

District 16 Scorecard

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Welcome to the new first edition of the Digital Scorecard. It's pretty much the same Scorecard, but with a few changes.

♠ We've changed the dimensions to a standard letter size to make it easy to print on your home laser or inkjet.

♥ Length will be variable, depending on content submissions. Since it is not going to be printed, a set number of pages is unnecessary for publication.

♣ The Table of Contents (to the left) will list all the articles and announcements that the newsletter holds. Click on a link to take you to the particular item.

♦ As you will see when you start paging through, the content is all in color with the possible exception of a few images that were only available in black and white.

♠ Winners pictures will still be included in the newsletter, whatever is submitted by the units and clubs. What you won't see are all the tournament stats, because these are readily available at the ACBL. The exception to this is for NABC high finishers in National Events.

♠ All listed web pages, email addresses and, of course, the TOC, will be active links (unless I miss one).

In future issues, we hope to have more articles that you'll find interesting, including pages that are specifically for our newer players.

That's about it. I hope you enjoy the new digital Scorecard.

Sue Caulfield
Editor





A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Nancy Strohmer



My two years as your President is dedicated to ALL of the incredible volunteers in District 16! Thank you for your hard work and commitment to our District!!!

Within one month of becoming president, COVID-19 was in full

swing but it didn't slow us down. **Sandy Potts** and her team developed membership growth and retention initiatives. **Tom Trudeau** implemented significant improvements in our financial area. **Rebecca Brown** and **Tomi Storey** created a compendium of D16 policies from which **Rachell Jackson** drafted a Policies and Procedures Manual like no other! **Rachel** also put D16 on the Facebook map by creating a D16 Group Page. **Scott Nason** successfully organized our first online GNT competition and **Larry Davis** made important changes in the NAP program. Positive changes were also made for Mexico tournaments. Charity games were minimal due to the pandemic, but we hope they will resume to pre-pandemic offerings in 2022.

Rebecca Brown and the ad hoc Scorecard committee succeeded in moving the Scorecard to an all-digital format, this being the first issue. **Jim Bauer** was an important link in this effort having served as the chair of the original committee. We welcome our new editor, **Sue Caulfield**, who has the experience and expertise to provide a Scorecard that we hope you will enjoy! **Rebecca** also cleaned up our bylaws and worked on disciplinary matters along with **Jonathan Ernest**. **David Pearlman** and his committee drafted a necessary COVID-19 Vaccination policy.

Sally Sassen, followed by **Thomas Rush**, made the Zoom Lecture Series come alive! **Kim Brinkman** organized and directed the weekly 0-50 masterpoint Monday game and it is doing well! Past I/N Chair, **Stu Nelan**, consolidated all of the games

available to newer players which is now on our website. And, last but not least, a shout out to **John Magyari** for keeping our website current, 24/7!

As we got closer to returning to face-to-face bridge, **Melody Euler** graciously offered and hosted a Zoom Director's refresher series covering the "Laws" that were not used on BBO. Another opportunity that we took advantage of was the 99ers Nite Club (East Coast) game which gives our 0-99 masterpoint players an opportunity to play 7 days a week! Thank you, **Jay Whipple**, for allowing D16 to participate.

My sincere thanks to the 18 voting board members who make the important decisions for our district! I would be remiss if I didn't thank all of the committee chairs and standing positions—you make a valuable contribution! We also appreciate our D16 Director on the ACBL BoD, **Paul Cuneo**, who freely gives his time, leadership skills and expertise to the bridge community.

A special thank you to the Executive Committee: **Betty Starzec, Steve Shirey, Tom Trudeau, Tomi Storey, Rebecca Brown** and previously **Jim Bauer**. Behind the scenes...they are the core of our District.

We were fortunate that Austin hosted the Fall NABC. Congratulations to **BJ Sanders, Sally Sassen** and team for their success!!! It was the first face-to-face NABC in two years and it was great to see all of you who attended!

The District board is all about **YOU** and making bridge the best that it can be. It has been a privilege serving as your president; it is truly one of my greatest honors. May this be the year when we turn the page and begin to write chapters of our lives with less masking and distancing and more face-to-face bridge--I have missed seeing you!!!

*Wishing you a happy and healthy 2022!!!
And...Let's play more bridge!!!*

Warmly,

Nancy Strohmer
District 16 President





ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT

Betty Starzec

With the Austin NABC, the ACBL Board of Governors officially became the ACBL Advisory Council. Highlights of the ACBL Management Report, presented by Joe Jones, included the following:

- Membership is down 9.5% vs a year ago.
- ACBL's new online bridge classes are successful with 865 recommending the program.
- VACB still outnumbering in-person play but attendance in online regionals declines.
- Cheating is still a major online concern and management will implement several recommendations.
- Positive bottom line. Since 2018 netted \$5MM.
- Significant issues exist in IT Department due to loss of staff which are delaying IT advancements.

The ACBL recognizes that clubs need help and are open to suggestions. Joe Jones welcomes ideas. Doug Couchman reviewed the Board of Directors actions. You can see them in total on the ACBL website. Click on Menu → About ACBL → Administration → ACBL Board of Directors → Meeting Motions & Minutes or Board Journal. They should be posted soon, if not already done by time of this publication.

A new convention card is close to being ready. Management will work through old stock of existing conventions cards.

Doug Couchman also would like Advisory Council members to host town halls meetings similar to what was done a few months ago to assess the needs, wants, and attitudes towards the ACBL and how we can assist to make them known to management.

Recognition was also given to Georgia Heth for guiding the organization through the covid environment and being the first president to work for two years in succession. Joanne Glasson was congratulated for being elected the new President of the ACBL, as well as Roger Smith, the Chairman of the Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Committee, George Jacobs, Honorary Member of the Year, AND Ann Romeo & Al Bender for the Nadine Wood Volunteer Member of the Year.



Betty Starzec
First Vice President



PLEASE NOTE:

For comments, content error reporting, or any other information you might need, please email me:

D16-ScorecardEditor@twc.com

The next edition of Scorecard will be published in March, 2022.

Content submissions are due by February 15th.

If for whatever reason you need more time, please let me know in advance so I can plan space.





DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Paul Cuneo



DECEMBER 2021

Thank you to Unit 207, co-chairs BJ Sanders and Sally Sassen, and all of the volunteers who helped make the Austin NABC a success. While the table count of 5256 was a low

mark for NABC attendance, it beat the estimate made in October and demonstrated that we could have safe face-to-face large tournaments again. Congratulations to Gonzalo Herrera and Cecil Crowson Jr. who won the 0 – 10,000 Fast Pairs event and to all of the D16 player who placed in the national events! Congratulations to Dan Morse for his nomination to the ACBL Hall of Fame!

ACBL is having another good year financially due to the combination of reduced costs and steady income from both online and face-to-face club play. The Board has approved the 2022 budget which has a projected loss of \$750,000 due primarily to increased costs in Marketing and Information Technology. Marketing expenditures are targeted at increasing new member recruitment and encouraging lapsed members to return to ACBL. For the past two years, Information Technology has been significantly under budget due to the difficulty of recruiting professionals for projects. We believe 2022 will be a better environment and deferred projects will be able to be completed. The Board see 2022 as an “investment” year in these areas. Our cash position remains strong with \$13 million in cash and investments.

As a result of the Regional Director elections held in 2021, the ACBL Board will have 21 members in 2022, which is down from 25 in 2021. The Board will continue to shrink toward 13 members in 2025 as members who were not elected to Regional Director positions serve out their current terms and new Regional Director elections are held each year. A significant portion of our agenda in Austin was centered around these changes.

The Board approved a new convention card which will debut in 2022. This completes the changes to the Convention Charts approved in 2018 and the Alert procedures approved in 2020 which will be incorporated into the revised convention card. Watch the Bridge Bulletin for information and updates.

I'm sure each of you is as tired of Covid as I am. The pandemic is taking a toll on our face-to-face clubs and tournaments and for every encouraging sign such as vaccine development and booster shots there are new variants and surges throughout ACBL land and the world. From a tournament point of view this means that players must be “fully vaccinated” and masks will continue to be required in areas the CDC designates as having “Substantial” or “High” Covid transmission. From a face-to-face club point of view, it means that most rent paying clubs will require income from online club play to survive. I'd like to encourage each of you to stay safe and to support our clubs as the pandemic continues.

Paul Cuneo
District Director



NOTE ON THE NEW CONVENTION CARD

There's an older article (April 2021) on the bridgewinners.com website called ACBL Convention Card Draft by Danny Sprung. It gives a bit of information about the card and has a screenshot. Maybe the new card will be out before you read this note, but timing so far only says 2022.





ACBL DISTRICT 16

REVISED COVID-19 TOURNAMENT VACCINATION POLICY

EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 2, 2021

The District 16 Board of Directors has adopted the following policy for all Sectional and Regional Tournaments held anywhere in the District, effective immediately:

1. No one shall be permitted to play in any tournament unless that person has provided proof of vaccination against the Covid-19 virus. There are NO exceptions.
2. A vaccination card or a photocopy of a vaccination card is acceptable proof. If proof can be provided in some other manner it may be accepted. An affidavit or other declaration by a prospective player is NOT sufficient.
3. Each Tournament Chair shall designate an Event Safety Coordinator. If there is no Tournament Chair the Unit President or District President shall make the designation.
4. The Event Safety Coordinator shall be responsible for ensuring that only vaccinated people participate in the tournament. To the extent possible, the Event Safety Coordinator should also require proof of vaccination from non-players before granting them entry to any playing area.
5. The Event Safety Coordinator may implement additional safety protocols at their discretion, such as providing masks or hand sanitizer, but may not require anyone to wear a mask.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board of Directors of the tournament sponsor (the host Unit or District) may mandate masks or make them optional so long as the policy for the tournament is consistent with ACBL policies.

SUGGESTIONS FOR TOURNAMENT CHAIRS

No one wants to turn away a player, so tournament flyers posted on a Unit, District or ACBL website should include a statement that only vaccinated people may play in the tournament.

To minimize disruption to the tournament schedule, particularly on the first day of a tournament, consideration should be given to accepting proof of vaccination in advance of the tournament.

FURTHER INFORMATION

This policy will remain in force until modified or rescinded by the District 16 Board of Directors.

Tournament Chairs and Event Safety Coordinators who have questions should contact David Pearlman at davidjpearlman@gmail.com.





DISTRICT 16 AWARDS

Betty Starzec



We are happy to honor the recipients of the District Jacoby Award for 2020 and the District Star and Goodwill recipients for 2021.

THE OSWALD & JAMES JACOBY SERVICE AWARD is District 16's premier service award. Established in 1982, this award honors volunteers who have worked diligently at both the Unit and District level after many years of service. The selection of the recipient is made by a committee of former Jacoby recipients.

THE DISTRICT 16 STAR AWARD honors Unit volunteers who work steadfastly to promote Unit bridge and to further Unit activities. The Star Award was established in 1995 and as formerly known as the Texas Star Award. The Unit may choose one recipient each year.

THE DISTRICT 16 GOODWILL AWARD recognizes and honors players who exhibit a spirit of courtesy, kindness and tact at the bridge table. These are the ambassadors of goodwill to all other players. The Unit may choose two recipients each year.



UNIT 172

REBECCA BROWN

WINS 2020 D16 JACOBY AWARD



The San Antonio Bridge League, Unit 172, is delighted to honor Rebecca Brown with the nomination for the prestigious Oswald and James Jacoby Service Award for 2020.

Rebecca Brown came late to bridge, but not late to the party! After retirement (as a lawyer, psychologist, and mediator), she found her new "addiction" in duplicate. In addition to trying to learn our impossible-to-conquer game, she dove right into the San Antonio bridge community (Unit 172). Unit 172 was delighted to honor Rebecca with a nomination for the prestigious Oswald and James Jacoby Service Award for 2020, District 16's

premier service award.

Rebecca became active in Unit 172 management in 2010 and was a mainstay of the Unit's Board of Directors, serving as Secretary, Vice President, and as President for four years. Active in the mentee/mentor program, she always encouraged newer players to study hard and play in different events. Indefatigable, her fingerprints are all over every Unit function. She chaired the 2019 Kerrville Sectional, has negotiated all the Unit's hotel contracts for tournaments, and wrote the Unit's Scorecard column





for eight years. She did a great job and made it all look easy! At the bridge table, Rebecca is a formidable opponent and a wonderful partner.

While serving on the Unit Board, she also has had a big impact on District 16 governance, serving as Unit 172 representative to the District's Board of Directors (until 2020 when she and her husband relocated to Unit 207), as Executive Secretary (2012 – 2015), 1st VP (2015 -2017) and as President (2018 and 2019). She now serves as D-16 Disciplinary Committee Chair. Her leadership has been evident for many years.

The Jacoby Award is designed to honor those volunteers who have worked diligently at the Unit level and risen to recognition at the District level after many years of outstanding service... a perfect description of Rebecca Brown!



2021 STAR AWARD RECIPIENTS

UNIT 172, SAN ANTONIO EVERETT LEWIS



Unit 172 is pleased to recognize Everette Lewis as the 2021 Texas Star Winner.

Everette served 12 years in a 14-year span on the Unit 172 Board of Directors. He served as Secretary, Vice-President, and President at various times and Caddy-Master for many years. Always willing to lend a helping hand, whether on the board or not, he could be found setting up and tearing down before and after unit games, Sectionals, and Regionals. He's been caught washing many dishes at the clubs after club games, unit games, etc.

He has volunteered to give lectures in between sessions at tournaments, and has helped out at partnership and prize desks, etc. He always answers many questions from novices with a smile. His main goal in life is to always to be the nicest person you've ever met..

UNIT 174, HOUSTON SAM KHAYATT



When it comes to volunteers, Sam Khayatt has been a super volunteer for years. Her generosity to Unit 174 includes chairing numerous Regional and Sectional Hospitalities, co-editing the Unit Newsletter and teaching a director's course. She always receives praise for the excellent job she does and for being a team player.

Sam was instrumental in helping BCOH move to their wonderful new location and has served as an officer on their board. She is passionate about promoting bridge and has taught mini bridge at BCOH and various other locations.

As if her bridge activities were not enough to keep her busy, Sam is also active in charitable work and has walked for the arthritis foundation. Thank you, Sam, for all you do.





UNIT 176, DALLAS ED YETTER



The Texas Star Award is given to those who have been of great service to the Unit, and few have served better than Ed Yetter. Ed is truly Unit 176's jack of all trades. He has worked and continues to work for our Unit in many ways.

Ed served on the Unit Board for several years, then transitioned to our Business Manager. In this capacity he manages our contracts, pays our bills, prepares our sanctions and much more.

In addition to his duties as business manager, Ed has chaired 2 Regional tournaments and was preparing for his 3rd! He manages our website. Ed has worked through many issues, provided great guidance and is always at the table with a smiling face! Unit 176 is proud to present Ed Yetter with the Texas Star Award.

UNIT 183, FORT WESTERN JACQUELINE MONTGOMERY



Jacqueline (Jacque) Montgomery is Unit 183's current President and has had to deal with some unusual concerns during this pandemic year. Jacque had served the Unit in many capacities including Vice President for a number of years, Chair of Disciplinary, Nominating, Membership, and Publicity Committees. She is currently writing the Unit 183 newsletter. Jacque is an excellent cook and provided meals for several years for our Mentor/Mentee games while being a participant. For several years she helped out in a tremendous way on both the Unit and Tournament Hospitality Committees. Jacque was instrumental in overseeing the Studio renovations that began in 2014 and were completed in

2016. Actually, it might be easier to say what Jacque hasn't done! Jacque more than deserves the Texas Star and Unit 183 is appreciative of all that she has done. We look forward to the time when we can once again enjoy our home base.

UNIT 187, SOUTH TEXAS DEDE TOM NEAGLI



Tom Neagli when he was here in Corpus was one of the most popular players we have ever had. He always was first in line to do any work that was needed - repairs, carrying boxes, cold drinks, setting up for tournaments, decorating the club, etc. Also taking home the recycle and anything else that was needed. He also often gave rides to any players that had problems getting to the club. He was elected to our Board of Directors but we were so sad that he moved away last year - he was a great asset to the club and he is certainly missed. Wish we had several "Toms".





UNIT 207, TEXAS CAPITAL SANDY POTTS



Who has spare time or even thinks about spare time with teaching full time, running a household, managing children, and walking pets?? Sandy Potts ~ that is who!! How fortunate we are in Unit 207 that Sandy needed something to fill her time after retirement and found bridge.

Her story begins in Texas. After receiving degrees from the University of Texas at Austin (Education/Teaching Certifications in Math and English) and Texas Woman's University in Denton (Educational Supervision with Math and Computer Science minors), Sandy taught middle school, high school, and community college, actively participating in the education world. After retirement, the springboard from school was natural; Sandy decided to learn to play bridge and has been going gang-busters ever since.

Sandy's bridge journey began when she enrolled in an informal intro bridge class, commenting that after the five (5) weeks' course, she thought she knew how to play. Wow, what an eye opener! Jumping from classes to duplicate bridge, Sandy soon realized she was the tad pole in an ocean of sharks. Yet she persevered because she knew bridge meant learning for the rest of her life! It was fun; it was thrilling; it was challenging, but it was finding bridge's social component that enticed her to stay. The perfect combination – bridge and people.

As soon as Sandy earned 20 Masterpoints, she was assigned a mentor who laughed at her at the table, putting her head into her hands, shaking it, and saying she had no idea where to start with Sandy. This turned out to be a wonderful thing for the bridge community because Sandy immediately swore if she ever became a mentor or worked with a mentoring program, she would be different. So, after crying in the restroom, Sandy forged on, becoming not only an excellent mentor to many, but starting several Mentor/Mentee Programs over the years.

Sandy Potts is absolutely hooked on bridge and plays as much as possible. Eventually, she was asked to be the Partnership Chair by our local club, serving for two (2) years. From here, an opening presented to organize and manage the Novice Mentoring Program where she jumped at the chance to give back chairing this program for four (4) years, adding a luncheon and free plays for the mentors. With teaching deeply rooted in her blood, another opportunity for sharing bridge occurred with Sandy co-teaching a series of bridge classes at the local club and for three more years at the Austin Parks and Recreation Senior Activity Center. Sandy often comments on how rewarding it is watching people learn to play and then participate in the first duplicate game, with many becoming active members in the bridge community she treasures. For now, Sandy continues to mentor people and hopefully inspires all to value playing bridge. Her personal delight is reaching 3000+ Masterpoints and being a Gold Life Master.

In 2014, Sandy was invited to run for Unit 207's Board where she served for six (6) years and contributed as GNT/NAP Coordinator, Co-Chair of numerous tournaments, Scorecard contributor/writer, and Secretary, Vice-President, and President of the Unit's Board. During these terms, Sandy developed an intermediate level mentoring program and identified people to run for the Unit Board. Currently, she helps transition newer officers by giving an historical perspective as well as fostering volunteers on various committees and serving as a Committee Chairwoman. For her tremendous efforts, Sandy has received the Unit's Goodwill Award and the District's Goodwill Award. Additionally, Sandy presently serves as Membership Chairwoman for District 16. Under the Membership Task Force, chaired by Sandy, two Bridge in a Day workshops with Zoom and an ACBL teaching on-line certification program was initiated.

Unit 207 Board of Directors are proud to recognize and honor the achievements of Sandy Potts, 2020 STAR AWARD recipient.





UNIT 209, GREATER PERMIAN BASIN LONNIE YEE

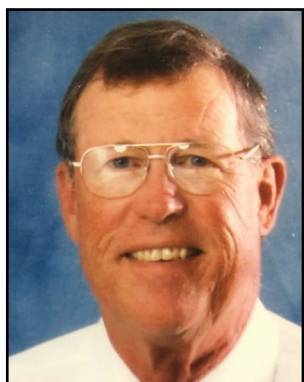


We at unit 209 are proud to introduce our District 16 Star for Unit 209 for year 2021. His actions made our choosing a simple one. He makes himself available for any task at any time.

We introduce Mr. Lonnie Yee.

Lonnie is a 64 year old software developer who owns his company in Midland, Texas. Lonnie came to our duplicate club in 2014 when a member asked him if he can 'play bridge' because they needed a 4th 'at the church'. He has been with us ever since and we are grateful with his being there and with all what he accomplishes. He has been president in the Permian Bridge Club for couple of years, going above and beyond the call of duty in Midland, Odessa and the Country Club. He always makes himself available with any need a club has including his technical skills, his generous giving of his assets and time. Congratulations Lonnie and thank you for all what you do.

UNIT 224, FORT PHANTOM JEFF LEWIS



Ft. Phantom Board of Directors Unit #224 proudly announces our Person for the 2020 District Star Award. Jeff helps in every way at all our clubs – Legal; Cleaning; Air Conditioning; Heating; Supplies; Elections; Repairs – Everything. He takes the initiative to make sure our clubs run like a “well-oiled machine.” Jeff is not an “ole timer” bridge player, but in the short years he has played, he’s been the asset we wish every player could be. I wrote Jeff’s story, but I put it in first person. I hope you enjoy.

As a small kid, I knew people who played bridge but never paid any attention to the game. Then in college some of my classmates would ask me to play and I turned them down because I did not have time and I did not know how. After graduation from college, I went to work; married and had children. For my recreation, I played a little golf. That was my life, and it was a great life. My wife played duplicate bridge, but I never paid any attention.

I retired early in life. By that time, my children had grown up and left town. I played golf but I found I had a lot of time on my hands. One day I saw a notice announcing beginner bridge lessons starting soon. I signed up. How hard could they be? I was a lawyer 😊 And this was just a little ole card game!!

On the first night there were 16 of us. Four tables. The teacher was very nice and started out with an Ace equals 4 points. A King equals 3 and so on. I once again thought – how hard can this be?

Then she started talking about “Opener” and “Responder” and “Bidding” and I was lost but I acted like I understood. She gave us homework. I worked it and maybe understood a little of it. I talked to my wife a lot about this “easy” game and she helped me. I would go back to class. The teacher would talk about leading fourth from your longest and strongest. What was she talking about? When was I to do this? I went to lessons for 6 weeks. I went online and found literature on bridge. I studied at least four hours a day. I went to the games and kitized. I was lost. I was confused, but I can tell you one thing – I was NOT going to let this “Easy” game beat me down. So I would study some more.





Now I wanted to play but none of the “Good” players asked me. Sure I could play with some of the original 16 beginners but they didn’t know any more than I did. We could not help each other, but I kept studying feverishly.

I went to the “Real” bridge game. It was 0-299 (whatever that meant) and I played. I was terrible and I knew it. But I was not going to quit.

Then one day one of the “Good” players asked me to play. I was so happy. But the more I thought about it, the more I realized that I was not ready for the “Big Time.” I called and cancelled. A couple of weeks later, I called that “Good” bridge player back and said I could play, and we so we did. We had an OK game, but after about 16 boards, I was just plain confused.

Still, that one “Good” player had opened the door for me. Then several of the “Good” players asked me to play and I played with them. I realized then that bridge was not “Black and White.” Each player had different lessons to teach. Some conflicted with what another player had taught me, but I was beginning to make some decisions on my own.

The plea I have for all of you “Good” players is to ask some of the new players to play with you and help us learn this “Not So Easy” game. We need your expertise. We need you. Maybe just maybe this might be a big reason bridge is falling off. A good lesson might be that after a dedicated person teaches a series of lessons that “Good” players ask the new players to play.

It has been a great few years for me. I get frustrated, but each time I play, I am getting better. I see a few of my mistakes on my own and I have had a few games in the 60% range. I can still remember the first time I used Blackwood! And Mr. Kanter is still teaching me how to count the hands and defend.

My “Good” player says I have a lot of talent. I just want to thank the “Good” players for playing with me and helping me learn and improve my game.

UNIT 225, EAST TEXAS CHARLES FORD



Charles Ford, a Ruby Life Master, has been dedicated to bridge for 30+ years. His love for bridge began while watching his parents play. In 1990 he was able to start on his own bridge career.

Having completed the necessary classes to become an ACBL certified teacher, Charles enjoys teaching bridge and sharing his love for the game. He has held Junior Bridge Camps in the summer and, along with Sandy Hilliard, has taught bridge to 3rd through 6th graders in Canton. He also teaches bridge at the Senior Center in Mabank. Classes he has taught include: beginner classes, 2/1, Jacoby transfers, play of the hand and others. He is always ready to help players improve.

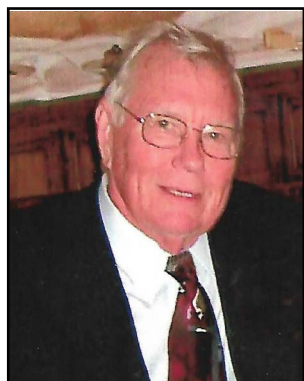
In the past, Charles served 6 years on the Unit 225 board and was President his last year on the board. He worked as co-chair with Ginger Rhamey to bring a regional tournament to our area and ensuring its success.

Charles participated as the Unit’s spokesperson to the Tyler City Council regarding the Unit’s rental fee at the Tyler Senior Citizens Center. Charles has run the Tuesday games in Athens for several years. He is always ready to do whatever he can for the game of bridge from tournament setup/breakdown to teaching classes and much, much more.





UNIT 23, CENTRAL TEXAS DALE ALLEN



Dale Allen became Club Manager and Director twenty-five years ago. He resigned this past year because of health issues, but still played bridge several times a week until the Covid virus caused the Bridge Studio to close. He is going to play online bridge as soon as he can get it set up with his partner. He is a very humble person and one who appreciates the game of bridge. Everyone who met him thought he was a great club manager and director. He was well known though out the bridge world as being fair, but strict about the bridge rules.

He had a mentoring program at his club where the A players would mentor the C players. This was enjoyed by many new players to bridge.

Several quotes about Dale and this is his favorite quote “A players don’t pay the rent” and a quote “he was like a papa bear defending his cubs when some of the more experienced would make the C players uncomfortable either by their comments or demeanor”. Another quote from someone from another Unit quoted “we love to play at this club, because there is no fussing”.

He kept the Bridge players informed about what was going on within Unit 233. He would let everyone know about tournaments, special games and if someone became ill, he would keep the Unit informed. He also made it a point to attend the Unit’s tournaments. He reached out to people from different Units to encourage them to attend the tournaments.

He would bring snacks to the club because he knew that bridge players loved to eat.

UNIT 254, SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE PHYLLIS CULP



Phyllis Culp, retired certified public accountant and GTE and Verizon financial manager, has been living in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico since 2005 with King Culp, her husband of 55 years. She has always been active in fundraising and accounting for local non-profits.

Phyllis became a certified ACBL bridge director in 2007 and has conducted all her games as 100% charity events. In 2009, she established Bordello Bridge at Casa de la Noche B&B and has been directing fundraising games for Jovenes Adelante, A.C. ever since. This non-profit provides university scholarships for accomplished local students.

Phyllis currently directs three online bridge games each week to support the San Miguel bridge community and Jovenes Adelante. Phyllis is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Miguel de Allende, which is also active in serving the local community.





DISTRICT 16 UNIT 2021 GOODWILL AWARD RECIPIENTS

Unit 172: Evelyn Pitman and Lynn Pierson

Unit 207: Billie Ogens and Dean Truar

Unit 174: Charles Dalton and John Erickson

Unit 208: Linda Buzan and Paula Bayley

Unit 176: Rebecca Page

Unit 225: Lisa Looney

Unit 183: Kim Dorsey-Newman and Jean Helmers

Unit 233: Jan Hart and George Holmes

Unit 187: Marilyn Macdonald and Ruthalee Taylor

Unit 353: David Hertzog and Patricia Robinson

Unit 201: Nadine Pearce and Flo Ferguson



DISTRICT 16 NOW ON FACEBOOK

Don't miss out on the fun! Here's how to join and post on the D16 Facebook page. . .

1. First, join Facebook: Go to facebook.com and click Create New Account. Enter your name, email or mobile phone number, password, date of birth and gender. Click Sign Up. To finish setting up your account, confirm your email or mobile phone number.
2. Then, join the D16 group: Go to the ACBL District 16 Facebook page: Either search on "ACBL District 16" (look for the magnifying glass),

or Click on or go to this Link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/361538851957494>

Click + Join Group. It's just below the cover photo.

3. Tell the group what's on your mind: Type over the text, "What's on your mind, your name?" Or paste in that field. You can enter text, paste text, graphics, or video





UNIT 172

ED RAWLINSON FROM SAN ANTONIO IS TEACHER OF THE YEAR



Shown from left: Rebecca Brown, Finalist Sam Khayatt from Houston, Teacher of the Year Ed Rawlinson from San Antonio, Finalist and Rising Star Patricia Cantu from Monterrey, Mexico, and Teacher of the Year Chair, Buck Buchanan.

2022 District 16 Teacher of the Year Nominations

The nomination period for 2022 D16 Teacher of the Year ended November 30, 2021. The 2022 Teacher of the Year award will be presented at the Houston Lone Star Regional that starts January 24th, 2022.

Past Honorees:

2021: No Competition/Award due to Pandemic

2020: Ed Rawlinson

2019: Robert "Buck" Buchanan

2018: Gary King

2017: Nancy Smalley

2016: Laura Delfeld, Dave Glandorf, and Mary Jane Orock





DECEMBER & JANUARY RANK CHANGES*

— DECEMBER —

JUNIOR MASTER

Steve Buehler (207)
Sandra Clendenin (183)
Pamela Elizondo (173)
Gayle Little (207)
Mary Massey (172)
Barbara Monroe (207)
Charles Otto (174)

CLUB MASTER

Edna Cardenas Cuenca (173)
Mary Cisneros (207)
John Fee (183)
Andrew Hollon (207)
Thomas Kemeny (174)
Paula Landeck (207)
Robert Lane (174)
Paul Mack (207)
Linda Tanner (174)
Tom Watson (201)
David Worrall (225)

SECTIONAL MASTER

David Chavenson (176)
David Rhoads (174)
Scott Carpenter (207)
Peter Doyle (172)
Lisa Talcott (172)
Jody Westland (207)

NABC MASTER

John Aldredge (176)
Paula Daly (174)
Nora Fallon (207)
Laurinda Lankford (174)
John Peart (176)
Lori Slocum (183)
Robert Thornton (207)

LIFE MASTER

Pamela McKissack (353)
Cecilia Tse (174)

BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Kathleen McDougall (174)
Pamela McKissack (353)
Debbie Nash (174)
Thomas Pratt (173)

SILVER LIFE MASTER

Patsy Gordon (225)
Myra Marsh (174)
James Meade (174)
James Morgan (174)
Frances Schmitz (176)

RUBY LIFE MASTER

Esther Ellis (207)
Erika Magid (174)
Goldie Rose (174)
Bert Sheldon (174)
Frances Simmons (174)

GOLD LIFE MASTER

Linda Anthony (207)
Stephen Boothe (174)
Robert Martin (172)

SAPPHIRE LIFE MASTER

Judy Cupps (174)
Sandy Potts (207)
Youssef Youssef (174)

DIAMOND LIFE MASTER

Joe Black (207)
Thomas Leberman (176)
Bonta Thompson (197)



— JANUARY —

JUNIOR MASTER

Jyoti Boppana (176)
Keith Bozarth (174)
Nancy Connors (176)
Debra Cotton (174)
Jamy Dehaan (225)
Dean Domec (201)
Michele Domec (201)
Kristen Floyd (225)
Charles Maxwell Jr (174)
Elaine McPike (174)
Bette Self (187)
Donald Steinman (174)
Carl Winfrey (353)
Lana Winfrey (353)
Margaret Zadouri (174)

CLUB MASTER

Mark Beckstrom (209)
Gaye Campbell-Baker (207)
Margarita Campuzano (173)
Rosa Lobo Morales (173)
Peter Stone (207)

SECTIONAL MASTER

Gail Daniels (207)
Pierrette Gordon (176)
Jan McLaurin (207)
George Ray (176)
Beth Stuart (174)

REGIONAL MASTER

Suzanne Matthews (207)
Floyd Del McDaniel Sr (254)
Nina Watkins (176)

NABC MASTER

Mary Jane Riedlinger (207)
Phil Schulz (183)
Joseph Tse (174)

BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Daniel Butler (176)
Marsha Doyle (174)
David Mitchell (174)

SILVER LIFE MASTER

Cynthia Benton (183)
Barbara Freilich (174)
Nancy Guthrie (174)
Mollie Nadler (205)
Valarie Remmers (176)

RUBY LIFE MASTER

Debra Alexander (174)
Robert Bender (176)
Grant Coon II (207)
Marc Levin (207)
Mary Seggerman (254)
James Sells (174)
Herbert Warner (174)

GOLD LIFE MASTER

Vernon Earl Hodge (176)

SAPPHIRE LIFE MASTER

Laurie-Ann Levin (172)
B J Sanders (207)

DIAMOND LIFE MASTER

Betsy Dubose (174)
Jerrold Harrington (172)
Elizabeth Tobias (207)
George Watkins (207)



* This list is based on data submitted by the ACBL





THE MOST BEAUTIFUL GAME IN THE WORLD

Patricia Herrera



- ♥ Do you get frustrated when you don't do well?
- ♠ Does your partner never lead your suit, no matter what?
- ♦ Do you feel like quitting, but then can't stop playing?

If you replied to yes to one or more of these questions, welcome to the bridge world! You are a true bridge player.

Bridge is the most beautiful sport in the world. It enhances our strategy, visualization, memory and concentration skills. It encourages us to socially interact since it's almost impossible NOT to make new friends and to improve the way we handle diversity, frustration and self-guilt.

On top of it, it helps us to maintain our mental sharpness and studies conducted in the 2000's demonstrate that it helps boosting immunity to ward off illness.

So let's hope 2022 brings us lots of bridge, friends and happiness. Remember all we need is to be able to count to thirteen, count our winning tricks, especially when we are defending, count our losers, be a nice partner and make a poker face.

We are all learning together. Please join us and encourage others to come and practice in a fun environment with other newcomers (0-50 masterpoints) every Monday from 4:00 to 5:40 pm CST on BBO. Email Kim Brinkman at beginner20bridge@gmail.com She will follow up and give you instructions on how to find the game

Patricia Herrera
Education Coordinator



EDITOR'S NOTE

Newcomer games on BBO (Bridge Base Online) are divided into 3 groups—0 to 20, 0 to 50, and 0 to 99.

Click or copy the link below to grab the basic schedule, showing days the games run, game times, and who runs the games:

[COMPLETE NEWCOMER GAME SCHEDULE](#)

Included are email addresses in case you have questions.





BACK IN THE SADDLE AT AUSTIN NABC

BJ Sanders

Yes, on Thursday, November 25th through Sunday December 5th, after five cancelled NABCs, we got back to the business of face-to-face Bridge in District 16/Unit 207/Austin, Texas! Attendees came from 20+ countries to play and it was grand. All play took place in the JW Marriott at 2nd and Congress Avenue, with views of Lady Bird Lake, the Texas Capitol, gorgeous sunrises and sunsets, plus a bustling downtown.

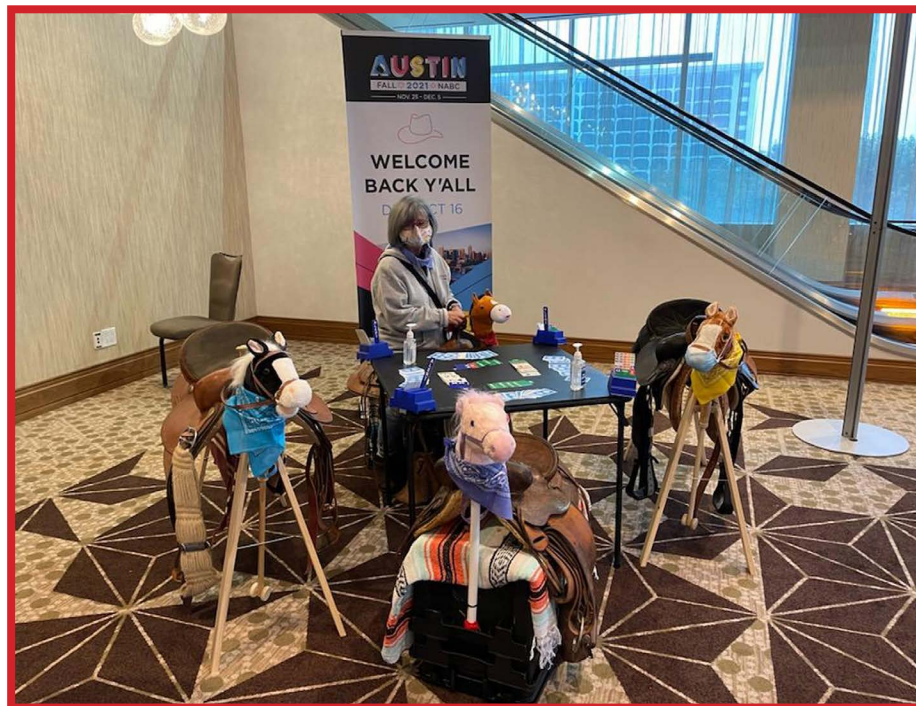
Eyes sparkled behind masks and players expressed how wonderful it was to feel the energy, excitement, and camaraderie of in-person Bridge.

Volunteers were showered with thanks for the work they were doing in making the tournament experience welcoming and positive.

Table count was 5,256 with near 2,200 players. These numbers exceeded forecasts. Unit 207 is both humbled and proud to have been able to host this homecoming to live Bridge that means so much to the future of our game.



*Linda Griffith
tends to the
horses that
welcome players*



DON'T MISS THE UPCOMING 2022 NABCs

(click on each icon to go the website)



RENO
MARCH 10-20, 2022



PROVIDENCE
JULY 13-24, 2022



PHOENIX
NOV 24-DEC 4, 2022





THE NATIONALS ROAR BACK TO LIFE — REPORT FROM AUSTIN —

By Bart Bramley and Bob Morris



In-person bridge at the national level returned in a big way at the recent NABC in Austin. The table count of 5,256 was only about half of what we have come to expect

at the Fall Nationals, but was still at the higher end of pre-tournament estimates for the first in-person NABC of the COVID era.

And what a tournament it was! Austin is a fabulous site, and based on my own experience (well over 100 NABCs attended) it should have hosted an NABC long before now. The host hotel, the J.W. Marriott, is in a prime location in downtown Austin. The playing areas were spacious and well-lit. The bar was large and well-attended after the game (for those of us who like such things). Numerous restaurants, in all cuisines and price ranges, were within easy walking distance in every direction. Plenty of tourist attractions are nearby, including the State Capitol (a 20-minute walk) and the Colorado River (no, not THAT one – this is the local version), which is about a 5-minute walk from the hotel and has beautiful walking paths on both sides. As a college town, Austin also has loads of young people, always a plus. And the weather was great – almost every day was sunny with temperatures in the 70's. What's not to like?

The ACBL COVID protocols were excellent. (A few nitpickers disagree with my opinion, but I know that I represent a heavy majority.) After showing proof of vaccination (at least two shots) and a driver's license at a desk reserved for this purpose, each player could receive a wristband certifying COVID compliance and wear it for the whole week. Players would show their wristbands to a "sentry" to gain entrance to the playing areas. (The wristbands



were waterproof, so they were wearable all week.) Masks were required inside the playing "bubble" at all times. The vast majority of players respected

these requirements without complaint. As of this writing (a few days after the tournament) I know of only one player who tested positive during the tournament. When he didn't feel well he got tested and immediately reported his status to the ACBL, which promptly notified (by email) all players who had been at his table in the preceding few days. The player, a young top expert, also self-quarantined. He has since recovered, having suffered no serious symptoms.

The best finish for D16 players was by Gonzalo Herrera and Cecil Crowson Jr. of Mexico, who won the 0-10,000 IMP Pairs. D16 second place finishes went to Kristen Onsgard in the Whitehead Women's Pairs, Daniel Jackson, Bill McCarty and Mike Doyle in the 0-10,000 Swiss, and Jeff McKee and Greg Resz in the 0-10,000 Fast Pairs. Third place achievers were Eddie Wold in the Soloway Teams, Phil Clayton in the Mitchell Open BAM, John Zilic and Tom Peters in the Super-Senior Pairs and Louis Sachar in the Senior Mixed Pairs. Eddie Wold topped the district with 189 master points for the week.





HERE IS THE COMPLETE LIST DISTRICT 16 HIGH FINISHERS IN NATIONALLY-RATED EVENTS



0 - 10,000 IMP PAIRS

Gonzalo Herrera, Mexico, Cecil Crowson Jr., Mexico
1st Place



WHITEHEAD WOMEN'S PAIRS

Kristen Onsgard,
Dallas TX
Linda Perlman,
Milan MI
2nd Place



0 - 10,000 SWISS TEAMS

Daniel Jackson – Bill McCarty, San Antonio TX;
Mike Doyle, Katy TX; Guss Ginsburg,
New Orleans LA – 2nd Place



0-10,000 FAST PAIRS

Jeff McKee, Cleveland TX;
Greg Resz, Weatherford TX
2nd Place

ROBOT INDIVIDUAL

7. Jack Gonzalo Herrera, MX

NAIL LM PAIRS

7. Jack LaVigne, Houston
Mark Lair, Canyon (not actually
in D16 but close enough)

- 13. Tony Haddad, Houston
- Jo Smith, Abilene
- 19. Michael Heymann, Ft. Worth
- 20. Steve Shirey, Ft. Worth
- Ira Hessel, San Antonio
- 30. Chris Compton, Dallas

0-10,000 SWISS TEAMS

- 2. Daniel Jackson, San Antonio
- Bill McCarty, San Antonio
- Mike Doyle, Katy
- 4. Larry Davis, Austin
- Robert Donathan, Austin





**MITCHELL OPEN
BAM TEAMS**

- 3. Phil Clayton, Frisco
- 10/11. Sam Dinkin, Austin

SUPER SENIOR PAIRS

- 2. John Zilic, Houston
- Tom Peters, Grapeland
- 4. Jo Smith, Abilene
- 6. John Bromberg, Spicewood
- Bryan Storey, Frisco
- 8. Peggy Sutherlin, Dallas
- Petra Hamman, Carrollton

0-10,000 IMP PAIRS

- 1. Gonzalo Herrera, Mexico
- Cecil Crowson Jr., Mexico
- 5. Louis Sachar, Austin
- Stephen Wood, Austin
- 7. Philip Jaeger, Austin
- Thomas Hackenberg, Round Rock
- 8. Jianbo Chen, Frisco
- Jin Chu, Plano

**WHITEHEAD
WOMEN'S PAIRS**

- 2. Kristen Onsgard, Dallas
- 4. Shawn Quinn, Sugar Land
- Nancy Passell, Plano
- 7. Pam LaShelle, Georgetown
- Ann LaCour, Georgetown

**KAPLAN
BLUE RIBBON PAIRS**

- 7. Dan Morse, Houston
- 23. Mike Passell, Plano
- Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio
- 32. Steve Shirey, Ft. Worth
- Ira Hessel, San Antonio

**0-6,000 MINI-BLUE
RIBBON PAIRS**

- 7. Jerry Barrett, Austin
- Wiley McMinn III, Austin
- 9. Gary Anziani, San Antonio
- Bill McCarty, San Antonio
- 15. Jarek Langer, Austin
- Dale Remmers, Plano
- 20. Neil Cohen, Austin
- Eric Goff, Austin
- 21. John Erickson, The Woodlands
- Steve Reichel, Houston

SOLOWAY KO TEAMS

- 3/4. Eddie Wold, Houston
- 5/8. Greg Hinze, San Antonio
- 9/16. Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio
- Mike Passell, Plano
- Hemant Lall, Dallas

SENIOR MIXED PAIRS

- 3. Louis Sachar, Austin
- 4. Ellen Hessel, San Antonio
- 13. Sally Wheeler, The Woodlands
- Buddy Hanby, The Woodlands
- 18. Donna Swarthout, San Antonio
- Dave Swarthout, San Antonio
- 20. James LaFountain, Temple
- Pam LaShelle, Georgetown
- 21. Rosemary Kelley, San Antonio
- Forrest Gray, Van Vleck

0-10,000 FAST PAIRS

- 2. Jeff McKee, Cleveland
- Greg Resz, Weatherford
- 5. Kristen Onsgard, Dallas
- Jeff Dater, Dallas
- 8. Gonzalo Herrera, Mexico
- Cecil Crowson Jr., Mexico

REISINGER TEAMS

- 7. Dan Morse, Houston

**KEOHANE NORTH
AMERICAN SWISS TEAMS**

- 4. Greg Hinze, San Antonio
- 6. Eddie Wold, Houston
- 7. Chris Compton, Dallas
- Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio
- 10. Hemant Lall, Dallas
- 12. Sam Dinkin, Austin
- 13. Mike Passell, Plano
- 14. Pawel Hanus, Carrollton
- Ari Sippola, Richardson
- James Zhan, Sugar Land
- Ying Peng, Sugar Land

MIXED SWISS TEAMS

- 7. Sally Wheeler, The Woodlands
- Buddy Hanby, The Woodlands
- 11. Daniel Jackson, San Antonio
- Roxie Tom, San Antonio
- Bill McCarty, San Antonio
- Rosemary Kelley, San Antonio

**TOP MASTERPOINT
WINNERS**

- 37. Eddie Wold 189.00
- 79. Greg Hinze 153.85
- 90. Venkatrao Koneru 144.55



REGIONAL SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE 2022
MEXICO : FEBRUARY 28th - MARCH 6th

MONDAY FEBRUARY 28

PRE-REGISTRATION

Free bags will be handed out

from
5:00 pm
to
7:00 pm

TUESDAY March 1

Open Pairs 1st session **1st Bracketed KO teams** 10:00 am
Open Pairs 2nd session **2nd Bracketed KO teams** 3:00 pm
SIDE GAME Session 1/4 -SWISS TEAMS- single session 3:00 pm

WEDNESDAY March 2

Open Pairs 1st session **3rd Bracketed KO teams** 10:00 am
Open Pairs 2nd session **(TBA) 4th Bracketed KO teams** 3:00 pm
SIDE GAME Session 2/4- **(TBA) SWISS TEAMS-** single session 3:00 pm

THURSDAY March 3

Open Pairs 1st session **1st Bracketed KO teams** 10:00 am
Open Pairs 2nd session **2nd Bracketed KO teams** 3:00 pm
SIDE GAME Session 3/4 -SWISS TEAMS- single session 3:00 pm

FRIDAY March 4

Open Pairs 1st session **3rd Bracketed KO teams** 10:00 am
Open Pairs 2nd session **(TBA) 4th Bracketed KO teams** 3:00 am
SIDE GAME Session 4/4 - **(TBA) SWISS TEAMS-** single session 3:00 pm

SATURDAY March 5

OPEN MIGUEL REYGADAS

SPECIAL AWARDS FOR 1ST PLACE A-B-C

ABC Pairs 1st session 10:00 am
GOLD RUSH Pairs 1st session 10:00 am
ABC Pairs 2nd session 3:00 pm
GOLD RUSH Pairs 2nd session 3:00 pm

SUNDAY March 6

SNACKS BETWEEN SESSIONS

SWISS TEAMS 1st Session 10:00 am
SWISS TEAMS 2nd Session TBA

Notes:

All events are stratified: A(2000+) / B(750-2000) / C(0-750)
Side Series & Side SWISS Teams: A(1500+) / B(500-1500) / C(0-500)
(*) ABC Pairs: A(2000+) / B(1250-2000) / C(0-1250)
() GOLD RUSH Pairs: A(300-750) / B(200-300) / C(0-200)**
SIDE GAMES & 299ers along ALL sessions if attendance allows.

LA CASONA

HOTEL: Cam. Viejo Al Panteón No. 9, San Antonio, 37760 San Miguel de Allende, Gto.

CONVENTION CENTER: Josefina Orozco 2, Zona Centro, 37700 San Miguel de Allende, Gto.

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NO SMOKING AND NO PERFUME POLICY
PROOF OF VACCINATION REQUIRED



San Antonio Holiday

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW LIFE MASTERS



Lew Spurlock
New Life Master



Sunny Won
New Life Master



Tawana Arnett
New Life Master



Veronica Deskey
New Life Master



Yesh Singh
New Life Master

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[SAN ANTONIO HOLIDAY REGIONAL](#)





Regional Winners



Ann Kuehler, Cindy Cummins, JoAn McGaffic, Elisabeth Kay
Friday Swiss (Bracket 2)



Ann Perry, SK Sharma
Friday Afternoon
Side Pairs (C)



Ellen Hessel, Buddy Bass,
Ira Hessel, Patty Hinze
Friday Swiss (Bracket 1)



Jeanne Dawley, Carol Ramberg
Friday Afternoon
Side Pairs (A-B)



Marilyn Adams, Tony Haddad
Friday A-X-Y Pairs (X),
Sunday Morning Side Pairs (A)



Paul Fafoutakis, Sunny Won
Friday Gold Rush (A-B),
Monday Gold Rush (A-B)



Sheryleen Grothus, Rosemary Kelley
Friday A-X-Y Pairs (A)



Trish Angelides, Richard Lynch
Friday Afternoon 299er (tied)



Wiley McMinn, Kathryn Bailey
Friday A-X-Y Pairs (Y)





Ann Roe, Sharon Dameron
Lazaro Brenner, Pravina Jani
Saturday Swiss (Bracket 2)



Barbara & Karl Beach
Friday Evening
Side Pairs (B)



Bob Martin, Barabra Morgan
Saturday
A-X-Y Pairs (A-X-Y)



Carole O'Connor, Sheryleen Grothus,
Jerry Harrington, David Mitchell,
Saturday Swiss (Bracket 1)



David Holcomb, Mary Massey,
Saturday Morning
Gold Rush



Georgia Baron, Jim Cuccia,
Zane Bolen, Teresa Bolen,
Saturday Swiss (Bracket 3)



Rena Lunke, Carol Ellis
Saturday Morning
Side Pairs (A-B)



Verna & Wilbur Dahlquist,
Sunday A-X-Y Pairs (X),
Tuesday Morning Side Pairs (A-B tied)



Veronica Deskey, John Nader,
Saturday Evening Side Pairs (A-B),
Monday Afternoon Side Pairs (A-B-C)





Christopher Steele, Charlene Coor
Tuesday
Gold Rush (B)



Ed Rawlinson, Gary Anziani,
Donna Swarhout, Dave Swarhout,
Monday Swiss (Bracket 1)



Forrest Gray, Dolores Aquino
Monday
A-X-Y Pairs (A)



Joe Fletcher, Dolores Reiley,
Ron Briggs, John Hilbig
Monday Swiss (Bracket 2)



Karen & George Fillis
Monday
A-X-Y Pairs (X)



Linda Anthony, Kathryn Bailey,
Bob Martin, Barbara Morgan
Sunday Swiss (Bracket 2)



Patty Hinze, John Kranyak,
Allison Kranyak, Kay Enfield,
Greg Hinze
Sunday Swiss (Bracket 1)A,
Tuesday Swiss (Bracket 1)



Sarah Wright, Mike Robinson
Tuesday
Gold Rush (A)



Shirley Kingsley, Jeannie Stone,
Ronnie Martin, Darlyn Dusek,
Sunday Swiss (Bracket 3)





Donna Swarouth, Rosemary Kelley,
Dave Swarouth, Ed Rawlinson,
Thursday Swiss (A)



Ellen Hessel, Sally Wheeler,
Ira Hessel, Buddy Hanby
Wednesday Swiss (Bracket 1)



Jeri Tribo, Susan Hernandez,
John Hilbig, Andy Villastrigo,
Wednesday Swiss (Bracket 2)



Jo and Gary Britt,
Wednesday
Gold Rush (A-B)



Liz Jacobson, Harry Ingham,
Karen Dameron, Sharon Dameron,
Thursday Swiss (B)



Myra Ribak, Sally Sanders
Wednesday Afternoon
Side Pairs (A)



Paul Fafoutakis, Andy Williams,
Sunny Won, Carol Ellis
Thursday Swiss (C)

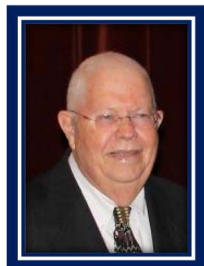


Tessa Bodnar, Kathy Sinkin-Amor,
Jeanne Dawley, Forrest Gray
Tuesday Swiss (Bracket 2)



ED RAWLINSON WINTER SECTIONAL

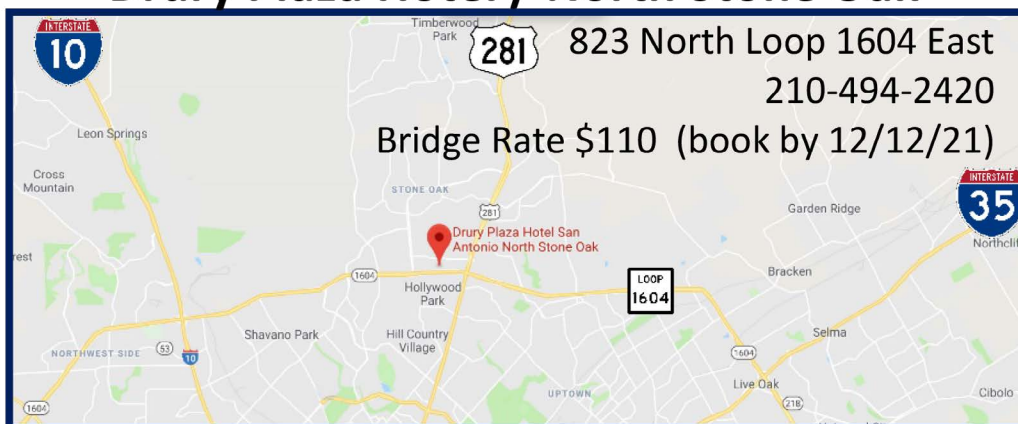
NAP DISTRICT 16 FINALS



San Antonio, TX

January 13-16, 2022

Drury Plaza Hotel / North Stone Oak



Sectional Information

Stratifications:

Flight A 2500+
Flight B 750 - 2500
Flight C 0 - 750

All events will be stratified based on Average Master Points

Card Fees:

\$13 per person per session
Sunday Swiss \$128 per team (includes lunch)
Additional \$4 per session for unpaid members

NAP Information

****Must have qualified at Club Level****

Card Fees: Sat \$13 per person per session
Sun \$16 per person per session
(includes lunch)



Flight A: Open to any player



**Flight B: Players with fewer than 2500 MPs
as of June 2021 MP cycle**



**Flight C: Non-life master fewer than 500
MPs as of June 2021 MP cycle**

Thursday, January 13, 2022

10:00 am Stratified Pairs
3:00 pm Stratified Pairs

Friday, January 14, 2022

10:00 am Stratified Pairs
3:00 pm Stratified Pairs
7:30 pm Stratified Fast Pairs

Saturday, January 15, 2022

10:00 am Stratified Pairs
10:00 am **NAP Qualifying (1st Session)**
3:00 pm **NAP Qualifying (2nd Session)**
3:00 pm Stratified Pairs

Sunday, January 16, 2022

10:00 am **NAP Finals (1st session)**
10:00 & TBA Stratified Swiss Teams
TBA **NAP Finals (2nd Session)**

Meal served between Sunday session

499er Games:

Thursday - Saturday
10 am & 3 pm
(3 table minimum)



All ACBL
COVID-19
protocols will
be followed.

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Nancy Tom, 210-912-6383, ntom@att.net

Partnership Chair: Barbara Morgan, 210-364-2309, barbmorgan62@gmail.com

Director in Charge: TBA



**MEXICO
UNIT 173
MARGARITA
DE MONTAGUD**

Dear bridge players,

This time the San Miguel Allende REGIONAL MEXICO will take place from **February 28th to March 6th.**

We will have many new features that will make your stay in our beloved Mexico even more pleasant.

Thank you.

We are waiting for you!

Please see the San Miguel Allende Tournament Announcement on Pg. 21

**Margarita de Montagud
Unit 173**



**DALLAS
UNIT 176
SCOTT NASON**

At long last things are slowly returning to a semblance of what they were two years ago, before the pandemic. Some of the Unit's clubs have reopened, but we have yet to conduct any unit games or sectionals. They are, however, on the way. The Unit will conduct a Pro-Am in January and is looking forward to hosting the Dallas

Sectional in March.

Many of the Unit's players did venture to Austin to play, smartly masked, in the NABCs. Mike Passell led the delegation with 128 masterpoints won there, thanks to a 9/16th finish in the Soloway KOs, 24th in the Kaplan Blue Ribbons, and 13th in the Keohane Swiss Teams. Other strong performances included Phil Clayton's third place in the Mitchell Board-a-Match; Chris Compton (7), Hemant Lall (10), and Ari Sippola and Pawel Hanus (14) in the Keohane Swiss; Kristen Onsgard second in the Whitehead Women's Pairs (missing first by the narrowest of margins) and fifth in the 0-10K Fast Pairs with Jeff Dater; Nancy Passell was fourth in the Whitehead, and Jin Chu and Jianbo Chen, (both of whom had less than 400 points) were eighth in the 0-10K IMP Pairs.

The move to online bridge has certainly upended the normal masterpoint accrual races. Milt Neher has taken advantage of the new system and has racked up well over 1000 points this year, leading the Unit's masterpoint race by more than 600 points and currently sitting sixth nationally.

Looking forward to getting back to the tables more often in 2022. Hope to see you there.

**Scott Nason
Unit 176**



**SABINE NECHES
UNIT 201
LINDA BRIGGS**

U201 members played online only for seven months beginning in March 2020. Carolyn Worsham kept up with those who played in club games of Houston and Lake Charles so that U201 received over \$200 a month for this participation. Members appreciated the competition of online play as a welcome distraction from the pandemic. Also in 2020 Flo Ferguson and Nadine Pearce received the Goodwill Awards from U201 members for their encouragement to members to play online.

Vaccinated players began club play in Orange in April; in Beaumont in May of 2021. These games attracted a large percent of the membership and have provided not only the competition but some socializing, as well.

In June the Board election resulted in E.W. Sweeney, president; Ruth Hancock, vice-president, Flo Ferguson; members Natalie Hallmark, Patsy Pierce, Judy Dishman, Linda Briggs, Val Townley-Smith, Kay Hooper, Cleo Martin, Kris Cherry, and Marianna Carpenter.

Even though the August 499er and the October Sabine sectional tournaments had to be cancelled due to the increase in Covid-19 infections in the area, other bridge events have been well attended. Celebrating members' birthdays



each month and having eggnog parties during the Christmas season have lifted spirits.

U201 members generously donated \$5,404 to the Longest Day to combat Alzheimer's disease. Orange had a 4 ½ table session; Beaumont two sessions totaling 17 tables. The Longest Day fundraising, chaired by Linda Briggs for the past two years, and Carolyn Worsham for the preceding seven years have totaled \$58,360 for the cause.

Labor Day's traditional hot dog party, provided by Betty and Dick Poindexter attracted 9½ tables.

Members donned Halloween costumes on October 23 for the Life Master party of Bob Townley-Smith. After eating and enjoying the program, members competed in 11 tables of bridge,

U201 mourns the passing of members: Juanell Jones, Jean Hammer, Susan Nimmo, Don Holst, Jim Ferguson, Violet Branch, Jerry Triggs, Ferrel Ashby, and Ralph Barrientos.

Hopefully, 2022 will bring better times. Plans are being made for the Spindletop Sectional March 3-5 and a Bling Party, honoring Silver, Ruby and Sapphire members; and also for Tim Stelly's Gold Life Master party.

Linda Briggs
(subbing for Don Moss)
Unit 201



**FORT CONCHO
UNIT 204
NEAL PERLMAN**

First, I want to thank the Directors for keeping bridge going; both during the Covid scourge and then again when returning in other time slots that shuttered for a year plus. Specific thanks to Sue Henry whose games have continued nonstop on Tuesdays and Wednesdays to provide opportunities for fun and friendship. Jerre McAfee has been key in these endeavors. After the shuttered months at the Sue Barber Bridge Center, Marifrances Watson has directed the return to unit games.



December Holiday Party at the Sue Barber Bridge Center

Behind the scenes thanks go out to Larry Hettick for his consultation and advice regarding the new computer, Linda Cole for technical issues and organization and Suzanne Dorris for her consistent execution as Unit Manager. And Carol Diminnie but

I will elaborate below.

We have lost some dear friends and several families have had personal losses. In particular, Gloria Robertson and Patsy Eckert were two wonderful ladies who showed us how to live life fully and their lively spirit continues in their absences.

Playing face to face bridge has resumed Mondays and Fridays at the Sue Barber Bridge Center. Regrettably, the Tuesday eve trial was postponed until 2022 due to poor attendance. The Tuesday evening Kitchen Calendar series consisted of four months and 13 sessions (January, February, March, 2020 and Nov 2021). Most wins in B were a tie between Carol D and Marifrances W. and Bubba G won A.

All winners acknowledged their partners for the successes.

There was a holiday party in December at the Unit 204 building, Sue Barber Bridge Center and special honors were announced prior to duplicate.





Joy Foster,
Velma McCandless Plaque,
Most Points for a Non Life Master,

Joy Foster's name was added to the Velma McCandless plaque for most points for a non Life Master. In Joy's case I should have said "a soon to be LM."



Carol Diminnie,
Truby Bunch Hall of Fame
Plaque

Carol Diminnie's name was added to the Truby Bunch Hall of Fame plaque. She came by this recognition easily as she quietly makes many contributions to the joy of our unit.

She frequently applies her Master Gardener skills to the exterior grounds, wow

what a talent! Carol has been encouraging to new players both casually and as a teacher this past year. If someone had to guess why something came out right, you can be sure Carol had a part in it. Congratulations Carol

Neal Perlman
Unit 204



AMISTAD
UNIT 205
MARY ANN WHITE

Welcome back to the Scorecard! And welcome back to face-to-face bridge. It's hard to believe it's been almost two years since we last played together in person. Much has changed, but our love of bridge, and of our friends and partners who helped us get through, remains the same.

The second week in November marked the return to face-to-face bridge in Unit 205. Unfortunately, we were unable to hold our 2021 Regional Tournament in Puerto Vallarta, which had been scheduled for November 1–7. Due to COVID concerns, ACBL informed us they would be cancelling the tournament. Our sincerest apologies to anyone who had planned to attend. But the good news is, we have scheduled the 2022 Puerto Vallarta Regional for October 31–November 6. Same great venue—the Westin Resort

and Spa in Puerto Vallarta.

We also have two upcoming Sectional Tournaments in Unit 205. The Ajijic Valentine Sectional will be held from February 10–13, 2022, at the Real de Chapala Hotel. Click the link: [Ajijic Valentine Sectional](#) to go to our flyer. The Puerto Vallarta Sectional is slated for February 23–25 at the Lions's Club in Puerto Vallarta. The flyer for that event can be viewed at this link: [Puerto Vallarta Sectional](#).

We hope to see you at these tournaments as we return to the "new normal". Your health and safety are important to us. We will adhere to all ACBL health guidelines that are in place, as well as local guidelines for the respective venues, at the time of the tournaments.

I want to take this first Scorecard opportunity to again acknowledge and congratulate Lane Galloway of Unit 205, who was selected as the 2021 ACBL Goodwill Member of the Year. This was a huge honor and well deserved. Lane was instrumental in keeping us going throughout the pandemic, and we appreciate his continued hard work and dedication.

Snowbirds from Canada and the United States are a big part of the bridge picture in Unit 205. As you can imagine, we have not seen many of these friends in a couple of years, but are delighted to welcome them back in 2021. We've missed you! "Seeing" you online is just not the same as having you here in person.



Welcome back!

We also want to welcome a new manager for our Puerto Vallarta club. Julia Sauter will be taking over the reins. A big thank-you to Mary Seggerman and Anne Bergman for their years of dedication and service in running the Puerto Vallarta club. They have earned a well-deserved rest!

Thanks also to Stephen Segall for his years of teaching our 299rs on Friday mornings. Stephen has decided to step down from that role, but the lessons will continue. Janet Mitchell and I will be attempting to fill his very big shoes! Wednesday supervised bridge with Catherine Gonzales has also resumed. We welcome all new and advancing players.

And as we welcome new players, so we also say good-bye to those we've lost. Rest in peace Miguel Reygadas, Beto Cohen, and Enrico Pagani from Mexico City. And at Lake Chapala, farewell to Don Ross, Doris Denny, Dennis McGarry, and Ellen Hutt. We are saddened knowing we will not see these people again as we return to the tables and tournaments. They will remain forever in our hearts.

And so one chapter ends and a new one begins. And it has begun with a bang! Betty Cajanek and Margaret Slater posted a whopping 83.35% game in Mazatlan on December 1 (2.5 tables). In Puerto Vallarta, Maxine Webb and Linda Lake scored 73.08% on December 10 (6.5 tables); Janet and Richard

Stroh hit the mark with 75% on November 30 (4.5 tables); and Naida and Berry Gubbins showed us how it's done with 72% on November 19 (5 tables). Congratulations to all!

Mary Ann White Unit 205 (Western Mexico)



AUSTIN UNIT 207 RACHEL JACKSON

We're still in the afterglow of Austin's first NABC tournament! Co-chairs BJ Sanders and Sally Sassen built a team of committees that made it happen in the grandest style. Our volunteers were the face of the tournament, welcoming players who came in from as far away as Vancouver, Istanbul, Singapore, Chile and Israel.

There were 5256 tables in play over the 11-day tournament, with 2038 players earning masterpoints. Geoff Hampson of Las Vegas won the Goren Trophy, which is given to the player who wins the most masterpoints at the Fall NABC. Hampson earned 356.88 masterpoints.

*Thank you volunteers!
Thank you attendees!*

Life goes on after the NABC ...

The clubs in Unit 207 are up and running, getting back to

normal. Attendance isn't back to pre-COVID times, but the numbers are improving. And what could be more normal than getting in the holiday spirit with donations. Harry Ingham asked players in his area clubs to donate to the San Marcos Animal Shelter.

Check the Unit schedule on the webpage: AustinBridge.org and make your plans to play at your favorite clubs and in tournaments.



Flora and friend playing a few hands of her favorite game

FLORA PETTIT by Sharon Hoger

The Austin and Ft. Worth bridge communities said a sad goodbye to Flora Pettit on November 26, 2021—just one week before her planned trip to Austin to play at the NABC on “Flora Pettit Day”. A reception in her honor was held on December 3rd at the JW Marriott. Chocolate chip cookies, made from Flora's own recipe, were served.

Flora was born on September 17, 1928 in Bellevue Pennsylvania. The family joked that, since she





had one older brother, they now had a foursome to play bridge. Learning bridge at an early age was to be a major source of joy her whole life.

Flora was a High School valedictorian, earned a Bachelor's degree in Math, and then a PhD in Biochemistry from UT Austin. While studying in Austin, she met her future husband, a handsome Australian named Rowland Pettit. They had two children; a son, George and a daughter, Nancy.

Flora had an accomplished scientific career. She authored/coauthored a multitude of papers on various biochemistry topics and is listed as the first inventor on a U.S. patent. The last part of her professional career was devoted to developing and implementing blood assays that could be used to identify nutritional deficiencies and dietary supplement strategies to help people with various medical conditions. This research directly benefited many folks with myriad chronic disorders.

Bridge was one of Flora's many hobbies. She was a founding member of the Bridge Center of Austin (BCA). Flora was a familiar face at the BCA, not just as a player but also as an informal ambassador of hospitality. Flora's home-cooked food was a constant bright spot at the BCA. She frequently held dinner and bridge events at her home as well, which always featured a homemade Pavlova. Flora was a

Ruby Life Master, and was the 2016 American Contract Bridge League Goodwill Member of the Year.

Flora moved to Ft. Worth in 2017 to be closer to her grandchildren, and immediately found a home at the Ft. Worth Bridge Studio. She also loved playing online with some of her Austin friends.

A celebration of Flora's life will be held January 30, 2022, 12 PM in the Garden Room at the Westwood Country Club, 3808 West 35th Street, Austin, Texas.

Rachell Jackson
Unit 207



GREATER PERMIAN BASIN
UNIT 209
ANN PARISH

When Covid 19 shut down live bridge games, Midland players got busy in other ways. Under the direction of **Marty Massie**, Midland player-volunteers did a serious remodel of the Allison Bridge Center. They installed/changed bathrooms, storage facilities, and kitchen equipment. They put in new flooring (carpet and tile), painted the walls and woodwork in blue and grey, and hung vintage pictures. What they couldn't do themselves, they hired contractors to do. And they got donations to cover the cost. It now looks beautiful!

In addition to remodeling the building, the Midland Board of Directors worked on changes to their bylaws. After much discussion and many revisions, they were finally able to pass the 2021 Bylaws, updated to reflect the current rules and personnel roles.

The Midland players held their annual Halloween costume party on October 28. Most people wore costumes, including Marilyn Monroe, Dolly Parton, and Harry Potter. The sheriff made an appearance, along with witches, princesses, pirates, and a harem dancer.

Breakfast was served as supper before the game. There were nine tables. First in A N/S and first in A overall were **Marlene Blumentritt** and her partner. First in B N/S and B overall were **Sarah Wright** and **Debra Jones**. First in C E/W and C overall were **John Marlow** and **Joan Rice**. First in C N/S were **Mary Dyer** and **Bob Reimer**. First in A E/W were **KC Evans** and **Sandy Hill**. First in B E/W were **Lonnie Yee** and **Linda Buzan**.

On November 16, Midland held their monthly salad luncheon with five tables. Winners were **Dale Linton** and **Marlene Blumentritt** in first place, and **KC Evans** and **Debbie Conly** in second.

On December 3, Midland Country Club was the setting for the Friday Christmas party. We had breakfast pastries and drinks to start our day, and after several rounds of bridge we had a seated



luncheon. One player won each of the centerpiece poinsettias. N/S winners were 1st **Marilyn Matthews** and **Deborah Brookins** and 2nd **Ann Smith** and **Paula Baggett**. E/W winners were 1st **Flo Curry** and **Marlene Blumentritt** and 2nd **Debbie Conly** and **KC Evans**.

The Thursday night Christmas party was held on December 9 with 10 ½ tables. Ham and turkey and all the fixings were served before the game. 1st in A and 1st over all were **Kay Sewell** and **Ann Servatius**. 1st in B E/W and 2nd overall were **Linda Buzan** and **Paula Bayley**. 1st in C N/S and 3rd overall were **Bob Reimer** and **Mary Truex**. 1st in A E/W were **Flo Curry** and **Juanice Welch**. 1st in B N/S were **Shirley Davenport** and **Gloria Jackson**. 1st in C E/W were **Dale Linton** and **Nancy Ward**.

The Sunday Christmas party was held on December 12 with four tables. **Marilyn Matthews** and **Paula Baggett** were winners in 1st, and **KC Evans** and **Debbie Conly** were winners in 2nd.

Several pairs had 70%+ games in November and December. On November 23, **KC Evans** and **Debbie Conly** had 70.83%. On November 30, **KC Evans** and **Betty Dickerson** had 72.62%. On December 5, **Flo Curry** and **Marlene Blumentritt** had 76.19%. and on December 7, **KC Evans** and **Debbie Conly** had 70.36%.

My thanks to Marlene Blumentritt and Belle Harris, Midland Directors who provided

the information for this column.

We are looking forward to a new year with lots of good cards!

Ann Parish
Unit 209



EAST TEXAS
UNIT 225
SUSAN FORD

70% OR BETTER GAMES

Lee and Norma Lunsford 71%
-10/20-Van Zandt Country DBC
Stewart Angel/Kat Young 70.36%
on Oct 11 Sheila Bell DBC

Joyce Watson/Donna Bullard
71.25% on Oct 13, Novice Game
Sheila Bell DBC

Mary Bartley & Nancy Green
had 71.88% game at RCDBC on
11/17/21.

Mary Bartley & Brenda Baker
had 70.84% game at RCDBC on
12/06/21.

Jack Yarbrough and Roy Read
70.83% on May 3rd at NDC.

Jack Yarbrough and Paulette
Huegele 72% game 7/22nd
Nacogdoches DBC

On October 4th Bob Echols &
Jack Yarbrough had a 76.04%
game. Nacogdoches DBC

On October 12th Jack Yarbrough
& Gay Roach had a 76% game.
Nacogdoches DBC

On October 27th Gay Roach &
Jack Yarbrough had an 80% game.
Nacogdoches DBC

Mike Graham & Carolyn

Chapman 77.5 percent on 4/20
Longview DBC

Edwyna Testerman & Beryl Cobb
70.8 percent Longview DBC.

Shirley Shelton & Mike Graham
71.67 percent LDBC 6/2/16

Ennis Dyess & Mike Graham
LDBC 70.50 percent 6/16/16
STAC (1st overall in District 16)

Shirley Shelton & Mike Graham
72.92 percent LDBC 6/20/17

Mike Graham placed #13 out of
2,360 players during District 16
STaC week

Beth Hankins & Mike Graham
72% 12/2 Longview DBC

VAN ZANDT COUNTY
DUPLICATE
BRIDGE CLUB

The bridge players at Nannie's Bridge House in Canton continue to enjoy three games a week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. With the return to Central Standard Time, our games moved to NOON rather than 12:30. This assures our games will end early enough during the winter months to avoid dusk for those travelling east and the bright sun for those travelling west. Most of us now have brunch instead of breakfast or lunch to accommodate the new start time.

Santa's Kids is the local charity for the month of December. For many years our club has supported Santa's Kid's which provides personalized Christmas gifts for foster children in Van Zandt County.

Many of our players add to that gift by also giving personal contributions which are presented





to Santa's Kids at our Christmas party. This year our party is a catered lunch on December 14th.

TEXARKANA SHEILA BELL DBC

Bridge Club Twinkies and a large group of Novices made for a wild and wacky day at the SBDBC today!!!



TWINKIES are fun!



A BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE 2 NOVICE TEAMS!!!

First Place - North/South - Michelle Shores/Stephanie Shuffield!!!

First Place - East/West - Karen Schmidt/Jamye DeHaan!!!

NACOGDOCHES DUPLICATE CLUB

Our little Club has been playing F2F bridge since August, 2020, with nary a sniffle, flu nor COVID infection. All regular players were fully immunized by February, 2021, and all followed our safety protocols.

We were even lucky to have some Tuesday games played as 2-table Homestyle Pairs. If you haven't tried this game, you might like it. Keith at ACBL talked me into doing it. Many players had never played a team game, but most became proficient at scoring this new-to-them team-style game.



October was a banner month for 70% games at our Club.

On October 4th Bob Echols & Jack Yarbrough had a 76.04% game.

On October 12th Jack Yarbrough & Gay Roach had a 76% game.

On October 27th Gay Roach & Jack Yarbrough had an 80% game.



NOVICES RULE



At our Unit Game at Clubs on December 6th, we had a Pot Luck Party with wonderful dishes prepared by the members. No one went home hungry—in fact many went home with to-go boxes.

Max Walton and Gavin McGown, a Flight C pair, won 1st OA.

At the Unit Game on December 11th, our Hilda Hahn was presented with a plaque honoring her advancement to Bronze Life Master.

We are planning for another Unit Game at Clubs on the 14th. We will all be having lunch together at the famous Fredonia Hotel and then we will return to



the Bridge Studio for desserts and an afternoon of bridge.

LONGVIEW DBC

Longview DBC honored Dorothy McCasland in honor of her coming our club's fifth Gold Life Master with a party on May 16. Dorothy also won first place that day with her partner Liz Guthrie. LDBC has had a successful spring lesson series with the Club series by Audrey Grant. Also, LDBC has five new

members: Wayne Bogue, Bonnie Leggat, Claudia Abney, & Peggy Potter, all of Marshall, and Susan Hasten of Longview.

DOTTIE PIRKLE'S DBC ATHENS

Dottie Pirkle's Bridge Studio is having games on Thursdays at the Senior Citizens Center in Athens. The Christmas Party will be on December 16th with finger foods, fun, and of course bridge.

ROSE CITY DBC

Rose City DBC is playing bridge at the Senior Citizens Center in Tyler. They have games on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 12:30. They welcome all bridge players novices to expert.

UNIT CHRISTMAS PARTY

The party was a very nice event. There were 16.5 tables with a wonderful fajita bar. At the party, all those members who achieved Life Master or a higher rank were recognized. The highest achievement this year was Sapphire Life Master by Shirley Matthews.

SANTA CLAUS AND MRS. CLAUS

The Claus's were there to receive the donations to Santa's Kids, a local charity. It is for gifts to foster children in Van Zandt County.

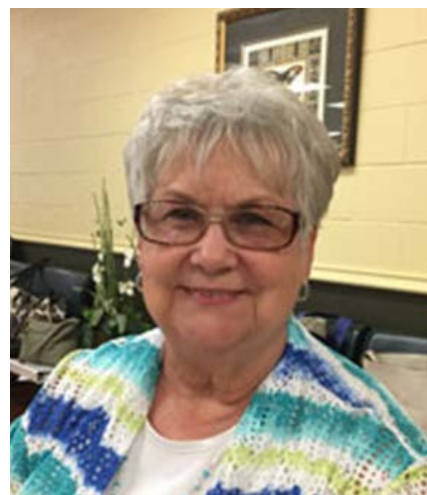
Susan Ford Unit 225



Shirley Matthews



Santa and Mrs. Claus



Silver Life Master
Patsy Gordon





**CENTRAL TEXAS
UNIT 233
JAN SIEGEL HART**

There is so much to catch up on since our last Scorecard. The Pandemic changed everything in our lives, including bridge. Clubs in our Unit closed for several months. In the interim many of us learned how to play bridge on Bridge Base Online (BBO) on the internet. Some clubs played informally for a while, but they are back now since members are vaccinated.

We have recently lost members who moved away. Wanda Carter has moved to Jacksonville, TX to be near her son. Carol Ann Wadley has moved to Oregon to be near her son. Maretta Deiterman moved to Dallas to be near her daughter. Helen Simonette moved to be near family in Galveston and Dennis Laxton also moved to the coast.

We sadly lost Lyndon Phelps, Edna Tuerck, Ann Wallace and Janice Walker this past year. All were not only excellent players, but a joy to be with at the bridge table.

The greatest loss to me, personally, was Mary Adams, my confidant and partner for many years. She partnered me as I made Life Master, traveling around the state as I chased those elusive gold points. Mary helped me keep my sanity during the Pandemic with our daily games

at 2:10 PM on BBO. Mary was not only my dearest friend, but she was a friend to everyone in our Unit and beyond. She was a constant source of support for our unit, bringing food to all the Temple Tournaments and giving two sessions of bridge lessons at the Bridge Studio in Temple, where about a dozen people signed up as new ACBL members. She was our reporter for the Scorecard, bringing her own brand of humor and humility to her articles. She loved working behind the scenes and was a pleasure to be with at the bridge table. As a result of her dedication, she received the Texas Star Award two years ago.

Many clubs are feeling a loss of members for one reason or another. Those of us still plugging away are enjoying it more than ever, after isolating for so long. Some of us (me included) are playing with new partners and struggling to keep up with what we have on our convention cards. As I write this, I admit that today I opened 2D weak, when we have 2D strong on our card. We only went down 400!

Congratulations are in order for Jan Hart and George Holmes, for achieving the Goodwill Award and for Dale Allen for receiving the District 16 Star Award. Jan served as Educational Liaison as well as President of Unit 233. She helped Mary Adams organize beginner and intermediate lessons at the Bridge Studio.

During the Pandemic she recorded a radio interview for bridge and the importance of the game in her life. She supported the unit by attending all sectional tournaments and bringing food to the Temple Tournament.

George is a relative newcomer, but has contributed in many ways to our unit. He is a regular attendee at local clubs, served on the Unit 233 Board of Directors and did a financial audit for the unit. His attention to detail makes him the “go to” person for financial, legal and outreach issues.

He became Club Manager for the “499’s” in Waco, as well as attending almost all of the unit tournaments and parties. He has been an example of goodwill in Waco.

Dale was Club Manager and Director for over 25 years in Temple. He is a very humble person and one who was known for being fair, but strict about the rules of bridge. He began a mentoring program at his club where the A players would mentor the C players.

One of his favorite quotes was “A players don’t pay the rent!” He kept his players informed about what was going on within the unit, as well as within the club. Everyone was made to feel comfortable and included. He brought snacks to the club because he knew that bridge players love to eat!

We miss being together of our Sectional Tournaments, but we are looking forward to our Unit





Holiday party and being with our bridge friends. Everyone stay well and keep playing bridge!

**Jan Siegel Hart
Unit 233**

Games are Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 1:00pm. Call 361-944-1421 for information and reservations. The email address is stxbridgeclub@gmail.com.

And, welcome to the Winter Texans who celebrated with us! Games in Rockport are on Tuesdays (Directors Kathe and Russ Powers, 361-790-6573) and Thursdays (Director Terry



**SOUTH TEXAS
UNIT 187
MARY ANNE
WILKINSON**

South Texas Bridge Association Unit 187, Corpus Christi, has moved to a new location at 5859 S. Staples Street in Corpus Christi. The club is in Suite 211 on the second floor. The club is accessible by elevator located in the foyer closest to the street.

There are excellent restrooms (the biggest complaint!) just outside the spacious suite! We welcome visitors to the area and Winter Texans!



Rockport Duplicate Club (Unit 187) celebrated the holidays with a wonderful potluck lunch prior to the game. There were 10 tables of duplicate players!

Spang, t.spang1960@gmail.com). Visitors and new players are welcome to call the director of the day available and to make a reservation.

**Mary Anne Wilkinson
Unit 187**





**SAN MIGUEL
UNIT 254
KATHY
SNODGRASS**

UNABRIDGED

*A Brief Interview with Longtime
Member—Barbe Poole*



Barbe Poole came to San Miguel and bridge thanks to a ruined California Thanksgiving and a mother's vow.

Unable to find a plumber to fix a major disaster, Barbe's family headed to Home Depot where they knew they'd find men looking for work. There may have been a plumber in the lot, but no one in Barbe's family could communicate in the one crucial language, Spanish.

Fearing lightning might strike twice, Barbe's mother promised to give \$1000 to anyone in the family who would learn Spanish.

A painter, as well as a school psychologist, Barbe came to San Miguel in 1994 to study painting and Spanish—and collect that \$1000. Not surprisingly, she fell in love with the city and visited as often as she could.

Back in California, post-retirement, she started an art gallery. At one opening she recognized a woman's laughter. Five years earlier she had stayed at this woman's house in San Miguel—a house, she now learned, that was for sale.

Soon after, armed with the house key and a bag full of

money, she flew down to see if she and the house were a fit. Serendipity struck yet again: arriving in San Miguel in an airport taxi, she asked directions of the first gringa she saw, who not only knew the house, but also had been on the verge of buying—until she discovered that the neighbors' bombardment of noise rattled the windows.

Within two weeks Barbe bought the run-down Bordello—"the floor was so slanted you could roll an egg down its length"—and started renovating.

No sooner did she hand over her bag of money than the Mexican government enacted a law that meant she had to stay put for five years. She was permitted to leave the country only 29 days out of the year, which meant her family paid regular visits.

Serendipity struck yet again. Her mother, an avid bridge player, returned from bridge at Gary Mitchell's house, raving about her day and urged Barbe to take lessons.

She did, and played first with Jean Schickle's group and, later, with the "big guys" at the Bridge Studio, which then held games at the Hotel Real de Minas. She remembers feeling like a kid summoned to the principal's office the first time the director was called to her table.

Bordello Bridge was born roughly ten years ago when she invited Phyllis Culp to direct charity games at the hotel.

Mexican women's education is something she values highly, so Mujeres en Cambio was the

first charitable organization that benefited, followed by Jovenes Adelante.

At the close of our conversation, Barbe said, "I love bridge. I use it as meditation from the frenetic things going on constantly. It takes me away from things, things, things."

Kathy Snodgrass

Unit 254



The following is part of an email received from Keith Gunn, Unit 254 Treasurer. It gives us a better picture of their Unit during Covid.

We're in Mexico, the beautiful San Miguel de Allende. Here there is one bridge club, The Bridge Studio, and another occasional club, Bordello Bridge (currently reorganizing).

At this season and this year, meaning Covid time, there are about 7 tables on two days of the week, 4 tables on a third day, and an online game vacb252528 that runs around 8 tables three times a week.

The online game includes some of the folks we see f2f. Fear of covid keeps some players, some whom we know quite well and who are physically here, from attending the live game.

In high season (most recently two years ago) we were wildly profitable for maybe three months of the year when we had something like 15 tables, four days a week, but none of us has any idea whether a facsimile of that experience is in the offing.



There is also a problem with mail from the US reaching us here, so I can't remember the last Bulletin or Score Card that I saw. In any case mail receipt is more than a couple of weeks delayed even when we do receive it.

The community is well-connected through a weekly newspaper in which we place whatever modest advertising we can scrimp together. We are cash-positive at the moment but our rent will eventually be renegotiated. Our surplus goes to charity



**Wichita Falls
UNIT 353
MARSHA MAY**

**IN MEMORIAM
WANDA JUNE GAYNOR**



Wanda June Gaynor, 90, of Wichita Falls, passed away on Saturday,

September 18, 2021

On November 15, 1952, she married Gale A. Gaynor, Jr. Wanda was bookkeeper for the family business and was a Realtor, but her most favored title was Granny to her four grandchildren.

As a master bridge player, Wanda enjoyed spending any day

that ended in y at the bridge table with her close friends as well as traveling to tournaments across several states.

She loved to cook and spoiled her family and friends with her home cooking including favorites such as her unforgettable roast and cheese potatoes, chicken spaghetti and pecan and chocolate pies.

Wanda was a member of Floral Heights United Methodist Church.

In addition to her parents, Wanda was preceded in death by son Sidney and brother Bill West.

She is survived by husband Gale, daughter Stacey Dagher, son Scott Gaynor and wife Julie, grandchildren Alexandra and Abigale Dagher and Tyler and Trevor Gaynor, and sister Joyce King.

PASSINGS TO NOTE

From September thru December, as reported by the ACBL.

TEXAS

- * Don O. Bartley, Bullard
- Leland R. Briggs, San Antonio
- Charles R. Brom, League City
- Carole A. Buffington, Wylie
- * Owen Bunn, Kingwood
- * Barbara A. Butler, Fort Worth
- Dorothy L. Criswell, Lubbock
- * Wanda J. Gaynor, Wichita Falls
- Dr. Edmund A. Gehan, Houston

- * Sue Glenn, Plainview
- Helene R. Hall, Longview
- * T. Jean Kidd, Lantana
- * Suzy F. Stiles, Lubbock
- Gen. Robert B. Tanguy, San Antonio
- * Donald J. Timko, Houston
- * Janice Walker, Temple

MEXICO

- * Miguel Reygadas, Tlalpan

*Life Master





UNIT 174 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTICE AND BOARD ELECTIONS

Unit 174 will be holding their annual membership meeting Sunday, April 10th at 9:15am during the Election Sectional, April 8-10 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: Bill DeGeorge, Richard McGaughy, Raza Naqvi, Ashok Shingavi, Sarah Springer and Eric Watson.

For information on each candidate and detailed instructions regarding voting options, it will soon be posted on the unit website, at our Lone Star Regional from January 24 thru the 30, 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.

There will also be a vote on some by-law changes and for those changes, you must be present to vote.



DISTRICT-LEVEL NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS (NAP) QUALIFIER

The district-level NAP qualifier will be held at the San Antonio sectional on Saturday and Sunday, January 15 and 16.

The location is: Drury Plaza Hotel / North Stone Oak
823 North Loop, 1604 East
San Antonio
210-494-2420, 800-378-7946.

See San Antonio Winter Sectional announcement on Scorecard, [page 11](#).

The nationals will be held at the NABC in Reno, March 10 - 20, 2022.

For any further information, contact:
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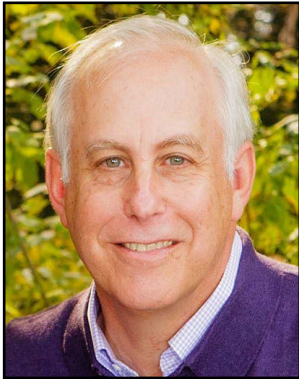




GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS 2022

Scott Nason

D16 GNT Coordinator



You may have heard that the Grand National Teams will return to a face-to-face District Finals. *Not so fast.* In light of the latest surge in Covid cases, the recommendations to avoid large social gatherings, and the reluctance of many to play F2F at this time, we have made the decision to hold the GNT District Finals online, as we did last year.

OUR PLANS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The event will be held on BBO over Memorial Day weekend. Flights Super/Championship and B will begin on Saturday, May 28. Flights A and C will begin on Sunday, May 29.**
2. Each flight will be a two-day event, with one day of qualifying and one day of finals, except for Flight B. As is our practice, B will be a five-session event, with the fifth and final session taking place among the four top qualifiers on Monday morning.
3. Historically, Flights B and C have required club or unit qualifying, while no such requirement has existed for the top two flights (Championship and A). Things are obviously a bit different in the world of tournament bridge right now, so we have altered the game plan. No club or unit qualifying is required for any flight. Any player who meets the masterpoint and residency requirements may compete in these Finals.
4. Clubs are free to offer GNT qualifiers, either online or in person, which offer enhanced MP awards, half red. However, qualifying is not required this year in any Flight.
5. Full eligibility rules can be viewed in the Conditions of Contest on the D16 website, but the short version is that: 1) players must be a resident and member in good standing in D16, and 2) they must have met the masterpoint limits as of the August 6, 2021 report. Flight C is limited to non-Life Masters with fewer than 500 points; Flight B is limited to players with fewer than 2500 points; and Flight A is limited to players with fewer than 6000 points (and who have never won an NABC+ event.)
6. The details to sign up and the timing of each event will be published in the coming weeks.

*So get your teams together and
I hope to “see” you online in May.*



Houston Unit 174 proudly presents the 60th annual



Lone Star Regional



January 24 - 30, 2022

HOUSTON MARRIOTT WESTCHASE

2900 Briarpark Dr., Houston TX 77042
(713) 978-7400

Free Parking

Room Rate: \$149.00 (Reservation code - [LSR2022](#))

Cutoff Date: Jan 11, 2022 or until block filled

Other hotel accommodations will be announced

Hotel Questions: Dave Becker (214) 274-2978

Intermediate/Newcomer Pairs

(Single session)

0-5, 49er & 299er Pairs

Mon: 1:00 & 6:30 Wed – Sat: 10:00 & 2:30

Future Life Master (FLM)

Tue - 10:00 0-20 (Apollo)

Tue - 2:30 0-99er (Mixer Madness)

Session and overall awards will be **red** points

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

0-750 Gold Rush Schedule

(Double session)

Mon: 1:00 & 6:30 Tue – Sat: 10:00 & 2:30

Director's Refresher Course



Sat/Sun Jan 22/23
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Registration fee - \$50

For information or to register

Karen Nussbaum @ (832) 524-5233 or karenenuss@gmail.com

Best Practices Teacher Workshop



Sat/Sun Jan 22/23
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Registration fee - \$50

For information or to register

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

Safety

Anyone attending
must show proof of
Covid-19 vaccination.
Current ACBL policy is
that masks are required.

Table Fees

Cashless tournament - credit cards only

Monday thru Saturday

\$11

Sunday

\$13

\$4 more for lapsed member

LSR Speakers



Mon at 12:00

Tue-Fri at 2:00





Mini-Soloway
(2 day 4 sessions)



Premier Event

Tue/Wed & Thu/Fri

10:00 & 2:30

Teams may play in Mini-Soloway or Bracketed Teams
(early registration appreciated)

Team Games
(Double session)

MONDAY – JANUARY 24

Bracketed Teams 1:00 & 6:30

TUE - SAT – JANUARY 25-29

Bracketed Teams 10:00 & 2:30

TUE/WED – JANUARY 25/26

Handicapped Swiss (2 sessions) 7:00

THU/FRI – JANUARY 27/28

Handicapped Swiss (2 sessions) 7:00

SUNDAY – JANUARY 30

A/X Swiss Teams 9:30 & TBA

Bracketed Teams 9:30 & TBA

(No player with > 3000 MPs)

Open Pairs

(Double session unless noted)

MONDAY – JANUARY 24

Education Fund Pairs (Single session).... 1:00 & 6:30

TUE/THU/SAT – JANUARY 25/27/29

A/X Pairs 10:00 & 2:30

Mid-flight Pairs 10:00 & 2:30

Morning Side Pair Series (Single session) 10:00

Afternoon Side Pair Series (Single session)..... 2:30

Evening Side Pair Series (Single session) 7:00

WED/FRI – JANUARY 26/28

A/X/Y Pairs 10:00 & 2:30

Morning Side Pair Series (Single session)..... 10:00

Afternoon Side Pair Series (Single session)..... 2:30

Evening Side Pair Series (Single session) 7:00

SUNDAY – JANUARY 30

A/X/Y Pairs9:30 & TBA

Side Pairs (Single sessions).....9:30 & TBA

STRATIFICATION & FLIGHTING

A/X Pairs A: 5000+ X: 0-5000

A/X/Y Pairs A: 5000+ X: 2000-5000 Y: 0-2000

Mid-flight Pairs B: 1500-3000 Y: 0-1500

Gold Rush Pairs C: 300-750 Z: 0-300

Side Pairs A: 3000+ B: 750-3000 C: 0-750

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

99er A:50-100 B: 20-50 C: 0-20

49er A: 20-50 B: 5-20 C: 0-5

20 Apollo A: 10-20 B: 5-10 C: 0-5

Strats may vary at the director's discretion

Bracketed Teams grouped by average MP

A/X Swiss A: 4000+ X: 0-4000

Sunday Bracketed Teams B: 0-3000

(No player with > 3000 MPs)

Team or pair average used for all stratified events

DAILY START TIMES

Monday 1:00 & 6:30

Tuesday - Saturday..... 10:00 & 2:30 & 7:00

Sunday 9:30 AM & TBA



STILL ALERT!

Thomas Rush



I recently played in the Austin NABC (so nice to have face-to-face bridge again!) and one of the biggest challenges I saw people have was in correctly making Alerts and Announcements.

This is probably not that surprising, given how we've spent the last two years learning how to correctly disclose our agreements when playing online, and the changes in the Alert procedures that went into place about a year ago. I've put together this article to help people "do it right", and avoid wasted time as well as director calls. I know you'll find it useful!

The first thing to remember is that it's important to use the "Alert" card and use it to get the opponents' attention: tap it on the boards, hold it flat as you move it across the table, or place it on top of your played bid cards. Give the opponents a chance to both see and hear that you've made an Alert or Announcement. Remember that the ACBL Alert procedure specifically says "Alerts must be made verbally by saying the word "Alert" and visually by tapping the "Alert" strip or showing the "Alert" card in the bidding box" (emphasis mine). No Alert card? I suggest you use the Redouble card.

Who Alerts (or Announces)? **Online**, it's the person making the Alertable

call. **In face-to-face bridge**, it is the **partner of the bidder** who Alerts.

How does one Alert? We simply say the word "Alert" while showing the Alert! Card. Please don't say, "I think that's an Alert" or "Alert – that's a singleton" or "Alert, ". Just say the word "Alert." (I will cover Announcements, such as for transfers, later)

Remember that if partner bids, you Alert, partner says nothing. If an Alert is missed, or the explanation is wrong, the declaring side must clear up any misinformation before the opening lead; however, the defending side must explain misinformation or missed Alerts immediately when play ends. In either case, the non-offending side may call the director if they

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- ♠ **Club,**
- ♥ **Tournament, or**
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believe they have been damaged.

What do you do if you want to know why an opponent Alerted? The preferred thing is to turn to the opponent who made the Alert and say simply, "Please explain" (or later in the hand, "Please explain your partner's 3 club bid" if you want to know about an earlier call). Avoid "leading the witness" by asking "Is that Jacoby?" or something similar. Just "Please explain", and let the opponents tell you what they are required to tell you.

What is an Announcement? The ACBL says, "An Announcement is a word or a short phrase that describes the meaning of partner's call. Announcements are a form of Alerting, and *you must still visually Alert the call.*" (emphasis mine) Four common kinds of Announcements:

1. Your non-forcing One Club or One Diamond Opening bid could be fewer than 3 cards. Use the form, "Could be X" where X is the minimum length of the suit as the Announcement.
2. The HCP Range of *any* Natural 1NT Opening (every 15-17 1NT opening needs an Announcement).
3. Jacoby or Texas transfers or similar bids showing one known suit: Announce the name of the suit shown. Example: 1N – 2H (Jacoby), simply say "Spades". (This is new in 2021, before that we'd just Announce "Transfer". Now, if you know the suit shown, Announce the suit. If you don't know the suit (example: 1N – 2S, where 2S could be either clubs or diamonds), Alert.)
4. After a 1-level major suit Opening in first or second seat, a 1NT response that is Forcing or Semi-Forcing. Announce "Forcing" or "Semi-Forcing"

The ACBL has a complete document on Alerts and Announcements at <https://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/play/AlertProcedures2.pdf>. That document contains a lot of examples to clarify some of the situations.

I trust that the information here will help make your life easier when it comes time to Alert!

THE 99ER NITE CLUB

GREAT PLAY, LESSONS & LOADS OF FUN!
And...It's Only for You, New Players!
District 16 now has a BBO game just for the 0 to 99 player—
the "99er Nite Club"!

When: 6pm, 7 days a week
Where: Your Online Club*

Perks:

- ✓ **More Masterpoints** (cross club scoring)
- ✓ **Mini-Lessons** by Lynn Berg at 5:30 pm

*Check to make sure your club is participating.
If your club has questions they should contact Nancy Strohmmer at:
nastrohmer@yahoo.com

See Next Page for Details on the
99ER NITE CLUB GAME

Click the link below for
further relevant I/N information
from Thomas and others:

**PREVIOUS LECTURE SERIES
INFORMATION**





THE 99ER NITE CLUB

AN ONLINE GAME FOR THE 0 TO 99 PLAYER

NEW PLAYER ALERT!!

If you don't play in this already, listen up! District 16 has teamed up with several other Districts to bring you a BBO online game, where just you, the 0 to 99 player, can participate.

WHERE IS IT ON BBO?

You won't see this game listed on BBO unless your Club is participating. If they have agreed to participate, you will see the 99ER game in BBO's list of available games. If your club is participating and you are in the game's 0 to 99 (going up to 100) point range, you will receive an email with all the details. Ask your club to sign up if they haven't already.

Note that the game will not be visible to anyone with over 100mps.

THE GAME:

It will be held at 6:00pm CST. There will be 12 boards played (without rushing) and you should be finished a little after 7:30pm.

LOGGING IN AND REGISTRATION:

You will be able to register up to 2 hours before the game starts, so between 4:00pm and 5:45pm, CST. Log into BridgeBase.com and under "Play or Watch Bridge" click on "Competitive". Then select "ACBL Virtual Clubs". Look for **DISTRICT 9 99ERS Invitational Game**.

COST TO PLAY:

\$6.00 for standard games. Special games with higher masterpoint awards will be \$8.00.

SCORING AND MASTERPOINTS:

Because scoring will be across all participating clubs, more masterpoints will be available to win.

PARTNERSHIPS:

Need a partner? Click on "**Partnership Desk**" at the top of the **D9 Limited Invitational** game page. Add your name to the list (buttons below), so others can find you OR pick a partner from the existing list and "INVITE" them to pair with you.

MINI-LESSONS

Log in at 5:30pm CST for an informative mini-lesson by Lynn Berg, a Gold Life Master and accomplished bridge teacher, lecturer and columnist. Lynn is also a club and tournament director.

CLUB PARTICIPATION:

Club managers, please contact Nancy Strohmer for details on signing up and the benefits associated with your club's participation.

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The 99ER Nite Club Game is Hosted by Florida Unit 128 & District 7.





MEMBERSHIP

Sandy Potts

DECEMBER 2021

Austin held the first NABC after 5 NABC cancellations. Until mid-Oct. we did not know if this event would be held. We also did not know which restaurants would be open after this pandemic. Fortunately, all went well, thanks to all the volunteers and folks who attended!

I put my tippy toes into the face-to-face bridge waters as many others did. We wore our masks and complied with showing vaccination cards.



NOW, WHAT?

Let's see what we can do to encourage our bridge friends to re-join us at the tables.

It's been a long, hard road and with limited access to people, thank goodness we had the BBO option! Now, each of us can help our clubs and the ACBL to thrive by attending live games. We can also help by calling up a bridge buddy and partnering with them.

I had forgotten how fun it was to hold cards in my hands and to have a partner across the table. We've lost some members and some can no longer drive. Wouldn't it be great to help our friends return? Other hobbies and activities may have replaced bridge for a bit. Let's help by encouraging bridge participation. The social component of bridge keeps us aware of our community. We learn, discover new plays, and engage with each other.

Do what you can to make our bridge community continue.

ONE PERSON AT A TIME! ONE MORE TABLE AT A TIME!

YOU GET THE IDEA!

