS TOBI AND DAVID SOKOLOV for winning the Senior Mixed Pairs at the San Francisco NABC

MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENTS

More members have reached new levels. Congrats to all!

October Achievements

Junior Master: John Adams, Judith Enright, Fred Grafton, Barbara Smith, **Club Master:** Mary Hope Boynton, Gulrukh Deneau, Aaron Denton, Donna Johnson, Suzanne Matthews, Stephanie Reed, **Sectional Master:** Lilly Justman, **Regional Master:** Karen Elaine Dameron, Ann Denton. Dorothy Foster, Cheri Gross, **Adv NABC Master:** Judy Alpert, **Bronze Life Master:** Glenn Zauber, **Silver Life Master:** Lazaro Brenner. Dolline Burton. Robert Burton. Jarek Langer, **Ruby Life Master:** James Moody, **Gold Life Master:** Jerry Barrett, **Sapphire Life Master:** Harry Ingham

November Achievements

Junior Master: Philip Klempay, Sharon Lindemann, Adele Pendergrass, **Club Master:** Cindy Johnson, Evelyn Lanier, Dan Seitz, **Sectional Master:** Walker Collins, Tim Elsea, Bob Green, J Laraine Johnston, Sue Ellen McAnally, Thomas Sears, **Regional Master:** Janet Daniel, Mary Fanette, **NABC Master:** Annetta Hughson, Candace Jacobson, Karen O'Shea, Carolyn Olivent, Preston Olivent, **ADV NABC Master:** Mark Alpert, **Life Master:** Cindy Bell, Tom Bell, **Silver Life Master:** Clara Wood, **Ruby Life Master:** Sanae Zaveloff

Here are a few of the people that attended the November luncheon:

December Achievements

Junior Master: Sanjeev Dambal, Ryan Downton, Kathy Ferland, Howard Gentry, Beverly Harlan, Travis Lindenbaum, Pamela Strange, Linda Thompson, **Club Master:** John Brigrance, Jr, Belva Courts, Jim Ferguson, Gayle Herring, Catherine Howard, Dianne Wesselhoft, **Sectional Master:** Thomas Deneau, Richard Drumm, Jr, Roberta Kauffman, Jim Lindsey, Amy Seitz, **Regional Master:** Sharon Morrone, Richard Day, **NABC Master:** Lois Kertesz, **ADV NABC Master:** Cynthia Rivet, **Life Master:** Barbara Rodriguez, **Silver Life Master:** Richard Clements, Ken Hanson, **Ruby Life Master:** Sandra Harris

PASSINGS TO NOTE

We are deeply saddened by the loss of four more members of our bridge community.

John Alan "Jack" Goldhammer in November

Dennis McAdams in November

George Shia in November

Charlie Aufferl in November

BOLD BRIDGE TIP from Chip Martel (USA)

The NY Times called Chip Martel "one of the best players ever." He has won multiple world championships and dozens of US titles.

His tip was the 1991 winner of the Bols Competition

Play with All 52 Cards There are 52 cards in a pack, not just the 26 on view.

"When analyzing a hand, be sure your construction is consistent with the bidding and play of both unseen hands."

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

Here are a few of the people that attended the November luncheon:



2020 Leap Year Sectional

February 27 - March 1

**Bridge Center of Austin
6700 Middle Fiskville Rd.
512-300-2743**

Thursday, February 27 - Saturday, March 1

Swiss Teams, single session 10am, 2:30 pm

Stratified Open Pairs, single session 10am, 2:30 pm

Stratified 299er Pairs, single session 10am, 2:30 pm

Sunday, March 1

A/X & B Bracketed Swiss Teams 10am & TBD

Meal served between morning & afternoon sessions on Sunday
Lunch will be a BBQ plate. A Caesar Salad may be substituted for the BBQ plate, if ordered ahead of time.
You Must Order the Caesar Salad by February 27th

For Orders Contact
Laurene Jacob at laurene.jacob@gmail.com
or
Patty Webb at pattyjwebb@hotmail.com
NO OTHER SUBSTITUTIONS WILL BE ALLOWED

Entry Fees

\$12/session (\$16 for unpaid members, ACBL requirement)

\$120/Sunday Swiss Teams (includes meal)

Stratifications (Pair and team games based on average MPs)

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

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

Sunday Swiss Teams: A:3000+, X:0-3000, B:0-1500

Director has discretion on A/X MP break; Basic Chart for 299ers & B/C/D Sunday Swiss; Open Chart for all other events.

Chairperson: Sally Sassen
sallysassen@gmail.com
512-517-4123

Partnerships: Robin Tucker
austinrezt@gmail.com
512-917-1133

Director in Charge: Kevin Perkins

This is a Fragrance-Free Tournament

**Unit 207
Austin**

Sue Caulfield

**Unit 209
Permian Basin**

Ann Parish

The Odessa clubs honored **Mike Robinson** with a Life Master party on August 23. We enjoyed good food and good bridge. There were eight tables in play. North/South winners were: 1st place in A, B, and C - **Gloria Jackson** and **Les Neal**, 2nd in A&B - **Linda Buzan** and **Mike Robinson**, and 2nd in C and 3rd in A & B - **Pamela Erskine** and **Amanda Shaw**. East/West winners were: 1st place in A - **KC Evans** and **Scott Vaughn**, 2nd in A and 1st in B - **Belle Harris** and **Sonya Hopkins**, 3rd in A - **Deborah Brookins** and **Marilyn Matthews**, 2nd in B and 1st in C - **Bill Brooks** and **Betty Moore**, 2nd in C - **Sandy Hill** and **Mark Hill**. The Midland clubs elected new board members and officers for 2019-2020. The new officers are President -

Marty Massie; Vice-President - **Patti Heard**; Secretary - **Sandy Hill**; and Treasurer - **Marilyn Matthews**. Congratulations to all! In addition, the board appointed **Paula Bayley** as the new Bulletin Board/Clubhouse Decorator. She did such a great job on the

Tournament Bulletin Board that the Executive Board asked her to rework the Clubhouse News Board. They both look fabulous! She also puts up seasonal decorations as we go through the year.

1st in B&C Ann Brooks Mary Tift 3rd in A 2nd in B&C Marty Massie Juanice Welsh 4th in A 3rd in B Ladoyce Lambert Sam Macferran 5th in A Ann Servasius Kathy Wehmeyer E/W 1st in A and 1st overall Scott Vaughn Les Neal 2nd in A Pat Lawrence Belle Harris 3rd in A Paula Bayley Charlie Grimes 4th in A 1st in B&C Sandy & Mark Hill 5th in A 2nd in B&C Kay Arrell Patti Heard 3rd in B Linda Buzan Betty Moor

0-31-19 Thursday night Halloween costume party 11 1/2 TABLES Breakfast served before the game. I will let you elaborate on the costumes N/S 1st in A Marlene Blumentritt Dianne Anderson 2nd in A 1st in B&C Ann Brooks Mary Tift 3rd in A 2nd in B&C Marty Massie Juanice Welsh 4th in A 3rd in B Ladoyce Lambert Sam Macferran 5th in A Ann Servasius Kathy Wehmeyer E/W 1st in A and 1st overall Scott Vaughn Les Neal 2nd in A Pat Lawrence Belle Harris 3rd in A Paula Bayley Charlie Grimes 4th in A 1st in B&C Sandy & Mark Hill 5th in A 2nd in B&C Kay Arrell Patti Heard 3rd in B Linda Buzan Betty Moor

0-31-19 Thursday night Halloween costume party 11 1/2 TABLES Breakfast served before the game. I will let you elaborate on the costumes N/S 1st in A Marlene Blumentritt Dianne Anderson 2nd in A 1st in B&C Ann Brooks Mary Tift 3rd in A 2nd in B&C Marty Massie Juanice Welsh 4th

in A 3rd in B Ladoyce Lambert Sam Macferran 5th in A Ann Servasius Kathy Wehmeyer E/W 1st in A and 1st overall Scott Vaughn Les Neal 2nd in A Pat Lawrence Belle Harris 3rd in A Paula Bayley Charlie Grimes 4th in A 1st in B&C Sandy & Mark Hill 5th in A 2nd in B&C Kay Arrell Patti Heard 3rd in B Linda Buzan Betty Moor

On October 31, Midland hosted a Halloween costume party. Many people came in costume—from Groucho Marx to a superhero, a cowboy, a bagpiper in full Scottish regalia, and even Death! It is indeed difficult to recognize our friends when they have on wigs. **Belle Harris**, the director, called enough people to get 11 1/2 tables in play. Breakfast, including fresh pancakes, breakfast casseroles, and fresh fruit, was served before the game. Winners N/S were 1st in A--**Marlene Blumentritt and Dianne Anderson**; 2nd in A and 1st in B&C--**Ann Brooks** and **Mary Tift**; 3rd in A and 2nd in B&C--

Marty Massie and **Juanice Welsh**; 4th in A and 3rd in B-- **LaDoyce Lambert** and **Sam Macferran**; and 5th in A-- **Ann Servasius** and **Kathy Wehmeyer**. Winners E/W were 1st in A and 1st overall--**Scott Vaughn** and **Les Neal**; 2nd in A--**Pat Lawrence** and **Belle Harris**; 3rd in A--**Paula Bayley** and **Charlie Grimes**; 4th in A and 1st in B&C--**Sandy and Mark Hill**; 5th in A and 2nd in B&C-- **Kay Arrell** and **Patti Heard**; and 3rd in B--**Linda Buzan** and **Betty Moore**.

We had two pairs make scores of 70% or more--**Ann Servasius** and **Charlie Grimes** on October 7, and **Belle Harris** and **Greg Keys** on October 14.

Thank you to Belle, Marty, and Shirley Davenport for being such great reporters. We are looking forward to a new year and lots of great bridge

Unit 204 Fort Concho	
Neal Perlman	

penter; E.W Sweeney and Janis Williams.

October mentor pairs placing: 1st – **Helen Williams** and **Tim Stelly**; 2nd – **Kay Hooper** and **Carol McGill**; 3rd – **Norma Crane** and **Patsy Pierce**. October mentor teams placing: 1st – **Lou Ida Rising, Glenda Bass, Carolyn Worsham, and Pat Bell**; 2nd – **Val Townley-Smith, Helen Williams, E.W. Sweeney, and Dr. A. Bharathi**; 3rd – **Kay Hooper, Gail Griffith, Martha Oliver** and **Carol McGill**

November mentor pairs placing: 1st – **Kay Hooper** and **Carol McGill**; 2nd – **Betty Kirwin** and **Jerry Heckman** ; 3rd – **Lou Ida Rising** and **Carolyn Worsham**. November mentor teams placing: 1st **Jim and Flo Ferguson**, and **Jerry and Susan Gore**; 2nd – **Jobie Irvine, Carolyn Oliver, John Kacher, and Flo Gillispie**.

The highest monthly totals for October were **Dr. A. Bharathi, Arline Meyers, and Flo Gillispie**;

November - **Dr. A. Bharathi, Nancy Smalley, and Flo Gillispie**.

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

U201 Board will host a goodbye party for **Carolyn Worsham**, U201 president, Saturday, January 11. This is in appreciation for her many contributions to members and to the Bridge Studio.

Several San Angelo folks went to the sectional tournament in Abilene and finished with honors. Friday Sue Henry and Sharon Haney had a second and then a first in A. Saturday Vicky Fisher and Judy Wilde won first in A with a notable 72%. Finally Carl McGill was part of the winning Swiss team on Sunday.


A competitive field showed up for the NAP unit finals for 2 session games on 11/2/19. Top finishers were: 1A- Ginny Nolleke and Louetta Green; 2A Norma Walker and Suzanne Dorris; and 1B Nancy Harris and Joy Foster and 2B Dave and Marifrances Watson.

Our annual sectional tournament in San Angelo will be February 21-23 and we look forward to a good turnout.

Long time friend MJ McCord picked up and moved to the Corinth (Denton) area in November and her many contributions over three decades span all dimensions of bridge (teaching, directing, artist, writer, player, ETC) . Thanks for everything! Family trumps bridge and our loss is the family gain.

This flash just in Dale Harris made Life Master and we will be honored to celebrate him in the near future. Congratulations Dale!!

Unit 201 Sabine Neches	
Linda Briggs	

Unit 197 Lubbock	
Sandi Krahmer	

The September Beaumont Gusher Regional Tournament was called off due to Tropical Storm Imelda less than a week before the tournament was to begin. The flooding at the host hotel, Elegante and the difficult travel on I-10 left the chairpersons, **Carolyn Worsham, John Smalley, and Linda Briggs** no options other than cancelling. U201 appreciates the help from District 16 to help with the expenses incurred in advertising, etc.

Players with 70% or above games in October/November were **John and Nancy Smalley; Tim Stelly and Pat Bell; Dr. A. Bharathi and John Smalley; Lucille Armitor and Patricia Woods; Martha Oliver** and **Wayne Outlaw; Billie Carter and Wayne Outlaw; Richard and Marianna Car-**

Unfortunately, we had 2 more deaths. Pat Rivers died from complications from Alzheimers, and Dean Myatt Lokken died from the same problem. Pat didn't want to become a Life Master because she wanted to play in all the games that she couldn't play in if she were a Life Master. She had almost 1100 points and avoided Gold Point events. Out sympathy goes out to the families of both these ladies.

Many thanks to Cheryl Thompson and Phyllis Kinnison for the decorations and the wonderful Christmas party. I know there were many more who helped along with Sue Myers and Liz Taylor-Lane. Thanks to everyone. Happy New Year to all.

Sandi Krahmer



65th Beaumont Spindletop Sectional March 5-7, 2020



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

Thursday, March 5, 2020

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

Friday, March 6, 2020

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

Saturday, March 7, 2020

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.

Tournament Chairs

E. W. Sweeney
(409-728-0821) dispatcherone@yahoo.com
Sylvia Street
409-718-5466 or sylvia77651@yahoo.com

Partnership Chair

Linda Briggs
409-960-2927 or richardlindabriggs@gmail.com

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!

This is a zero tolerance No-Fragrance Tournament



SAN ANGELO TEXAS INDEPENDENCE SECTIONAL February 21-23, 2020

SUEZ SHRINE CENTER
2915 West Loop 306
San Angelo, Texas
SANCTION # 2002351

Friday, February 21, 2020

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

Saturday, February 22, 2020

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

Sunday, February 23, 2020

George Finley Memorial Swiss Teams 10:00 am & TBA

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

Non-smoking & Non-vaping with breaks

Director: Tom Marsh Entry Fee \$12.00/ SWISS \$115.00 per Team
\$4.00 additional per session for lapsed ACBL members

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

TOURNAMENT CO-CHAIRS

Norma Walker – 325.949.3354
(email jaw1031@aol.com)
Linda Cole – 325.650-555

TOURNAMENT CO/PARTNERSHIP CHAIRS

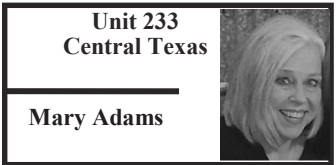
Linda Cole – 325.650-5552
(email ldcole1973@gmail.com)
Norma Walker - 325.949-3354

HOTEL INFORMATION

Day's Inn
3017 West Loop 306
325.223.1273 (Free Breakfast)
\$59.00– ask for bridge rate

Rodeway Inn
2502 West Loop 306
325.944.2578 (Free Breakfast)
\$75.00 – Book by 02/14/20
Ask for Fort Concho Bridge Rate

Hampton Inn
2959 West Loop 306
325.942.9622 (Free Breakfast)
\$94.00– Book by 2/7/20
Ask for Fort Concho Bridge Rate



**Unit 233
Central Texas**
Mary Adams

Happy New Year---and may you all receive many slams as well as doubled/redoubled contracts made in your future! I am going to press before our Unit Christmas Party and the election of new Board members and Unit officers. We should all know these results by the time you are reading this column! Congratulations to all.

Special thanks repeatedly goes out to Judy Taylor Mathews for the wonderful updates and services provided on our Unit 233 web site. Please note her special appreciation for all of the managers of our unit games for their persistence and good humor in aligning all of our game scores via ACBL Live!

Ah, yes---the Temple Tournament is upon us! Get your partners, teams, and out of town players ready for our special event. Again, it will take place at the Cultural Activities Center --- without any construction barricades or detours!!!! Finally! The dates are February 14-16 and provide a wonderful way to bring and keep the Valentine spirit going. Co-chairs of the tournament are Carol Ann Wadley (cwadley1@hotmail.com) and Lynn Sykes (sykgus@aol.com). Partnerships will be under the guidance of Jan Hart (jshauthor@sbcglobal.net) and 254-718-8131. The tournament motel is Motel 6, 1610 Nugent Avenue (254-770-1100), and the rates are \$51-\$55. Melody Euler will be our director. We are so lucky to have her especially in light of her newest promotion within the ACBL organization. Wonderful to claim her as our own! Please see the tournament flyer in this edition for more detailed information.

Ira Hessel is the editor for SCORECARD, champion bridge player along with his wonderful wife Ellen, and continues to make such a contribution to the bridge world. He noted in my previous column my discussion of the possibility of limiting our number of yearly tournaments to one---maybe because of our dwindling attendees and maybe our smaller number of ACBL members, and I so appreciated his response that included these facts: "Your unit has slipped in numbers (since 2007) by 7%, but club tables have increased by 9%." Very interesting information!

All of the Temple clubs and games are now being held at the Bridge Studio with the Monday Temple Duplicate Game being directed by Belva Barrington at least while Stephen Olsen is still recuperating. Great news that he is out of the hospital. We are all thinking of him and hoping he is back with us soon. We appreciate the way Stephen, Belva, and Gene Thompson have helped make this work out.

This last month had brought the death of yet another of our former Unit Presidents and our sophisticated, funny, and loyal friend Kathleen Midkiff. Kathleen was a very successful corporate travel agent in Chicago before retiring and returning to her home in Temple where she continued to plan trips for her friends and herself! Her funeral was held in her beloved St. Mary's Catholic Church. All of her bridge friends were there to honor her and to re-engage with her devoted and lovable Kathryn who had driven her to and from bridge games for years. We felt like she was an honorary member of Unit 233 and so supportive not only of Kathleen but also her bridge friends.

Last week I heard about the deaths of our Waco friends Walt Winters and Betty Robinson. Walt was almost 100 years old. In looking back at previous columns over the past two or three years, I notice that he has been mentioned about 10 times---and could have been celebrated even more. I am repeating myself, but "he was the ultimate gentleman at the bridge table" and in life. He retired from being an engineer and turned his bright and analytical mind toward bridge among other things. We are so lucky that he did! Again, we all celebrated his attaining Life Master at

age 94. Much more important than the label was his enthusiasm and perseverance! He would have attained this honor long before except for the fact that he loved playing at clubs rather than attending tournaments. I could add such terms as "familial" atmosphere or just enjoyment of the game!

Betty has been a newer addition to our bridge family moving here a few years ago. Her most frequent partners included Cathy Valentine and Tom Corlett. Her fellow club members can tell you about her Tesla and her having a charging station installed at her home---or about her strong political feelings about certain politicians that did not remain hidden! They can also tell you how much she loved the game and still loved studying it until her death.

I enjoy watching our newer bridge players and asking how they first got interested in bridge. I love the answer from Michelle Weller:

I doubt that the doors to the Beaumont Bridge Studio opened very often that my parents weren't there to get their master points. Dad was president of that unit for a number of years. A few times in the late 60s when I would visit from where I was living out of state, my father asked me to play with him. I still can't believe he was so gracious as I made stupid plays one after the other. I had dabbled at bridge in college with no lessons and didn't have a clue about duplicate.

Dad was just a few points away from Life Master in August, 1972, when he and Mother played in a tournament in Shreveport. On August 30th, their 32nd wedding anniversary, he was at the bridge table when he suffered a fatal aneurysm. He couldn't have been doing anything he loved more when he passed away. The bridge community supported my mother as she grieved. She eventually became a Life Master.

Fast forward to the bridge classes at the Bridge Studio of Temple. I was hooked and although I probably won't ever make Life Master, I get excited over every masterpoint I earn. I like to think that Mother and Dad are looking over my shoulder and saying 'Bid game. You've got this.'"

Thank you, Michelle, for this special memoir. I hope to hear from others!

My husband and I just returned from our Abilene High School 60th reunion and were so happy to visit the home of our good friend Tiffany Wagstaff who is on the Fort Phantom (Abilene) ACBL Unit Board of Directors! Great connection from the past and hopefully the future.

70%+ games include 74.17% (yes, really!!!) by Helen Simonette and Wanda Carter at the Bridge Studio. 72.92 by Ethel and Tom Corlett at Sul Ross, Dick Cunningham and Janice Walker with a 71.88 and 71+% for Jimmy LaFoutain and Janice Walker (woohoo, Janice!!) at Temple Duplicate and Rolling Hills, and at the Bridge Studio Gene Thompson and Pat Jodoin with 71.67 in the same game where Dick Cunningham and Mary Adams had a 70 game! Humbling to come in second, but laughs all around!!!

Keep the news coming!



**Unit 225
East Texas**
Susan Ford

Nancy Green and Jack Blumenthal - 71.35%, at Rose City DBC ,10/14

John Hamilton and Jo Booath 72.50% Dottie Pirkle DBC 10/15

Ron & Joyce Austin 72.50% Dottie Pirkle DBC 10/29

Brenda Baker & Mary Bartley - 75% game at Rose City DBC on 11/06

S V Ramarathnam & Karlyene Hall - 72.32% at Rose City DBC on 11/8

Helen Sullivan & Cliff Smith; Dorothy McCasland & Liz Guthrie -- tied

Heart of Texas Temple Sectional

February 14-16 2020
Cultural Activities Center
3011 North 3rd Street Temple, TX 76501

FRIDAY, February 14

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

SATURDAY, February 15

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 16

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 X:0-2500 or TBD by DIC (Play Together)
B: 750-2000 C: 0-750 BC Play Together)

Tournament Chair

Lynn Sykes 254 933-1125

sykgus@aol.com

Carol Ann Wadley 254 228-7022

cwadley@hotmail.com

Partnerships

Jan Hart 254-778-2676 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

with 70.83% each at Pittsburg DBC on 11/8

Charles Ford and Jacquelyn Kimberley - 72.96%, at Dottie Pirkle DBC, 11/21

Dorothy McCasland & Liz Guthrie -- 70% at Pittsburg DBC on 11/22

Jo Booth and Peggy Painter - 70%, at Dottie Pirkle DBC, 11/26

Cled and Peggy Painter - 70%, at Dottie Pirkle DBC, 12/03

Jean Huskey and Jean Friedell - 70.42% game at Pittsburg DBC, 12/3

Rose City DBC
Rose City DBC club masterpoint race

1st Mary Bartley
2nd Brenda Baker
3rd Nancy Green

Non Lifemasters

1st Pat Wright
2nd Pud Patterson
3rd Bill Scheibel

We held annual Halloween party on Wednesday October 30. Betty McMahan received a free play and a kiss from Jason for best costume.

The Life Master Celebration for Sandy O'Bannon and Cheryl Landers held on October 25th was very nice. They had a large group of friends and family to celebrate their achievement.

Bridge Studio at Cedar Creek

On 10/24, The Bridge Studio at Cedar Creek participated in The Jeanie Hulsey Bridge Luncheon benefiting the Library at Cedar Creek Lake. A total of \$3,560 was raised from entry fees, baked items, Wal-Mart raffle and generous donations. Over the years, the Jeanie Hulsey bridge luncheon has raised \$79,239 for the library.

Gloria Rowland directed 11 tables in the duplicate section. There was a 1st place tie in the duplicate section between Jimmy Wright & Judy Adams

and Brenda Baker & Mary Bartley..

We are so proud of our club manager Gloria Rowland and our director Sandy Hilliard who both were recipients this year of the Goodwill Award for our unit. Congratulations, ladies! You both are wonderful examples of how to contribute to a congenial and encouraging atmosphere in our clubs and at our tournaments.

We are looking forward to the Christmas celebrations this year. As is our tradition, our club will collect toys for the Gun Barrel Toys for Tots drive and also contributions for Santa's Kids, an organization that provides Christmas presents for foster children in Van Zandt County. Both gifts will be presented at our Country Theme Christmas party on December 13th.

The Sheila Bell Duplicate Bridge Club

The Sheila Bell Duplicate Bridge Club celebrated Cliff Smith's Life Master achievement on Wednesday, November 20 with a luncheon followed by an 11 table game.

The Club will host a Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 11 at 11:45 a.m. to be followed by a game at 12:15 p.m.

Canton Van Zandt DBC

The Canton DBC is very Christmas oriented. One such player, Dan Cowling, has been Santa at the Long Star Pines Tree Farm for 19 years. Way to go Santa. The wonderful director at Canton wears many hats. She is very involved in helping foster children in the area. She has been Mrs. Claus for 46 years helping raise money for the Santa's Kids of Van Zandt County. That is just one of the reasons Sandy Hilliard is receiving the Good Will award for Unit 225.

Dottie Pirkle DBC

Halloween was great with costumes, food and of course Bridge! No tricks were given all were earned.

The Christmas party will be December 12th, as we celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It will be pot luck lunch and entertainment by Highway 31 Band. Contributions for Santa's Kids, an organization that provides Christmas presents for foster children in Van Zandt County.

Unit 225 News from President Harrison

Pittsburg Fall 500NLM, Oct 31, Nov 1&2 held at the American Legion Bldg, 525 Elm St, Pittsburg, TX- Second annual Pittsburg NLM Sectional. The tournament was a big success with:

Total master points: 142.56 Silver Points earned by 50 players. Total attendance: 60 tables.

Great food and lots of fun for players to win silver points and enjoy the small town and East Texas hospitality!

Unit 225 will host our Annual Christmas Awards luncheon on December 14, recognizing all players who have advanced in the Life Masters ranks in 2019. In addition to our annual Christmas luncheon, there will also be a special business meeting. Unit 225 membership present will also be voting on proposed Bylaw changes, as well as, giving out 2019 life master awards. This is a charity game with proceeds and donations going to Santa's Kids.

Congratulations to Unit 225's 2019 Special Awards Recipients:

Texas Star Award - Nelda Avant

The Texas Star Award honors those Unit volunteers who work steadfastly at the Unit level to promote bridge and to further Unit activities. The Unit Board makes the selection from nominees presented by its membership. The award is presented at the Lone Star Regional in Houston in 2020. Nelda has certainly made significant contributions to Unit 225 including: serving as Unit President for 5 years, teaching novice free classes at the Unit game, making a presentation to Tyler City Council regarding freezing Unit 225's rent at the Senior Citizen Bldg, Co-Chair of Tournament of Roses, Partnership Chair for 2019 Tournament of Stars, and being a terrific ambassador for bridge.

Goodwill Awards- Gloria Rowland and Sandy Hillard- Both are Unit 225 Directors who work tirelessly to attract and retain bridge players. They both exhibit a spirit of kindness and goodwill. If you visit their clubs, they make you feel right at home and most welcomed! They both put a lot of time and effort into teaching and mentoring new players. They are both aware of the needs in their respective communities and involved in organizations that benefit others. They are both goodwill ambassadors for bridge, their clubs, and Unit 225. Well-deserved recognition for two hard working bridge goodwill ambassadors!

In Memoriam - Emily Leake

Emily loved her husband, friends, family, and bridge. She became a Life Master in her early twenties and was totally hooked. She had quite an impact on the members of Unit 225. Here are some thoughts from people Emily influenced in bridge: "Emily was an excellent bridge instructor and mentor. She was always willing to answer questions and give tips to me as a novice.

Once I understood the challenge of learning duplicate from Emily's fast moving class, I was inspired to keep learning and keep playing. I appreciate so much Emily's many contributions to Unit 225 and its players!"

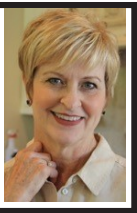
"Emily was such a precious lady!"

I will always remember her cute personality and her great laugh! She was a jewel!

There are numerous more quotes about Emily. She will be greatly missed.

**Unit 353
Wichita Falls**

Carolyn Bell



of 60.83%; Judy Lucas and Faye Morrison with a score of 57.08%. Friday Evening Pairs Club Appreciation Game Winners were Kathleen Brown and Margaret Kirkland with a score of 57.50%; Wanda Hughes and Bennie Young with a score of 61.00%; and David Hertzog and Judy Lucas with a score of 58.00%. Monday Morning Pairs Club Appreciation Game winners were Judy Lucas and Betsy Smith with a score of 64.29%; Anne Halsell and Nancy Purcell with a score of 73.21%. Thursday Morning Pairs club Appreciation Game Winners were Kathleen Brown and Anne Halsell with a score of 61.00%.

Suite 16 Bridge Club High Percentage Games for October 2019 were Anne Halsell and Nancy Purcell with a score of 73.21%; Clay Abrams and Margaret Kirkland with a score of 70.83%; Ben Kirkland and Margaret Kirkland with a score of 70.00%; Wanda Hughes and Bennie Young with a score of 67.50%; Judy Lucas and Betsy Smith with a score of 66.67%.

The Bridge Club Masterpoint Leaders for October 2019 were Margaret Kirkland with 2.30 masterpoints; Dee McKinley with 2.27 masterpoints; Betsy Smith with 1.82 masterpoints. The J J Club Appreciation Game winners were Wanda Hughes and Bennie Young with a score of 58.00; Anne Halsell and Judy Lucas with a score of 57.00%. The ACBL Club Appreciation Game Winners were Anne Halsell and Judy Lucas with a score of 67.36%; Gladys Barley and Nell Lister with a score of 53.75%. The ACBL Club Appreciation Game Winners were Anne Halsell and Margaret Kirkland with a score of 63.33%; David Hertzog and Tomie Johnson with a score of 62.50%. The ACBL Club Appreciation Game Winners were Anne Halsell and Judy Lucas with a score of 67.36%.

The Bridge Club Masterpoint Leaders for October 2019 were Anne Halsell and Margaret Kirkland with a score of 70.83%; Dave Hertzog and Tomie Johnson with a score of 70.31%; Anne Halsell and Judy Lucas with a score of 67.36%; Margaret Kirkland and Dee McKinley with a score of 66.67%; Dee McKinley and Betsy Smith with a score of 65.00%.

The Unit Championship Winners for November 2019 were Davie Hertzog and Tomie Johnson with a score of 65.10%. Sunday Afternoon Pairs Winners were Anne Halsell and Nancy Purcell with a score of 61.61%; David Hertzog and Tomie Johnson with a score of 55.65%. The November 19, 2019 NACB Promotional Game Winners were Dee McKinley and Betsy Smith with a score of 55.00%; Kathleen Brown and Wanda Hughes with a score of 53.75%. The November 23, 2019 NACB Promotional Game Winners were Kathleen Brown and Betsy Smith with a score of 65.50%; Martha Keller and Marsha May with a score of 59.90%.

Suite 16 Masterpoint Leaders for November 2019 were Anne Halsell with 4.20 masterpoints; Kathleen Brown with 3.14 masterpoints; Wanda Hughes with 2.84 masterpoints. Suite 16 Bridge Club High Percentage Games for November 2019 were Helen Cash and Gail Simpson with a score of 65.50%; Anne Halsell and Nancy Purcell with a score of 63.69%; Jody Elgin and Pat Robinson with a score of 62.80%; Faye Morrison and Suzanne Sosa with a score of 61.90%; Patty Hofer and Lois Roberson with a score of 61.46%.

The Bridge Club Masterpoint Leaders for November 2019 were Margaret Kirkland with 4.35 masterpoints; Anne Halsell with 2.95 masterpoints; and Kathleen Brown with 2.89 masterpoints. The Bridge Club High Percentage Games for November 2019 were Anne Halsell and Margaret Kirkland with a score of 68.75%; Kathleen Brown and Betsy Smith with a score of 65.50%; Margaret Kirkland and

Dee McKinley with a score of 65.50%; Margaret Kirkland and Dee McKinley with a score of 65.00%; Dave Hertzog and Tomie Johnson with a score of 65.00%.

McAllen Winter Sectional
McAllen TX
Nov 29-Dec 01 2019

45 players 43 tables.

- 1 12.84 Tommy Latham
- 2 12.84 Clyde Tarbutton
- 3 10.90 Yvon Gravel
- 4 10.90 Alex Bertrand
- 5 5.70 Virginia Hixson
- 6 5.70 Donald Hixson
- 7 5.35 David Ochs
- 8 4.83 Jose Palmas
- 9 4.83 Harold Fellerman
- 10 4.73 Rene Wallace
- 11 4.73 Carol Mayo

Reindeer A/X Pairs-3.0 Tables / Based on 4 Tables AB1. Rene Wallace-Carol Mayo A2. Tommy Latham-Clyde Tarbutton B2. David Ochs-Teddy Rhodes

Reindeer A/X Pairs-3.5 Tables / Based on 8 Tables A1. Tommy Latham-Clyde Tarbutton A2B1. Nancy Hamilton-Patricia Latham B2. Thomas Carnell-Alan Johnston

Nutcracker NLM Pairs-4.0 Tables A1. Jeff Reardon-Ernest Olson A2. David Ochs-Teddy Rhodes

Toyland Open Pairs-7.5 Tables A1. Tommy Latham-Clyde Tarbutton A2BC1. Jan Thompson-Arlene Olson B2. Jose Palmas-Harold Fellerman C2. Herman Westbrook-Matthew Kennedy

Santa's Swiss Team-7 Tables A1. John Johnson-Darleen Thomasson-Yvon Gravel-Alex Bertrand A2B1. Virginia Hixson-Donald Hixson-Cheryl Macintosh-John Burgoin B2C1. David Ochs-Joy Ochs-G Scott Sparrow-Coleman Driver

Nutcracker NLM Pairs-3.5 Tables CD1. Dick Volkmann-M Dwain Paugh CD2. Marie Woods-Lucille Mager

Nutcracker NLM Pairs-7.0 Tables A1. Yvon Gravel-Alex Bertrand A2B1. Jose Palmas-Harold Fellerman B2. Donald Hixson-Virginia Hixson C1. Joyce Zimmer-Jeff Reardon C2. Dick Volkmann-M Dwain Paugh



**McAllen
Sectional**



February 28, 2020 to March 1, 2020
Las Palmas Community Center
1921 N. 25th & E. Sycamore
McAllen, TX 78501
(956) 681-3350

Friday 28th

A/X Pairs 9:30 am & 1:45 pm
Marie Woods NLM Pairs 9:30 am & 1:45 pm

A 2000+ X 0 – 2000
B 300 – 750 C 150 -299 D 0 - 149
\$11.00 player per session

Saturday 29th

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

Sunday 1st

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
non-ACBL Members and Unpaid Members*

FORT WESTERN SECTIONAL

Feb 21 –23 2020

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

Friday, February 21

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 22

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. & 2:30p.m.

Sunday, February 23

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)

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

Sue Gilbreath (817-461-4811. sgilbrea@gmail.com.)

Partnership Chair

: Jean Helmers (254) 431-8090 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

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

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 Oct 5, 2019

A date has been set for the Wichita Falls Bridge Unit 353 Tournament to be held September 25-27, 2020. More information will be coming closer to the event. The New Year also brings new board members. We welcome Gina Inman and Dee McKinley to the 2020 Board of Directors. Words of thankfulness and appreciation are given to Suzanne Sosa and Gladys Barley who continue their efforts to benefit our bridge club. Suzanne, as our Vice President, has given her time to many jobs the past few years. She has filled in for other people when they are gone and chaired many committees for the club. We especially have appreciated her skills at organizing the most recent Christmas Bridge Party held on December 6, 2019. Gladys Barley has been our club Treasurer. Gladys has made sure the club remains in good standing in so many ways. We appreciate her skills of organization, trust, and reliability. She has, also, spent many hours on the phone recruiting people to play in our games and collecting money on game days. Please thank both of these women for their time given for our Bridge Unit.

October 13, 2019 Sunday Afternoon Pairs Game Winners were Margaret Kirkland and Kathleen Brown with a score of 63.33% and Anne Halsell and Nancy Purcell with a score of 57.92%. The NAP Championship Game Winners were Pat Robinson and Betsy Smith with a score of 57.00% and Lois Roberson and Gina Inman with a score of 64.50%. The Unit Championship Game Winners was Tomie Johnson and Dave Hertzog with a score of 60.71%. Second Place was Wanda Hughes and Bennie Young with a score of 54.17%

Suite 16 Bridge Club Masterpoint Leaders for October 2019 were Margaret Kirkland with 2.06 masterpoints; Kathleen Brown with 1.84 masterpoints; Marsha May with 1.45 masterpoints. Thursday Morning Pairs Club Appreciation Game winners were Clay Abrams and Margaret Kirkland with a score

Str
Str
299

Bra
299

Cor
299
Str

M
29

Bet
Reb

210

Sally
HaroldLi
James

Fort Western 1st NLM Regional

February 21-23, 2020

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

Stratifications.

Based on Average Pair or
Team Masterpoints

A: 300-750 B 100 – 300 C: 0 -100

Note: No player may have more than
750 MP's. Life Masters are not eligible
to play.

Entry fees:

\$13.00 per session

Friday – Saturday

\$120.00 per team

For Sunday Swiss (includes lunch)

\$4.00 additional per session for

Unpaid ACBL members

Friday, Feb. 21 – Sunday 23rd.

Gold Rush Pairs. 10am and 2:30 pm

33% Gold 67% Red

Awarded for section top in flight A
and overall in flight A

You are not required to play in
both sessions, but you maximize
your chances of winning Gold
by playing both sessions.

Sunday, Feb. 23rd

Bracketed Swiss Teams 10am & TBA

33% Gold. 67%Red

Awarded to top 3 teams in each
Bracket

Note: you must play in both
Sessions. Lunch provided between
Sunday sessions.

Note: This NLM Regional is being held concurrently with an Open Sectional.

Chair:	Sue Gilbreath	sgilbrea@gmail.com	(817-461-4811)
NLM Regional Partnership:	Jean Helmers	jhbridgeplayer@gmail.com	(254-431-8090)

This is a fragrance-Free Tournament

Hotel Info:

LaQuinta Inn and Suites

4900 Bryant Irvin

Fort Worth, Texas 76132

(817) 370-2700

Nightly rate: \$109 Breakfast included