

District 16 Scorecard

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THE HOLIDAYS ARE UPON US

There are almost no tourneys happening in November and December.

Of course, for November, hopefully you got out and played in the Dallas Fall Sectional or Austin's 0-750 NLM Sectional, both of which will have been held around the time Scorecard released. Also, the first of our two most current NABCs, *Phoenix*, begins November 24th.

For December, we do have *Houston's 499er Sectional* with Silver Point awards on December 1st & 2nd, plus *Austin's 0-200 Sectional* on December 3rd & 4th.

If you haven't been playing at your club for a while, now is definitely the time to go back. A few clubs are running a regular STaC during November, plus, there is Gold to be had during the *Royal STaC*. For the Royal, dates are November 14th thru 20th. Remember, your club must sign up for this event and understand that not every date has to be offered.

Our clubs need your support and this is a perfect time to get back to playing there. Many of them have planned holiday parties and we all do love the goodies that members bring in. Of course, there's bridge, but how could we even consider missing out on those treats?

Happy Holidays!

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Betty Starzec



NOVEMBER 2022

With the Thanksgiving and December holidays fast approaching, it is difficult to believe how quickly this year has gone by.

Trying to get back to pre-Covid levels has been difficult and we still have a long way to go. Our unit officials and club owners are trying their best. You need to support them at clubs and tournaments to continue the recovery.

For those of you interested in numbers, our district is #5 in the ACBL's active membership, with a decline of 5.61% as indicated by their figures from 9/30/2022 (the ACBL's quarterly report). The best unit had a drop of 3.31% and the worst had 8.82%. The average age of ACBL members is 73.93 with District 16 at 74.27. Our district ranks 17th out of 25 districts in age of members.

You may recall that the district invested \$4,000 to supplement the BridgeWhiz program for our local high schools. BridgeWhiz contacted 236 schools and we have 425 registered for a specific course as of the date I am writing this post, with an additional 126 registered who have not yet chosen a class time.

Per the information from Al Bender, the Program Coordinator, successful programs typically get 1 person per school, so this is a very positive sign. Of course, we will wait to see what the attrition rate will be as the course progresses. District 16 has the second highest number of students attending, with only California having more.

The Houston unit is hosting the ACBL's **Best Practices Teacher Certification** during the Lone Star Regional in January. If you are thinking about giving back to the game, if your area needs new teachers or, if you want to upgrade your teaching credentials, this is the time for you to step up. The

cost for the program will only be \$50, which covers refreshments. The district is paying for the actual cost of the course. Remember this course is \$125 at an NABC. In addition, participants receive a startup kit, compliments of the ACBL Educational Foundation, worth more than \$150, along with a one year membership in the American Bridge Teachers' Association. This is an exceptional opportunity, so please consider it!!

Kudos to Patricia Herrera with the successful restart of District 16's lecture series. Patricia has now scheduled a lecture each month in Spanish. We hope once again that our beginning and intermediate players will take advantage of both the English and Spanish lectures. These lectures take sincere commitment and time to develop and present to our membership.

Kudos as well to Nancy Strohmer for sending out Robly eblasts regarding these lectures and John Magyari for updating our website with all the pertinent information.

*Happy Holidays to everyone
and my best wishes
for a healthy and Happy New Year!
(If you see me at the Phoenix NABC,
please say hello!!)*

Betty Starzec
President, District 16





UNITS REQUESTED TO SUBMIT RECIPIENT NAMES FOR DISTRICT 16 STAR AND GOODWILL AWARDS

December 31st Deadline

All units of District 16 are requested to submit the names of the recipients of their District 16 Star Award and their District 16 Goodwill Awards to Awards Chair, Betty Starzec, by December 31, at lstarzec@comcast.net. The recipients will be presented their awards at the *Houston Lone Star Regional on Saturday, January 28, 2023*, between the morning and afternoon session. Awards for those not presented will be sent to the Unit President.

DISTRICT STAR AWARD

This award honors those unit volunteers who work steadfastly at the unit level to promote bridge and to further unit activities in their own unit. Selection for this award is the decision of each unit board. When your unit has selected the recipient, please send Betty the name along with a short bio and their picture.

Please remember...a unit member may only be awarded this recognition one time.

DISTRICT GOODWILL AWARDS

This award is intended to recognize and honor those unit players who exhibit a spirit of courtesy, kindness and tact at the bridge table. These individuals are our ambassadors of goodwill to all other players. Each unit board has the opportunity to select two Goodwill Award recipients. *When your unit has selected the recipients, please send Betty their names (lstarzec@comcast.net).*

Please remember...a unit member may only be awarded this recognition one time.

Recipients of these awards will be notified in January in order that may possibly attend the regional to receive their awards in person.





DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT, REGION 9

Paul Cuneo



NOVEMBER 2022

Preparations are underway for the Phoenix NABC which begins on November 24, and the Board meeting which precedes it.

The Board had two special meetings since

Providence, that were primarily to consider the site for the 2026 Summer NABC, which will be in Minneapolis.

In addition, steps are being taken to help smaller sectional tournaments with a proposal I made to allow these tournaments to be run by a local Tournament Assistant. This will reduce the cost for directing staff for the sponsors. I expect that final regulations will be approved in Phoenix with implementation in 2023.

EDGAR, ACBL's anti-cheating software program is in the final stages of development, but results from its analysis are being used by ACBL to prosecute some of those accused of online ethical violations.

I have been working with the taskforce which was formed in Providence to help boost membership by running ads for beginner bridge lessons. The pilot is well underway and we have assisted 30 teachers during the fall pilot phase and generated over 1200 leads for teachers to contact.

About 100 of them have registered for classes this fall and nearly 150 have shown interest in future classes, most of which will begin in early 2023.

It has been a learning exercise for everyone involved but this program offers the best chance we have to increase new members. A big "Thank You!" to all of the participating teachers and clubs.

The ACBL Educational Foundation continues to enjoy success with its Bridge Whiz program for students. Over 2200 students have enrolled for classes this fall, including over 400 from Texas thanks to extra funding from District 16.

I'm very thankful that Covid is not in the news nearly as much and most of us have been able to return to normal activities including bridge and travel.

I want to wish each of you a very joyous holiday season as you celebrate with family and friends!

Paul Cuneo
District Director



PUBLICATION NOTE:

For comments, content omissions and error reporting, or any other information you might need or want to note, please email me:

D16-ScorecardEditor@twc.com

The next edition of Scorecard will be published in January, 2023.

Content submissions are due by December 15th.

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





Austin Bridge JANUARY SECTIONAL & NAP District Level Qualifying & Final

Holiday Inn Austin Midtown 6000 Middle Fiskville Rd. *Free Parking*

JANUARY 5-8, 2023



STRATIFICATIONS

(Pair and team games based on average MPs)

Open Pairs, Stratified Swiss & Flighted NAP:

A: 3000+, B: 750-3000, C: 0-750

299er Pairs:

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

Sunday AX & Bracketed Swiss:

Director has discretion on the A/X break;
7 teams/bracket

ENTRY FEES

\$12/session

(\$16 unpaid members, ACBL req)

\$120/Sunday Swiss Teams & (includes meal)

Players with 0-5 masterpoints play for \$7 in pairs games.

**NAP: You must have qualified at the club level to play at the District level. If there are 16 pairs or less in any flight, that flight will have a 2 session final on Saturday.*

This is a Fragrance-Free Tournament

Thursday, January 5

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

Friday, January 6

Two-session Bracketed Swiss Teams	10am, 2:30pm
Stratified Open Pairs, single session	10am, 2:30pm
Stratified 299er Pairs, single session	10am, 2:30pm

Saturday, January 7


District Level NAP* (2 session qualifier)	10am, 3:00pm
Stratified Swiss Teams, single session	10am, 2:30pm
Stratified Open Pairs, single session	10am, 2:30pm
Stratified 299er Pairs, single session	10am, 2:30pm

Sunday, January 8

District Level NAP* (2 session final)	10am & TBD
Strati-flighted A/(X=0-3000) Swiss Teams	10am & TBD
Bracketed Swiss Teams (0-2000)	10am & TBD

Box lunch served between morning & afternoon sessions on Sunday

Pictures of Section Winners Posted Daily at austinbridge.org

 HOLIDAY INN MIDTOWN	Bridge Rate \$99 <small>Mention Texas Capitol Bridge</small>	512-451-5757 or 888-300-6273 BOOK BY MIDNIGHT DECEMBER 15th Use Code TCB <i>**Rate Based on Availability**</i>
	6000 Middle Fiskville Rd Austin, TX 78752	

Chairpersons:

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Safety Coordinator: Linda Griffith

Partnerships: Pat Berry, ppatberry@aol.com

NAP Coordinator: Larry Davis, larrysdavis@att.net, 512-343-6942

Director in Charge: Melody Euler

COVID PROTOCOLS

We follow Unit, District & CDC guidelines.
 Please check the Unit 207 website for the latest updates.
www.austinbridge.org





DENTON NLM SECTIONAL WINNERS



Friday AM Pairs, First in AB
Maitland Dade &
Rick Harwell



Friday AM Pairs, First in C
Ashok Shunmuganathan &
Hanuman Goel



Friday AM & Saturday AM Pairs,
First Overall
Laura Pantano & Ron Renckly



Friday PM Pairs, First in C
Sandy Funkhouser



Friday PM Pairs, First in C
Tom Neagli



Friday PM Pairs, First in AB
Lori Slocum & Debbie Greenslade



Saturday AM Pairs, Second Overall
Jerry Hollon & Kim Satterfield



Saturday PM Pairs, Second Overall
Robert Muscianese & Bonna Benjamin



Saturday PM Pairs, First Overall
Carolyn Henderson & Darrell Van Dyke





Sunday Swiss Teams, First Place
Cindy McShane, Lori Slocum,
Tom Neagli, & Debbie Greenslade



Sunday Swiss Teams, Second Place
Hanuman Goel, Ashok Shunmuganathan



A Party at Arlington Bridge Studio

shown top left:
1st Place to Lobster Lady
& 2nd to Soccer Mom,
aka Tina Turner

shown top right:
Mildred Walker
99 Years Young

shown at right:
They know how to
have a good time
in Arlington



DISTRICT LEVEL NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS

Larry Davis



The district-level NAP will be held on January 7th and 8th (Saturday and Sunday), in conjunction with the Austin Winter Sectional tournament at the Holiday Inn Midtown (6700 Middle Fiskville Rd, Austin), near the

I-35/US 290E intersection.

Saturday is a two-session qualifying event, followed by a Sunday two-session final. (If there are 16 or less pairs in any given flight, that flight will have a two-session final on Saturday.)

If you fail to qualify, form a team and stay for the sectional Sunday team game. Come on Thursday or Friday to practice for the NAP at the sectional events.

Anyone qualifying at the club-level may play at the district-level. You do not have to play with a person with whom you qualified at the club-level, but you do have to play with someone from District 16.

There are funds available from the ACBL and District 16 (and, possibly, from your unit) to defray expenses for those (3 to 4 pairs, depending on the flight) qualifying to attend the national-level event (New Orleans in March of 2023). There are no entry fees for the national-level NAP.

Please note that there is extra NAP money for Flights B & C. District 16 placed second in Flight B and C. Players in these two flights will receive an enhanced subsidy of \$700.00 each for first place, \$700.00 each for second place, and \$300.00 each for third place.

The district-level event is flighted, with *separate* events for each of the three flights. (You are playing against players only of your flight.) The masterpoint awards are generous, even if you are not one of the national-level qualifiers. Lots of gold points are available.

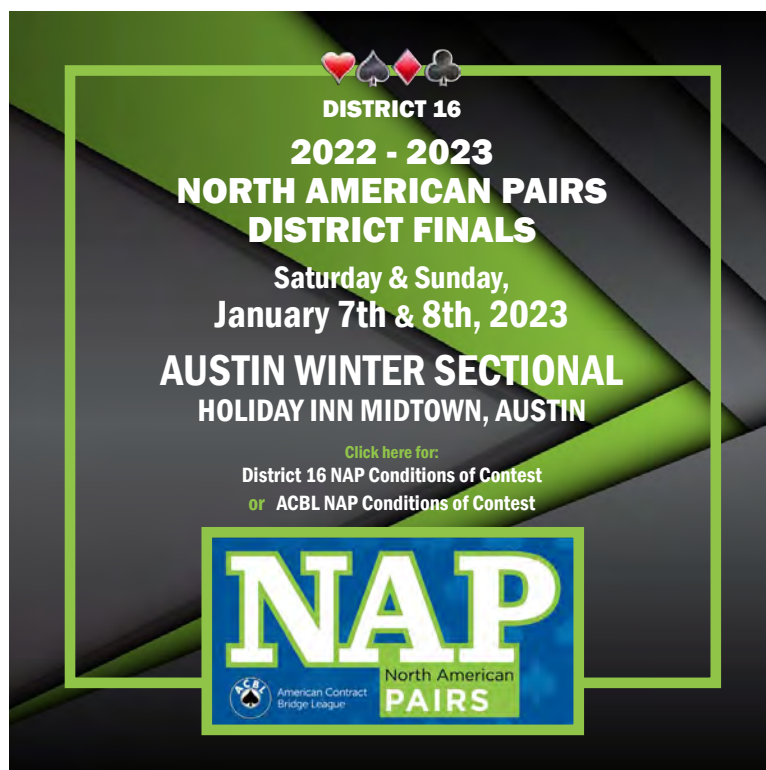
If you have questions, phone or email the District 16 NAP Coordinator:

Larry Davis

512-343-6942 larrysdavis@att.net.

Larry Davis

District 16 NAP Coordinator



DISTRICT 16
2022 - 2023
NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS
DISTRICT FINALS
Saturday & Sunday,
January 7th & 8th, 2023
AUSTIN WINTER SECTIONAL
HOLIDAY INN MIDTOWN, AUSTIN

Click here for:
District 16 NAP Conditions of Contest
or ACBL NAP Conditions of Contest

NAP
North American
PAIRS

ACBL American Contract Bridge League

Austin Sectional

December
3rd & 4th

0-200

STRATIFIED PAIRS 1:30 pm

Entry Fee: \$10 per session
(\$12 for unpaid ACBL members)

**COFFEE & SNACKS
WILL BE PROVIDED**

♠ **Strat A** : 100-200

♥ **Strat B** : 50 - 100

♣ **Strat C** : 0 - 50

Strats may be adjusted
at Director's discretion

♦ *This is a fragrance-free tournament* ♦

Chair:

Mark Craig

(512) 496-8190 ♥ markac4430@att.net

Partnerships:

Pat Berry ♥ ppatberry@aol.com

Safety Coordinator: Sharon Hoger

Director: Larry Davis

COVID PRECAUTIONS

The BCA follows CDC, ACBL & local guidelines. Check the BCA website for current status.

www.bridgecenteraustin.com

NOTE THAT MASKS ARE CURRENTLY OPTIONAL

Bridge Center of Austin

6700 Middle Fiskville Road ♥ (512) 300-2743



SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER RANK CHANGES*

—SEPTEMBER—

JUNIOR MASTER

Beryl Booker (174)
 Richard Brody (174)
 Robert Domsalla (174)
 Michael Fearnow (174)
 Laraine Gilmore (207)
 Janet Harris (237)
 Marilyn Knatz (174)
 Renata Knecht (174)
 Jan Koerner (176)
 Geraldine Lee (207)
 Mollye Morris (176)
 Nancy Pickford (207)
 Veronica Reygadas Dahl (173)
 Ruth Shepley (174)
 Sarah Warnecke (176)

CLUB MASTER

Linda Joyce Bolton (225)
 Robert Boyd (174)
 Lynn Clark (174)
 Teresa Clifford (174)
 Bill Courtney (176)
 Kay Culp (207)
 Jamye Dehaan (225)
 Janis Dismukes (204)
 Elizabeth Furman (183)
 Hanuman Goel (176)
 Stephen Golub (174)
 Joe Henchal (176)
 Abbas Kapasi (174)
 Mary Keeney (207)
 Gari Martin (176)
 Tim Mulkey (207)

Lynette Rakusin (176)
 Richard Schubert (176)
 Ashok Shunmuganathan (176)
 Maria Turner (174)
 Judi Whaling (174)

SECTIONAL MASTER

Sue Freeman (201)
 Carolyn Hardy (174)
 Jiaheng Hu (207)
 Jean Lara (174)
 Athena Leung (176)
 Sharon McLellan (183)
 Dianne Morris (207)
 Jennifer Mullins (176)
 Charles Otto (174)
 Judy Richeson (174)
 Lou Ann Waddell (183)
 James Warren (174)
 Xiaoqi Zhou (176)

REGIONAL MASTER

Patricia Angelides (172)
 Chris Duncan (174)
 Craig Howard (174)
 Vijay Koli (172)
 Vivian Li (176)
 Teresa Mack (207)
 Anne McCann (176)
 William Price (174)
 Mark Reynolds (225)
 Susan Rosenfeld (207)
 Paula Towner (174)

NABC MASTER

Jeanne Binovi (172)
 Robin Bohbot (176)
 Jason Glatzer (176)
 Susan Henchal (176)
 John Herzer (174)
 William Horton (207)
 Hassan Kasseba (176)
 Lois McCallister (174)
 Richard Napientek (174)
 Susan Sensenbach (225)
 Louise Shanley (176)
 Janece Tucker (224)
 Evelyn Werbaneth (176)
 Adv NABC Master

ADV NABC MASTER

Donna Beene (183)
 Dorothy Foster (207)
 Kathy L'Hommedieu (174)
 Jim La Rose (176)
 David Lemasters (183)
 Frankie Lemasters (183)
 Barry Malone (183)
 Al Mince (183)



**LIFE MASTER**

Gretchen Cash (176)
Linda Harley (176)
Hasin Jinna (174)
Phyllis Kinnison (197)
Bonnie Loudin (174)
Sara Rowe (174)
Tom Russell (174)
Sally Sassen (207)
Lisa Smith (176)
Barbara Taylor (176)
Sharon Welsh (176)
Betty Westbrook (174)
Curt Wyman (207)

BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Carol Jenkinson (174)
Peggy King (176)
Phyllis Kinnison (197)
Marguerite Lavender (183)
T R Sartor (183)
Mary Williams (176)

SILVER LIFE MASTER

Sharon Arnold (174)
David Greims (176)
David Noteware (176)
Sue Rowe (183)
Harold Schulz (183)
Robin Tucker (207)
Twyla Woody (174)

RUBY LIFE MASTER

Aleksandr Adelman (174)
Beverley Linskey (174)
Mark Lombard (176)
Linda Martinsen (174)

GOLD LIFE MASTER

Becky Ellisor (207)
Nandlal Khatri (207)
Andrea Klein (237)
Bob Otis (172)
Rebecca Rojo (174)
Thomas Smith (254)
Charles Sommer (174)
David Warner (207)

DIAMOND LIFE MASTER

Jean Ann Cole (173)
Bill McCarty (172)
David Ticen (187)

EMERALD LIFE MASTER

Charlene Sands (207)

—OCTOBER—**JUNIOR MASTER**

Karen Atchley (207)
Nancy Behrens (183)
Rolene Berk (176)
Hua Chen (174)
Kyo Chen (174)
Mary Eigenbrodt (176)
Bettie Hamilton (176)
Ann Jaglowski (183)
Patricia Leavesley (174)
Sherry McClure (183)
Janet McKinney (183)
Arlene Phillips (174)
Jeffrey Samuels (174)
Brenda Schrader (183)
Jan Vanhummel (183)
Jan Watson (174)

CLUB MASTER

Adela Braun (173)
Judith Cobb (174)
Linda Collins (176)
Mary Debusk (183)
Deborah Engler (207)
Mercedes Farias (173)
Sherry Taylor (174)

SECTIONAL MASTER

Gwendolyn Atchison (207)
Jyoti Boppana (176)
Andrew Brice (207)
Gaye Campbell-Baker (207)
Mike Holy (174)
Traci McCaskill (174)
Mary Jo McLaughlin (172)
G Maxine Moye (201)
Linda Schiwart (201)
Cheryl Walters (174)

REGIONAL MASTER

Maria Gomez-Junco (173)
Ana Hauser (173)
Fran Howard (183)
Betsy Lidgey (207)
Matilde Zeidenweber (173)

NABC MASTER

Susanna Busico (207)
Sue Carter (207)
Beverly Miller (207)
Sandy Souchon (172)

ADV NABC MASTER

Paulette Armstrong (176)
Lillian Ethridge (183)
Nutan Saraiya (183)





LIFE MASTER

Eric De Rouffignac (207)
Carol Diminnie (204)
Paula Duncan (176)
Michael Edwards (207)
Zo Granberry (174)
Phyllis Maier (174)
Michael Rainbird (207)
Yolanda Simmons (183)

Barbara Fogle (183)
Zo Granberry (174)
Loren Nyer (207)
Yolanda Simmons (183)

GOLD LIFE MASTER

Deborah Brookins (209)
Courtney Coffman (174)

DIAMOND LIFE MASTER

Dorene Drum (183)

SILVER LIFE MASTER

Richard Day (207)
Michael Edwards (207)
Luther Hampton (174)
Linda Scott (176)

EMERALD LIFE MASTER

Dick Duff (207)

* Note that Rank Changes
come directly from the ACBL.

BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Stanley Broadwater (172)
Charlene Coor (207)
W Kenneth Davis (207)
Paula Duncan (176)

RUBY LIFE MASTER

James Cuccia (172)
Adriana Salinas (173)

**PASSINGS TO NOTE
SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER**

- Rex H. Ball, Dripping Sprgs
- * June M. Barnebey, Dallas
- * Richard M. Burkhart, Friendswood
- * Joe Fletcher, San Antonio
- Sam Macferran, Midland
- * Ronald C. Pare, The Woodlands
- * Glen C. Tolle, Plano
- * Robert E. Armstrong, Sugar Land
- * Mrs. Pauline S. Callihan, McAllen
- George E. Rosen, Houston

*Life Master

Please Note: This is a list of members who have been reported to the ACBL as deceased. For inclusion in the Bridge Bulletin and in Scorecard, please report passings directly to the ACBL at inmemoriam@acbl.org.





SILVER POINTS ! SILVER POINTS! SILVER POINTS!
499/NLM Tournament
Dec 1 – Dec 4, 2022

4688 Louetta Rd., Spring TX (next to Tuesday Morning)
281-651-6550 | thebridgeclub@sbcglobal.net

Partnership

Need a partner? Contact **Bob Ziegler** at 1960bobz@gmail.com.

Stratification

A = 500 **B** = 300 **C** = 100

Strats may vary at the director's discretion

Lunch / Snacks

Free snacks and drinks.
Lunch for \$5 Thursday, Friday and Saturday, if ordered by 10 am.

Entry Fees

ACBL Member (current)

\$10 per session per player

Lapsed ACBL Member

\$14 per session per player

Tournament Chair

Hugh Miller

hugh.miller1@gmail.com

Come and earn those Silver Points

Event Schedule

Thursday, December 1, 2022

♠ 499r Pairs 10am
♠ 499r Pairs 2pm

Friday, December 2nd

♠ 499r Pairs 10am
♠ 499r Pairs 2pm

Saturday, December 3rd

♠ 499r Pairs 10am
♠ 499r Pairs 2pm

Sunday, December 4th

♠ 499r Swiss Team 1:30pm

Ask the Expert

On Thursday, Dec. 1st the chair will answer questions about the morning hands during lunch.

*Proof of Covid vaccination required to enter
Masks optional
Club HVAC system, filters recently upgraded*

**Next 499/NLM tournament
TBA in early 2023**



BEAUMONT GUSHER REGIONAL WINNERS



Monday Gold Rush Pairs, flt A
Jon & Anni Pack



Monday Bracketed Teams 1
Tipton Golias, Aiyandar Bharathi, Joe Grue,
Chris Compton, Finn Kolesnik



Monday Top Flight Pairs, flt A/X
Chris Curran & Mary Lou Fowler



Tuesday Top Flight Pairs, flt A
Terry & Carolyn Riely



Tuesday Gold Rush Pairs
Louise Shanley & Gari Martin



Wednesday Bracketed Teams 2
Tonya McNabb, Joseph Baker,
Cloe Ella Fackenthall & Paddy Fiorino



Thursday Bracketed Teams 1
Ming Shang, Shan Huang, Jane Millens,
Kevin Dwyer & Kevin Bathurst





Thursday Bracketed Teams 2
Lawrence Michaels, Harlene Michaels,
Valerie Townley-Smith & Bob Townley-Smith



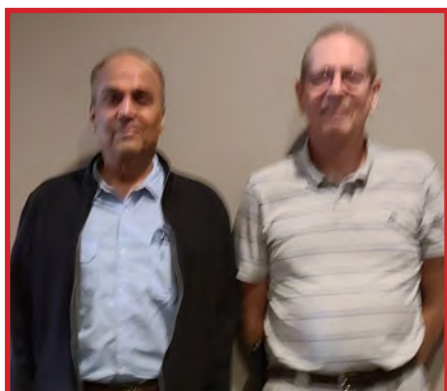
Friday Top Flight Pairs, flt A
Jeff McKee & Dolores Aquino



Friday Bracketed Teams
Sam Dodson, James Breihan,
Eddie Wold & Robert Moris



Friday Bracketed Teams 2
Lisa Smith, Kurt Smith,
George & Pamela Holmes



Saturday Top Flight Pairs, 1X/2A
Steven Bell & Kas Rangan





GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS

Scott Nason



GNT 2023 will be coming soon. This national event used to begin in the Units, progress to District Finals, and culminate at the Summer Nationals.

But, as we continue to rebound from the pandemic, we are going to dispense with the Unit

qualifying (again) and proceed straight to District Finals.

but each player must be eligible for the flight in which the team is competing.

- Clubs may hold qualifiers, but you do not need to qualify in a Club or Unit Qualifier in order to compete in the District Finals.

We are currently working on the timing and venues for the District Finals. They will either be held in Dallas in March or in Houston in April, or a combination of the two, with the final assignments currently being worked out.

The winners of each event will advance to the National GNT Finals in Chicago.

- **Note also** that if Flights B and/or C have eight or more teams, then the top **two** teams will qualify for Nationals.

Do you have a Team?

Do you know if you need to qualify?

Do you know how?

There are four levels that will compete in the GNT's District Finals. The four winners of that event (and possibly more – see below) go on to compete at the GNT Finals in Chicago in July 2023.

- The top flight – the **Championship Flight** – is open to anyone.

Masterpoint Guidelines for Playing in each flight

1. **Flight A:** Each member of the team must have had less than 6000 Masterpoints as of the August 6, 2022 posting.
2. **Flight B:** The cutoff is 2500 points.
3. **Flight C:** This flight is limited to non-life masters with less than 500 points.

- Each team may consist of four, five, or six players,

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

ACBL GNT CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

D16 GNT CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

Scott Nason

District 16 GNT Coordinator





FALL ψ 2022
PHOENIX NABC
 BRIDGE IN THE DESERT NOV. 24-DEC. 4, 2022

[CLICK HERE FOR PHOENIX NABC 2022](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR NEW ORLEANS 2023](#)



2023
NEW ORLEANS
 SPRING NABC
 MARCH 9-19, 2023





NEW BRAUNFELS SECTIONAL WINNERS



Thursday AM Pairs, Flight A & B
Alta Peck, Jimmie Lou Conner



Thurs AM Pairs, Flight B
Richard Day, Sunny Laird



Thurs AM Pairs, Flight C
Andrew Brice, Lois Kertesz



Thursday Swiss, Flight A
Rich Curtin, Kay Laird,
George Fillis, Karen Fillis



Thursday Swiss, Flight B
Alta Peck, Jimmie Lou Conner,
Joan McGaffic, Elisabeth Kay



Thurs Swiss, Flight C
Jana Barnard,
MaryJo McLaughlin,
Marietta Allmond
Rebecca Evans (NS)





Friday AM Pairs, Flight A
Gary Anziani, Ed Rawlinson



Friday PM Pairs, Flight A
Ellen Hessel, Ira Hessel



Friday PM Pairs, Flights B and C
Marietta Allmond,
Gaye Campbell Baker (NS)



Saturday AM. Pairs, Flight A
Terry Reily, Carolyn Reily



Saturday AM Pairs. Flight B
Rita de Hoyos, Paula Warren



Saturday AM Pairs, Flight C
Annetta Hughson, Lois Kertesz





MORE NEW BRAUNFELS SECTIONAL WINNERS



Saturday PM Pairs, Flight A
Greg Hinze, Patty Hinze



Saturday AM Pairs, Flight B
Mary Lou Fowler, Chris Curran
(no photo)



Saturday AM Pairs, Flight C
Yao-Hui Hsiang, Yesh Singe



Sunday Swiss, Bracket 1
Rosemary Kelly, Bill McCarty,
Brian Bankler, Roxie Tom



Sunday Swiss, Bracket 2
Andy Villestrago, Susan Hernandez,
Bob Otis, Jeri Tribo





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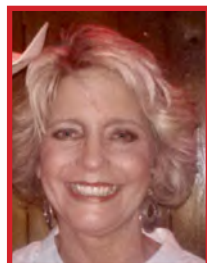
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TEACHER PROFILES



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Unit 209, Permian Basin

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D16 NOMINATIONS FOR TEACHER OF THE YEAR MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 30, 2022

REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for the award, teachers must:

- Have taught bridge for at least 5 years and at least 50 hours in the past year.
- Be an individual teacher, not only a team teacher.
- Not be a previous winner.
- Reside in District 16 and be an ACBL member in good standing.

The nominator must describe why they are nominating the teacher.

*Submit Nominations to Ed Rawlinson,
Teacher of the Year Chair, at edrawlinson@satx.rr.com.*

In December, the ToY Chair notifies the nominees of their nomination and requests additional information about their teaching philosophy and techniques. In January a ToY Committee evaluates the nominations and selects a winner. The winner will be recognized during the January 2023 Houston Regional.

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ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

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- Pass a Proficiency Demonstration (**participation in Workshop required**) to earn Best Practices certification





DALLAS LABOR DAY REGIONAL

JACOBY AWARDS CEREMONY



2021 Jacoby Award Winner,
Jim Bauer with Betty Starzec

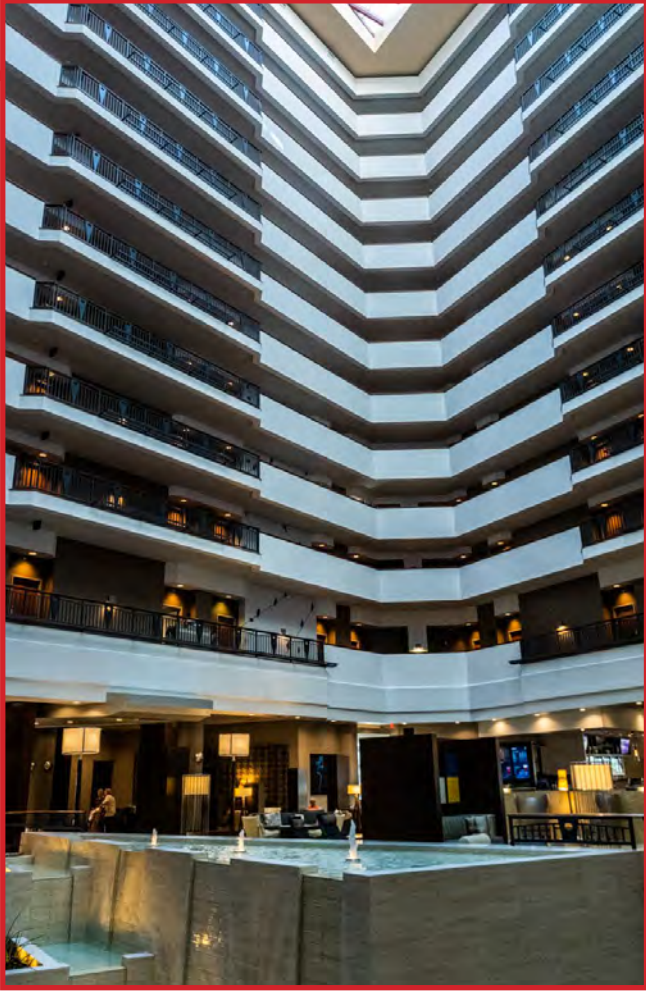


2022 Jacoby Award Winner,
Ed Rawlinson with Betty Starzec



A good turnout at the regional





A nice venue for playing and staying



Kristen Onsgard on Forcing Bids



TOURNAMENT SPEAKERS



Melody Euler discusses Director Calls



Thomas Rush shares Top Bridge Tips





DALLAS REGIONAL MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENTS



Barbara Taylor
Life Master



Betty Westbrook
Life Master



Gretchen Cash
Life Master



Hal Schultz
Silver Life Master



Joe Henchal
Club Master



Phyllis Kinnison
Life Master



Susan Henchal
NABC Master



Tom Russell
Life Master

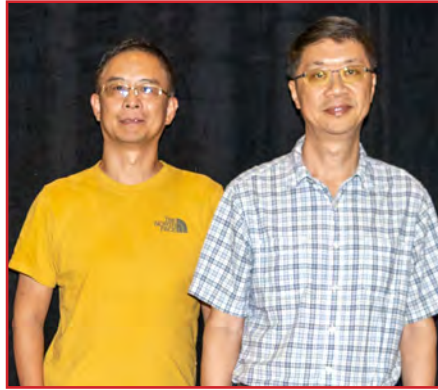




& DALLAS REGIONAL WINNERS



Wed Open Pairs A
Nancy Ramsey & Heather Williams



Wed Open Pairs Y
Jin Chu & Jianbo Che



Wed Teams Bkt 2
Tiger King & Sam Shao,
Bill Gerard & Donna Gerard



Wed Teams Bkt 4
Virginia Boudreau & Judy Thompson,
Donna Gibbs & Jo Hammett



Wed Teams Bkt 5
Chuck Easton & Alex Maas,
David Clegg & Janet Borg



Wed Teams Bkt 6
Betty Westbrook & Johara Nour,
Harlene Michaels & Larry Michaels





& MORE DALLAS REGIONAL WINNERS



Thurs Gold Rush Pairs A
Jim Porter & Ramon Nelson



Thurs Open Pairs A
John Zilic & Tom Rush



Thurs Teams Bkt 1
Robert Hollman & Billy Cohen,
Joris Van Lankveld & Berend Van Den Bos



Thurs Teams Bkt 2 Tie
Valerie Remmers & Martin Hester,
& Carol Calkins & Kahlif Ahmed



Thurs Teams Bkt 2 Tie
William Driscoll & Terrence Wolfe,
Rich Brandenburg & Bob Holliday



Thurs Teams Bkt 3
Al Mince & Barry Malone,
Mike Peiffer & Jimmy Justice





Thurs Teams Bkt 4
Gretchen Cash & Mary Chaffin,
Barbara Taylor & Erica Walker



Thurs Teams Bkt 5
T.R. Sartor & Hal Schulz,
David Lemasters & Diane Lemasters



Thurs Teams Bkt 6
Ken Melvin & Bob Bender,
Bill Brooks & Walt Netschi



Thurs Teams Bkt 7
Wilton Crocker & William Canterbury,
Danny Gordon (not shown)
& Mary Williams (not shown)



Fri Open Pairs A
John Zilic & Tom Peters



Fri Teams Bkt 1
Yan Song & Hua Yang,
Ari Sippola & Pawel Hanus

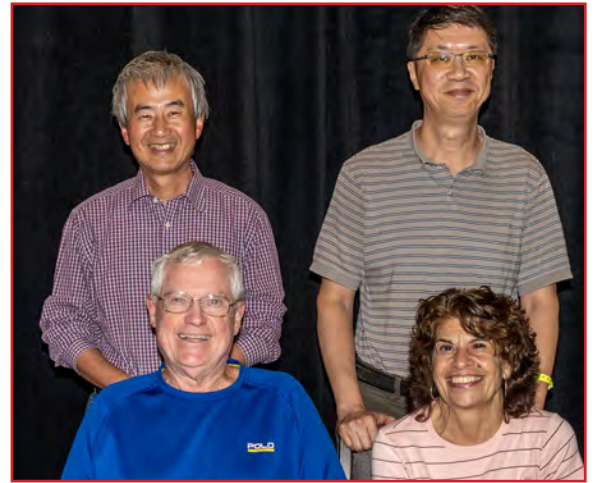




& MORE DALLAS REGIONAL WINNERS



Fri Teams Bkt 2
Adrienne Feuer & Eileen Davidoff,
Joe Gill & Ed Yetter



Fri Teams Bkt 4
Jin Chu & Pingshan Wen,
Bob Bender & Mary Lynn Genovesi



Fri Teams Bkt 5
Sarah Springer & Kathy McDougall,
Johara Nour & Betty Westbrook



Fri Teams Bkt 6
Harley Puff & Connie Chamberlain,
Donna Beene & Pam Pickrell



Sat Open Pairs A
Michael Schreiber & Amy Downing





Sat Teams Bkt 1
Steven Chen & Danny Feng,
Hua Yang & Yan Song



Sat Teams Bkt 3
Mary Lynn Genovesi & Roz Smith,
Karen Cohen & Nancy Latner



Sat Teams Bkt 5 Tie
Bill Hill & Gordon Graves,
Sandrop Waldrop & Cathy Graves



Sat Teams Bkt 5 Tie
Darlene Dusek & Jeannie Stone,
Ronnie Martin & Shirley Kingsley



Sat Teams Bkt 6
Harlene Michaels & Larry Michaels,
Johara Nour & Betty Westbrook



Sat Teams Bkt 7
Hanuman Goel & Ashok Kumar,
Athena Leung & Jyoti Boppana





& MORE DALLAS REGIONAL WINNERS



Sun Gold Rush Pairs A
Sally Sassen & Ron Sassen



Sun Open Pairs A
Nancy Ramsey & Heather Williams



Sun Teams Bkt 1
Bart Bramley & Phil Clayton,
Peggy Sutherlin & Hemant Lall



Sun Teams Bkt 2
Ari Sippola & Pawel Hanus,
Michael Hout & Gerry McKim



Sun Teams Bkt 3
Roz Smith & Mary Lynn Genovesi,
Mike Thorpe & Cara-Lyn Lappen



Sun Teams Bkt 4
Dan Boylan & John Luebkemann,
Erica Walker & Mary Chaffin





Sun Teams Bkt 6
Ashok Kumar & H.P. Goel,
Athena Leung & Jyoti Boppana



Mon Swiss Teams A
Phil Clayton & Hemant Lall, & Bart Bramley,
Kim Clayton & Peggy Sutherlin



Mon Swiss Teams B
Sheri Bumgardner & RT Feng,
Ginger Morgan & Deborah Chockley



Mon Swiss Teams D
Jo Hammett & Judy Thompson,
Linda Scott & Lynell Pinion



Mon Swiss Teams X
Steve Chen & Danny Feng,
Yan Song & Hua Yang





0-50 PLAYERS

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District 16 now has a BBO game just for the 0 to 99 player—
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When: 6pm, 7 days a week
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- ✓ **More Masterpoints** (cross club scoring)
- ✓ **Mini-Lessons** by Lynn Berg at 5:30 pm

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- ✓ Clubs benefit too and continue to receive payments for their participating players.

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HALLOWEEN AT THE HOUSTON SECTIONAL.



CRUELLA DE VIL
(Marsha Bernstein)



THE POSTS
(Sarah Springer and Cliff Rice)





CADDIES RULE!

left:
THE WITCHES

right:
THE CHICKEN



ELVIRA
(Kathy McDougall)



LUCY
(Marsha Bernstein)





HOUSTON HALLOWEEN SECTIONAL WINNERS



Friday Open Pairs, flt A
Nancy Boothe & Pat McMullin



Friday Swiss Bkt 1
Buddy Hanby, Sally Wheeler,
Tom Breed, Joe Quinn & Dan Morse (NP)



Friday Swiss Bkt 2
Kathy Hughes,
Susan Kaplan
Pamela White
Power Rangers Green Ranger,
Alfred Fortier III (someplace)
& David Littmann



Friday Swiss Bkt 3
Katherine Gardner, Nancy Guthrie
William Churchman & Barbara Sweeney



Friday Swiss Bkt 4
Terry McGarrity, Lynn Hershey,
Paul Shack & Scott Koehler





Saturday Swiss, Bkt 1
Sally Wheeler, Shawn Quinn, Buddy Hanby,
Joe Quinn, Tom Breed (np) & Dan_Morse (NP)



Saturday Swiss, Bkt 4
Kathleen McDougall, Donna Hrachovy
Sarah Springer & Martin Hrachovy



Saturday and Sunday
Swiss, Bkt 3
Pamela White,
Linda Drake
David Littmann
Hasin Jinna



Sunday Swiss, Bkt 1
Mike Doyle, John Erickson
Daniel Jackson & Jack LaVigne



Sunday Swiss, Bkt 2
Ying Peng, James Zhan,
Harry Elliott & David Goldfarb





HOUSTON
UNIT 174
JACK LAVIGNE

499ER/NLM TOURNAMENT

Houston's 499er/NLM Tournament was held at the Bridge Club of North Houston, October 6 – 9. Tournament chairs Joanna Heebner, Debbie Nash and their volunteers produced a terrific event.

The talk of the tournament was 8-year-old Kyo Chen who played with his father, Hua Chen. Below is a summary of the story shared by Mr. Chen.

"I started to teach Kyo and his 12-year-old brother Ryo Bridge in July. The original motivation was to train their logical reasoning process, which is needed in both math and chess (both boys play chess, Ryo at professional level, Kyo was TX state champion of his grade).

We met bridge teacher Sam Khayatt in mid-August and she introduced us to F2F tournaments in the greater Houston area and online virtual club games.

Kyo started to play robot tournaments on BBO. The first week he barely got 30%, the second week he improved to 40%, and soon he was able to reach 50% performance consistently.

We had our debut F2F tournament at the Arabia Shriners 199er FLM tournament at the end of August, where we got second place. This result largely boosted

his confidence. Kyo started to talk to his friends and teachers at school about bridge, and we started to practice bidding and playing regularly after school.

The Oct 6-9 499er/NLM tournament was our first serious tournament. We were able to play all 7 sessions in a field of equal strength. The actual F2F tournament experiences we gained over the last four days were invaluable. We greatly appreciate BCOH for organizing these NLM F2F tournaments! Kyo and I are looking forward to more Bridge tournaments!"

OH, AND HOW DID THEY DO?



Kyo and Hua Chan

They won the Friday and Saturday pairs, tied for first in the Sunday team and were on the top of the masterpoints leaderboard.

Congratulations!

FUTURE LIFE MASTERS (FLM)

The Future Life Masters of Unit 174 was formed as a Board sponsored program in 2020. The program's mission is to support and develop the newest players (0-99 Masterpoints) in

Greater Houston Bridge. FLM is a resource center featuring information about classes, games and tournaments with a freestanding website:

www.flm174.org.

The FLM team works to develop the local community of players by hosting an **ALL HOUSTON 199er** game one Sunday each month at the centrally located Arabia Shriners Center. This successful game typically has around 11 tables per game. To date about 70 players are participating in this social Sunday afternoon game.

Additionally, FLM hosts an Online BBO game every Tuesday at 3:05 for 0-50 Masterpoint players. In all, we have had over 300 tables of bridge and continue to grow.

NEWS FROM UNIT 174 CLUBS

(all club links at www.acblunit174.org)

Apple Duplicate Bridge Club

After a long stint as club manager, Paul Cuneo has retired from that position. The new club manager is Susan Banks. Game schedule, Mondays at 11:30 at Tracy Gee community center.

Apple Duplicate Bridge Club II

Game schedule, Fridays at 11:30 at Tracy Gee community center.

Bridge Academy of West Houston

www.bridgeacademyofwesthouston.com

The Bridge Academy of West Houston is adding a 0-299er



game on Thursday along with their Open game on Thursdays at 10:30. The games are held at the Arabia Shriners.

Unit Championship, Unit STAC, Royal STAC and upgraded club championships scheduled for November.

Bridge Club of Houston

www.bridgeclubofhouston.com

Tuesday Tidbits

Build a solid foundation with Julie Halperin, Diamond Life Master and ACBL Teacher and enjoy a free lesson from 9:30 to 10:10.

The game to follow begins at 10:30. We will set up partnerships for those who need it.

Text Julie at 713-857-8004 with questions or concerns.

Lessons are open to all!

Mentor/Mentee F2F

Second Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Sign up at club or contact Judy Cupps @ judy_n_al@yahoo.com with any questions.

Swiss Team Games

4th Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. (Register at the club) check the website calendar for more information.

November 5th

BCOH 20-year Celebration!

Come join in the celebration with many of the founding members.

Chicken pasta will be served for lunch at 11:00. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. The Open game will begin at noon.

Saturday F2F open game once every month- check BCOH website for details.

www.bridgewebs.com/bcoh

Our **October 499er/NLM Tournament** was a great success. We thank all the volunteers who worked together to put on this event for our 499ers.

We had 53.5 tables and, unofficially, awarded 101.42 points to 70 players. That point total will be increased by 20% after the tournament files are processed by the ACBL.

Special congratulations to **Kyo Chen** and **Hua Chen**, the overall winners, playing in their first tournament. We expect to see them at many more!

Save the date for our next 499er/NLM Tournament on December 1-4, 2022. See flyer on pg.

Clear Lake Bridge Club

www.clearlakebridgeclub.org

Clear Lake Bridge Club is located at 16614 Sea Lark Road Houston 77059. Phone number is 281-480-1911. We welcome all to our F2F games – open, limited or special.

We are still having a good response and attendance to *8 is Enough; Breakfast, Lesson and Bridge and the Mentor – Mentee* games.

We recently added (with a double session) an Open game to our Tues morning 749er game. We also added a 299er game on Mon afternoon.

This gives us four I/N games per week, with a 199er on Wed afternoons, a 299er on Monday afternoons and two 749er games on Tues and Thurs morning.

Visit the web page for details on all our games.

Fort Bend Bridge Club

acblunit174.org/Club_Web_Pages/fort_bend_dbc.pdf

Open game every Tuesday at 9 am at Jack's Conference Center, 3232 Austin Parkway, Sugar Land, TX 77479:

- Free coffee and snacks
- Bridge Mate II
- Hand Records
- Nice balance of friendly A, B, & C players
- Hand sanitizer and masks available

Calls in advance appreciated

Eric Watson
ewat2004@aol.com
(832) 287-9170

Lone Star Bridge Club

<https://lonestarbridgeclub.org>

Exciting news from The Lone Star Bridge Club in Conroe. The Mentor/Mentee game will be held monthly on the third Tuesday of every month. The first game in August was a great success. The next game will be on Tuesday, November 15th at 10 AM.

If you are interested in playing, partnerships are now being arranged by Club Manager, Linda Sutton, LindaSutton212@gmail.com or 936-443-3600/

Jack LaVigne

Unit 174





DALLAS
UNIT 176
SCOTT NASON

It was good to be back at the tables. We held our first regional in three years over Labor Day and it was a big success, with attendance exceeding our forecasts and everything running smoothly.

The tournament felt a lot more like pre-pandemic events with good attendance from out of towners and even international pros; total attendance was more than 600 players, filling 1000 tables.

The results are documented elsewhere in this Scorecard. This week we are running our Fall Sectional and those results will be reported in the next issue.

In addition, we continue to run monthly Unit Games that have been running at capacity. Our last game was held on October 23, and we have upcoming games scheduled for November 13 and December 11.

Club games are ramping up slowly, with both the number of games and the attendance growing back from the depths of the pandemic.

Friendly is running games in two locations, up in Plano and down on I-635 in Dallas.

McKinney has two games a week and reported an exceptional result in September, when Truett Cates and John Brennan turned in a very impressive 77% game.

There have been some changes on the Unit Board, with Bill Higgins joining us. Several others will be retiring at the end of the year, as we elect the next Board for 2023.

Hope to see you at a Unit Game or at our Spring Sectional in late March.

Until then, good luck and have fun at the tables.

Scott Nason
Unit 176



MEXICO
UNIT 173
MARGARITA
DOLERA

There is news from unit 173!

A huge thank you for the incredible work of Paty Cantú, to start a new sectional in Monterrey.

The clubs are still fitting with a little help from the unit to restart the presencial bridge.

News from MONTERREY

“Hello everyone! I am Patricia Cantú, Club director in Monterrey, Mexico. We had our first Sectional last week. In fact, it was our first tournament ever. It was a great experience.

Everything ran smoothly with the help of our great director from the ACBL, Michael Farebrother.

He was able to resolve every big or little encounter without anyone noticing. He was always on time and for sure knew what to do at all times.

Thank you Michael for helping us have a great tournament!

We were very happy to see people from other parts of the country come and enjoy with us.

The support and participation of the local people was great. For most of them it was their first tournament, never having gone to another, and were here every day enjoying and playing good bridge.

We had Happy Hour on Friday evening right after the tournament where we stayed to socialize, enjoying ourselves and getting to know new friends.

On Saturday Swiss Teams, we had 10 teams participating—for sure more than we expected. It was a close race, and a great new experience for most.

We had around 75 total tables and were very happy to reach that many for our first tournament experience, and also post COVID.

I am very happy for the opportunity, It was a pleasure see new faces in Monterrey.

**WE HOPE YOU HAD
A GOOD TIME**

*and hope to make it even
better next year!*

**Hope to see all of you here
with us next year.**

Best Wishes to all.
Patricia Cantú”





**SOUTH TEXAS
UNIT 187**

MARY ANNE
WILKINSON

Unit 187 is sponsoring Swiss Teams on Club Appreciation Days... *Panning for Gold!*

The **Corpus Christi** club had a Swiss Teams on October 21 on October 31

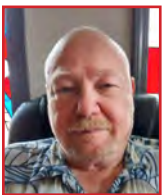
In **Rockport**, the Swiss Team game was on October 2.

Game times at both clubs is 1:00pm. We welcome Winter Texans to join us!

In November, the **Corpus Club** will again host STAC game for colored points.

The date is to be determined; but, again we welcome Winter Texans and others who are after silver, red, and gold!

Mary Anne Wilkinson
Unit 187



**SABINE NECHES
UNIT 201
DON MOSS**

Greetings from Southeast Texas. The weather here has been good and the Bridge has been great!

We have had some very high scoring games lately On August 5th, in Orange, Robert and Carol McGill had a 78.75% game and on

August 15th, in Beaumont, Martha Siglar and Arlene Meyers had a 75.66% game. On August 17th, John and Nancy Smalley had a 70.51% game.

In Orange, on September 13th, Dee Payne and Ruby Collins scored a 71.43% game and on September 23rd, Wayne Outlaw and Martha Oliver had a 71.53% game.

On Oct. 5, Dr. Bharathi and Tipton Golias had a 71.25% game, while in the 499'ers Game, Margret Jackson and Elouise Young scored with a 76.39% game.

Don Moss
Unit 201



**FORT CONCHO
UNIT 204
NEAL PERLMAN**

Congratulations to Carol Diminnie on the achievement of Life Master. The last gold was secured via a BBO regional in September with partner Joy Foster.

A bit of history follows from excerpts from different sources that tracked her development as a player, competitor, and teacher.

"Duplicate bridge is the greatest game on earth! I came late to learning bridge ... in western New York State."

Bridge play took a 20-year

absence and then Carol moved to San Angelo 26 years ago. She was *"introduced to duplicate bridge in classes taught by Marifrances Watson at the Sue Barber Bridge in 2014."*

Recent regular partners include Teri Tedford, Joy Foster and Marifrances Watson.

They attend *"tournaments throughout Texas, TN, KS, MO, Puerto Vallarta, and was on the last bridge cruise out of Galveston when the pandemic hit."*

Plans changed *"when bridge centers closed and tournaments were cancelled."*

"Then, thankfully, along came online bridge with virtual club Stardust Weeks and ACBL BBO online tournaments."

Carol has made many friends and considers our bridge community as family. She has made many contributions to Unit 204 as noted in previous columns.

There will be a celebration at the **Sue Barber Bridge Center 619 N Locust in San Angelo on the second Saturday, November 12.**

Please call or text Director Marifrances, **325-277-9959** so related planning can occur. Arrive by 11:45 and game will start 1:30.

Our bridge community appreciates Pat Bitner for her thorough reporting of bridge happenings, participants, and winners each week. Pat definitely has a way with words. Thanks for your many years of reporting the details behind the individuals





who make Unit 204 diverse and interesting.

Marifrances Watson has started a new beginners class with two tables and there is promise for a fun future.

Neal Perlman

Unit 204



AMISTAD
(WESTERN MEXICO)
UNIT 205

MARY ANN WHITE

It's time once again for the snowbirds from Canada and the United States to return to Mexico for the winter.

That means our clubs will soon be filling up with old and new friends. We look forward to Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan, and Baja California returning to bridge play after their 6-month hiatus.

As always, the Lake Chapala Club continues to play year round. More players, more bridge, more fun and friendship for all!

Thanks to the bridge club in Monterrey, MX, and especially Paty Cantu, for hosting the first ever Sectional Tournament in Monterrey in September.

If you look up the word "hospitality" in the dictionary, I think you will find a picture of Paty. She seemingly thought of everything to make sure we had a wonderful time.

We hope this becomes an annual event and more people from District 16 put it on their calendar.

The Monterrey bridge club is located in a lovely area of the city, with world-class hotels and restaurants all within walking distance. I'll be going back in 2023!

Although this is a slow time for bridge in our Unit, we had some big games at the Lake Chapala Club. Jimmy Reynolds and Boyce Robbins posted 72.73% on August 23 (6.5 tables). Dagmar Rettberg and Tom Gillett had a huge game on September 22 with 76.39% (4.5 tables). Boyce Robbins and Nicci Beninger hit the mark on September 27, scoring 73.96% (5 tables). And finally, Louise Morel and Andrew Small brought home 73.81% on October 13 (4.5 tables). **Good work!**

The Unit Championship on August 27 was won by Tom Gillett and Donna McElroy with 64.06% (5.5 tables). And on September 17, the Unit Championship winners were Boyce Robbins and Jimmy Reynolds with 66.15% (3.5 tables).

Congratulations to our winners!

Club Championships were held at the Lake Chapala Club in September. Winners were Boyce Robbins and Jimmy Reynolds on September 6 with 67.19% (5.5 tables), Olga Kaplounenko and Liz Naidoff on September

7 with 60% (6 tables), and Neal Hayden and John Gray in the non-life master championship on September 8 with 65.08% (4 tables).

Great champions all!

In Memoriam.

The Lake Chapala Club mourns the passing of two of its members: Ken Koyama and Peggy Chilton.

Ken Koyama was born and raised in Canada. In 1942, he was interned as an enemy alien at a Japanese Internment Camp in Canada where he spent the duration of WWII.

Subsequently, he was the first Asian to be accepted in the Royal Canadian Navy in 1949. Following his retirement from the military and a successful civilian career,

Ken began wintering in Mexico, where he finally relocated permanently. In the Lake Chapala area, he forged many meaningful friendships and was a frequent participant at the Lake Chapala Club.

Ken had a lovely sense of humor, hated bias, prejudice, and meanness, and never spoke unkindly of anyone. He will be missed!

Peggy Lord Chilton had a long career as a performer, including acting in 17 films—several shot in Mexico—and numerous television shows, was a popular folk singer opening for Peter, Paul and Mary and the Kingston Trio, and toured Playboj Clubs



across the United States as a singing comedian.

She moved to Lake Chapala in 2009, where she directed or appeared in numerous productions at the Lakeside Little Theater.

Peggy was a joy to be around both at the Lake Chapala Club and away from it. She was witty, kind, and gracious to everyone.

Our lives are made a little bit emptier by her absence.

Mary Ann White

Unit 205



GREATER PERMIAN BASIN UNIT 209 ANN PARISH

We didn't have any big special games, so here are tidbits:

Bridge Tidbits

- Odessa Duplicate Club is happy to welcome a new member, Toni Stice.
- The Unit Board of Directors is making a serious push to get back the bridge players who dropped out because of Covid. We want our people to come play!

- Birthday Night in Midland is the fourth Wednesday, and all players who have birthdays that month get to play **FREE!**
- On September 2, Odessa had a three-way tie for first place: Charlie Grimes and Ann Servatius, Scott Vaughan and Paula Bayley, and Robert Schuler and Delores Schuler.

70% Games

- August 17—Travis Woodward and Ann Servatius 73%
- September 2--Flo Curry and Marlene Blumentritt 70%



Sarah Wright, Mary Truex, and Mark Beckstrom



l-r: Scott Vaughan, Linda Buzan, Betty Moore, and Ann Servatius



Mary Truex, Paula Bayley, Larry Pitts, and Lonnie Yee





- September 27—Sarah Wright and David Hudson 70.63%
- Midland had a Halloween party on October 27, complete with costumes and supper. Results and pictures will be published in the next issue.

Social Tidbits

- Paula Bayley gets the Gold Medal for Decorating in Midland. She provides seasonal and holiday decors throughout the bridge house, and it changes frequently. We love looking pretty!
- We've had some visitors from afar. Betty Moore came in from Austin for her 60th high school reunion and stopped by for a game with Linda Buzan. Marsha Postar, a friend of Scott Vaughan, visited from Lubbock and played several times.
- Ann Servatius has recovered from a case of shingles.
- Charlie Grimes and Scott Johnson went to the Regional in Puerto Vallarta in October.
- We want to recognize some great cooks who provide goodies to nearly every game.

Sarah Wright brings goodies to both Midland and Odessa. Her brownies are quite popular, and everyone loves those little round cookies with the powdered sugar (called Sand Tarts, Wedding Cookies,

or even Pecan Sandies, depending on where you're from).

Mark Knox makes a great guacamole dip.

Belle Harris makes yummy chocolate cookies with lots of add-ins (like nuts and chocolate chips).

Bob Schuler also makes wonderful brownies. Linda Buzan brings tasty pimiento cheese dip and crackers.

Lonnie Yee doesn't actually cook, but he often brings an array of food from a local restaurant—tacos and toppings, cookies, sandwiches, whatever he's hungry for and wants to share.

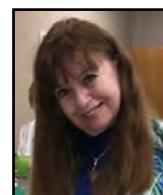
Future Tidbits

- We are looking forward to the Royal STaC games November 14-20.
- Each game in each club will have a Christmas/holiday party during December.
- Midland will host a New Year's Eve party, and Odessa will host its annual Black-eyed Pea Party to bring us all luck in the New Year.

We are ready for cool weather and cool bridge!

Ann Parish

Unit 209



EAST TEXAS
UNIT 225
SUSAN FORD

70-70+ Games

Mary Bartley and Sally McAnulty had a 70.14% game 8/24 at the Rose City Duplicate Bridge Club

Mary Bartley and Brenda Baker had a 70% game, 8/26 at the Rose City Duplicate Bridge Club.

Ennis Dyess and Liz Jacobson had a 75% game, 9/2 at the Rose City Duplicate Bridge Club.

Peggy Singer & Mike Graham 71% game, 10/3 at Longview DBC.

Van Zandt Duplicate Bridge Club

We are so pleased that Sandy Hilliard has returned to directing the games in Canton. She had some health issues that needed to be investigated, but now she is feeling a lot better and is so glad to back with her bridge friends. We all are very grateful to Charles and Susan Ford for keeping the club going while Sandy was out.

Barbara Bradford's Easy Bridge lessons are going well at the Mabank Library on Monday evenings. She has 2 to 3 tables and hopefully some of her students will be joining our duplicate games shortly. Thanks to Jo Booth and Howard Hopkins



for helping Barbara conduct the lessons.

Charles Ford also had lessons recently and plans more for the near future. Join him on Monday nights at 7:00pm for "Let's talk about it". Charles shows a hand and then has different scenarios with that hand. Such as : if your partner opens 1 NT what would you bid, if your partner opens in a minor or the other major, or the opponents bid, what does your bid mean?

We will keep everyone posted as to when the next full lessons are scheduled. If **you would like to join him or want more information, send your email address to crfordsf@aol.com.**

Longview DBC

Longview DBC club manager Mike Graham and assistant club manager Shirley Shelton and were named the Co-Chairs for the **East Texas Unit 225 Regional** to be held April 4-8, 2022, at the Holiday Inn in Longview.

The following committee chairs have been named:

Partnerships: Nelda Avent

Registration: Jo Booth

Hospitality: Mary Ramsey

Safety Coordinator:

Sandy O' Bannon

Everyone is encouraged to mark the tournament on their calendar and to attend as many days as possible in order to make it a financial success for the unit!

It's been four years since our

last regional so hopes are high that it will be well attended!

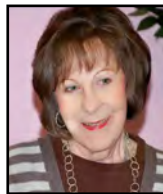
Nacogdoches DBC

Unlike many Clubs, our Club has been in existence since the 1950s and is owned by the members, so our expenses are small. So we just keep plugging along because we can even if it means playing only two tables. You can have a sanctioned 2-table Swiss Team game and received points for it. If you like team games, it is fun as the make-up of the teams changes after every round.

We had no 70% games this quarter, but we have kept the halt, the lame, and the blind occupied and out of trouble! No demonstrations or rioting to report.

Susan Ford

Unit 225



WICHITA FALLS
UNIT 353
MARSHA MAY

Unit 353 Travelers

Members of Unit 353 have many visits from friends and family but one visitor comes and plays bridge with us.

Nancy Purcell has been a member of Unit 353 for 16 years. She has 5 children, 15 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren with one more on the way. None of her children

or grandchildren live in Wichita Falls, Texas, but they all visit Nancy on a regular basis.

Melissa Killmer is Nancy's middle child and she lives in Alexandria, Virginia, with her husband Bill. Many of us are sad that our children never took an interest in learning bridge but Melissa wanted to learn and she loves to play when she comes to Texas.

Our clubs have games at the Bridge Center on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. So on Monday, Wednesday and/or Friday, Nancy will have a couple of bridge friends over to play bridge with Melissa.

Nancy also plays with Melissa at the Bridge Center which makes us all happy.

Melissa is a special person. She is soft spoken, kind and giving. A few years ago, her best friend was sick and needed a kidney transplant. Melissa wanted to help and since she was a match, she gave her friend the kidney she needed.

Unit 353 is lucky to have Nancy as a member and we are all lucky to have Melissa travel to Texas to see her mom and play bridge with us.

Members of Unit 353 travel to many exciting places like the River Cruise that Lois Roberson just returned from.

Cathy Zinn recently traveled on a cruise where she could play ACBL sanctioned bridge games. Cathy and her sister-in-law flew from Boston to Copenhagen where they spent 4 days before embarking on a 14-day





Nancy Purcell and Melissa Killmer.jpg



TEXAS CAPITAL
UNIT 207
RACHELL JACKSON

The September Sectional brought many faces back to the tables that we haven't seen since pre-COVID times. It was quite rewarding to see the tables at the Bridge Center of Austin filled with bridge players. That's the way it's supposed to be.

Special thanks to Pat Berry and Mickey Goldwater, the tournament co-chairs, for putting the tournament together.

October Milestone Luncheon

At the October Milestone Luncheon, some of our recent high achievers were recognized.

Congratulations to you all!

Special congratulations to Charlene Sands and to a new member of our unit, Dick Duff. They are both our latest Emerald Life Masters.

Bridge Center of Austin

Before 2005, bridge games in Austin were scattered around various locations, and Unit 207 membership was declining.

Then, after attending a Donna Compton seminar on unit growth, Beth Tobias and Rosemary Kelley decided to develop the Bridge Center of Austin (BCA)— a central place to play bridge that would bring the Austin bridge community together.

Transatlantic Cruise.

They went on excursions in Sweden, Iceland, Greenland and Norway but while the ship was at

to play with and they won several black points.

Cathy is the Vice-President of Unit 353 and is in charge of Supplies and Friendship. We appreciate all that she does.

Pat Robinson and her daughter Jody Elgin have gone on several Bridge Cruises winning points each time. Some members of Unit 353 are now talking about going on a Bridge Cruise next spring and if so, that will be another article for the Scorecard.



Cathy Zinn

Marsha May
Unit 353



sea, Cathy played bridge.

Her sister-in-law did not play bridge and so Cathy found a partner



They spoke to directors of existing games about having their games at a new facility and began to recruit players willing to contribute funds to the cause.

The BCA opened on September 17, 2005. Some existing games moved to the BCA, new games were scheduled, beginning and intermediate bridge classes started, and programs for growth and player retention were implemented. Even some Unit events could be held in the same location as the regular games.

There was now a telephone book entry under "Bridge." After three years, the BCA outgrew the first location and with the support of additional players moved to the current site on Middle Fiskville Road. Today all Unit games and most sectionals are held at the BCA. The BCA continues to be a major source for new players through educational programs and a comprehensive set of limited games.

The BCA's goal in 2005 was to provide the best possible environment for promoting bridge

in Austin. Today, seventeen years later, that is still the BCA's goal.

**GEORGETOWN BRIDGE CLUB
SPECIAL GAMES (UNIT 207)**

- 11/02: Upgraded Club Championship
- 11/09: Upgraded Club Championship
- 11/16: **D16 Royal STaC**
- 11/23: (No Game)
- 11/30: Charity Club Championship
- 12/07: ACBL Charity Club Championship
- 12/14: Christmas Party & Unit 207 Championship

December 14 is the last game of 2022

Wednesdays at 1:00
Georgetown Bridge Club
Georgetown Recreation Center
1003 N Austin Avenue,
Georgetown

Betsy Lidgey, Manager/Director
512-864-0745;
(512) 639-4908 (cell)

blidgey@suddenlink.net

Rachell Jackson
Unit 207



Some of Our Recent Milestone Lunch Attendees

Back L-R: Mark McAllister, Paul Marino, Jamie Southerland, Marie Russiello, Mike Atchison, Dian Atchison, Charlene Sands.
Seated L-R: Ann Roe, Cheri Gross, Sue Alt, Dorothy Foster, Sally Sassen.



**FORT WESTERN
UNIT 183**
CYNTHIA BENTON

Unit 183 got busy in the last few weeks. Two Sectionals and the election of new board members for 2023 were wrapped up just barely by press time.

Our thanks to Randy Eads and Ken Javor for tying it all up in a nice bow with 0 days to spare before publication.

Speaking of Kens, Ken Monzingo is no longer writing our column; therefore, we have no column.

Ken, you'll be hard to replace but I feel quite certain that someone out there is just dying to step in. "

"Our Sectional was a super success. We had a packed house for the Sunday Swiss with plenty of sandwiches and desserts, donuts and coffee provided in spades by the local players. ... makes me think the good old days are roaring back! Folks came from as far away as Tulsa, Ok, and LA, Ca.!

Our tournament co-chairs, MB Howard and Randy Eads, put it all together without a hitch. Many thanks to Carolyn Pinto who triumphed over the computer, the printer and any other obstacle that threatened her running of a "perfect" tournament.

Thanks also to those who brought so much food, all of which was relished! Darlene Shirey, master matchmaker and Randy Eads, photographer





extraordinaire, did what they do best and Steve Shirey, local pro, did what local pros do... whatever needs to be done!

We also had our annual election

of new board members during this tournament. They will be introduced in the next Scorecard after the election of officers next month."

Cynthia Benton
President, Unit 183



UNIT 183 CANDIDATE BIOS



STEVE SHIREY

Steve Shirey is currently the Vice-President on the Unit Board, having served previously as President. He also serves as the Unit representative to the District Board. He has been the Unit Grand National Teams and North American Pairs coordinator for over 25 years. He is a professional player, and has achieved the rank of Grand Life Master.

He and his wife Darlene direct 5 weekly games at the Fort Worth studio, as well as a few bridge cruises each year.

RANDY EADS

Randy Eads began his bridge career after 41 years of workaholism at Lockheed Martin. Badly needing some retirement skills, he reported to the bridge studio on day 1 at the suggestion of Mille Williams. After 5.5 years of card playing, he has recovered from workaholism... and is now a bridge-aholic. Five Ace of Clubs prove the point.

Hanging around the studio so much made him an easy target when chores were wanting, and he was glad to pitch in. Bill Ream quickly recognized a new able-bodied non-octogenarian who could manhandle cases of cokes, and stuck him with stocking the coke machines.

Applying another retirement skill, he takes pics for tournament bulletins and the Scorecard. More recently, he got the duty of covid vax Gestapo for the February sectional tournament. And now MB Howard has asked him to be Chairman for the next tournament in October.

When Jackie Montgomery nominated him to run for the board, his initial reaction was to run the other way as fast as possible. But, he could not outrun her, so here we are.





DAVID BRANCH

David Branch lived and worked in a family publishing and printing business in Fort Worth all of his life until moving to Weatherford a few years ago.

He joined Unit 183 as he learned duplicate bridge at the many club games after finishing TCU. David played frequent local and travel bridge until leaving the game for 30 years when kids arrived.

He returned to bridge about 10 years ago in order to not die short of life master. Some consider him dead but he did make life master first.



LARZ SMITH

I am a retired Civil Engineer and business owner. I grew up on the West side of Fort Worth. After attending Purdue University, I returned with my wife, Anne, and spent the next 40 years founding and building specialty construction companies in the Metroplex.

I was introduced to Duplicate Bridge (the greatest card game in the world) in 2001 and it became a passion. I want Duplicate Bridge, especially Face2Face, to survive and even grow, and believe I can contribute to that goal by serving on the Unit 183 Board of Directors.

While I have a pragmatic business mindset, I understand it will take all of us working together to promote bridge to achieve the survival and growth of the game we love.





FORT WESTERN SECTIONAL WINNERS



Fri AM & PM and Sat AM
499er Pairs, flt A
Pam Pickrell & Connie Chamberlain



Fri Morning & Sat Afternoon
Open Pairs, flt A
Steve & Nancy Kornegay



Fri Morning & Sat Afternoon
Open Pairs, flt B
TR Sartor & Hal Schultz



Fri Morning
499er Pairs, flt C
Ron Hollister & Germain Valtierra



Fri Afternoon
Open Pairs, flt A
Wayne Corbett & Larz Smith



Sat Morning
499er Pairs, flt C
Debbie Sanders & Nelda Coonrod



Sat Morning
Open Pairs, flt A
Mary Jane Orock & Billy Leeper





Sun Teams A
Kimmel Jones, Mark Bumbardner,
Steve Kornegay & Nancy Kornegay



Sun Teams Bkt B
TR Sartor, Hal Schultz,
MB Howard & Alan Rauch



Sun Teams Bkt D
Charles Regan, Phil Graham,
Brenda Martin & Sue Ragsdale





DISTRICT 16 ROYAL STAC

PLAY IN THE SECOND DISTRICT 16 ROYAL STAC FOR 2022
A SPECIAL EVENT JUST FOR FACE-TO-FACE CLUBS!

NOV. 14-20, 2022

ROYAL STAC AWARDS
25% GOLD 25% RED 25% SILVER 25% BLACK

The Royal STaC operates like a normal STaC, but you now have the opportunity for multi-color point awards. Results from all clubs participating in the district will be combined for higher overall awards.

STRATS: Strats for the Royal STaC in all open or invitational games are OPEN/2500/750 by average of both players or whole team. Hand Records are required. You **MUST** download the hands provided on the ACBL website – Common game hands may not be used. . Any game that does not use the ROYAL STaC hand records will not be combined for higher overall awards

DIRECTORS: Non, playing directors are encouraged for all ROYAL STaC games. A non-playing director is **REQUIRED** at any club not using electronic scoring when more than 18 tables are participating and at any club using electronic scoring when more than 24 tables are participating.

ACBL LIVE: Upload to LIVE for **CLUBS** is **REQUIRED** for **ALL** games Playing Directors may win session awards only; they are not eligible for overall awards.

FACE-TO-FACE REQUIRED: ALL face-to-face sessions at clubs in District 16 are eligible to be part of the Royal STaC.

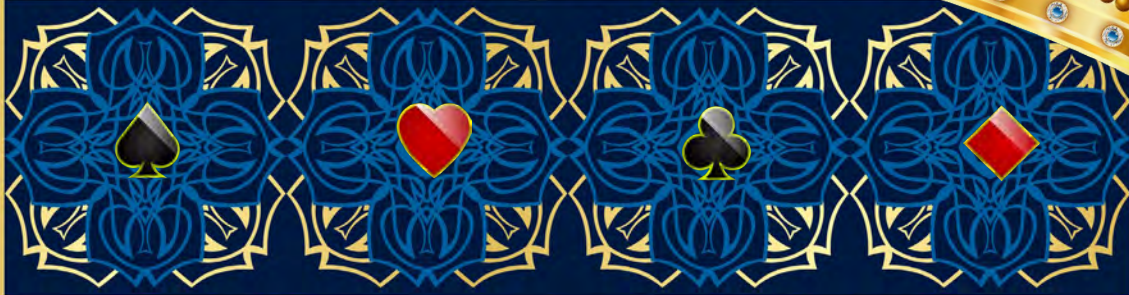
Your club must sign up to participate.

Check with your local club director to ensure that they are participating and what games they plan to run.

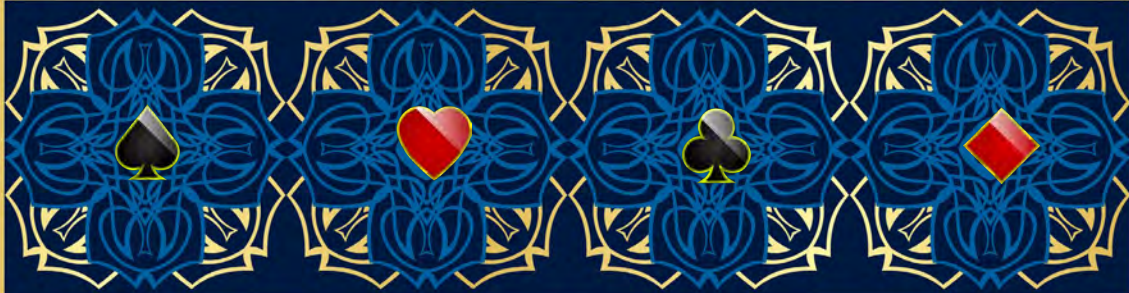
Director-in-Charge: Scott Humphrey, D16

Scott.humphrey@acbl.org





ROYAL STAC
NOVEMBER 14TH - 20TH
WIN GOLD AT YOUR CLUB!





THE MOST BEAUTIFUL GAME IN THE WORLD

By Patricia Herrera



As we all know, Bridge is the most beautiful game in the world. It is probably also the ultimate social sport.

We can play with friends against other friends, or we can play against strangers, but no matter who we play against or how or where we play, we play to compete.

Competition is a fun way of socializing and getting to know ourselves better. It pushes us to constantly improve and keeps us motivated to become better.

Having said that, it is important to understand that Bridge tournaments are a serious matter and should be treated as such. They require a different behavior than kitchen-table bridge games and classes.

Bridge tournaments come in many forms, from duplicate club games to sectional, regional, and national events, and always our attitude should be *ultra-professional*.

HERE ARE A FEW POINTERS ABOUT WHAT TO EXPECT AND HOW TO BEHAVE DURING A TOURNAMENT:

- Know that people play in tournaments to compete more than to be social
- If you know that you prefer a more social bridge atmosphere than a competing one, tournaments might not be your thing
- Behave like you would expect a professional athlete to behave
- Always be nice. Saying hello and goodbye must be the norm
- A tournament is not the time to be super chatty while the game is in play
- Concentration is key, so respect the fact that not all people like to talk
- There is no room for nastiness or unpleasant remarks
- Be on time. At the beginning of the game and during breaks
- Remember the importance of calling the director
- You need to know what would be considered unethical behavior. For example, if you make a long hesitation during the bidding, and then pass, you have just conveyed information to your partner
- Know that it is not your role to act as a director even if you believe you know the ruling. Call the director, because that is their job and they are a friend of the table





- Knowing the scoring system is a must
- Different movements are used at tournaments so make sure that you follow the directors' instructions
- Maintain the pace of play. If you fall behind, catch up as quickly as you can
- Never ever take advantage of the fact that many players will be intimidated by you
- Never ever call someone a cheater. If you suspect unethical behavior, talk to the director about it in private and file a proper complaint
- Zero tolerance is in place at all tournaments
- It is your responsibility to check your scores
- Don't be loud as others are trying to concentrate
- Bridge tournaments can be the most exciting experience you can have for a very long time, so don't be afraid of joining them and...
- Last but not least **HAVE FUN!!** 🎉



Remember that we are all learning together.

Please join us and encourage others to come and practice in a fun environment with other newcomers (0–50 points) every Monday from 4:00 to 5:40 pm CET 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



Patricia Herrera is a Mexican bridge player and the Education Coordinator for the ACBL's District 16. She is also the President of the Mexican Bridge Federation. When she is not playing bridge, she runs a nonprofit consulting firm based in Mexico City. You can reach her at herrerapatricia@gmail.com



Houston Unit 174 proudly presents The 61st Annual Lone Star Regional

January 23rd – 29th, 2023

ACBL has increased awards by 20%!

Houston Marriott Westchase

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

Free parking

Room Rate: \$129

Reservation code: ACBACBF – King

ACBACBA – 2 Queens

Cutoff Date Jan 6th, 2023 or until block filled

FLM Day (Future Life Masters) – Tuesday

1 Free Play (0-99 MPs)

299er Cocktail Party / Reception – TBA

Tournament Chairs

Thomas Rush

(832) 228-7835

Playbridgewiththomas@gmail

Partnership

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Event Naming

John Herzer

(737) 287-7888

johncherzer@gmail.com

Director's Course

Sat/Sun – Jan 21/229:00 – 3:00

Instructor – **Tom Marsh**

Registration fee - \$50

For information or to register contact:

Karen Nussbaum @ 832-524-5233 or karenuss@gmail.com

Best Practices Teacher Workshop

Sat/Sun – Jan 21/229:00 – 3:00

Instructor – **Patty Tucker**

Registration fee - \$50

For information or to register contact:

Karen Nussbaum @ 832-524-5233 or karenuss@gmail.com

Cashless Tournament (*credit cards only*) - Table Fees:

Monday – Friday \$14

Saturday - \$15 (NAP)

Sunday - \$16 (*Lunch Included*)

Daily Start Times

Monday.....1:00 & 6:30

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

Sunday.....9:30 & TBA

**Covid Safety - See Unit 174
(acblunit174.org) for latest
guidelines**



Great Line-up of Guest Speakers - To Be Announced



Expert Panel!!
Saturday, 5-6 pm
Snacks & Drinks

**Early Registration
is Encouraged!**

**Sunday lunch
provided!!**

Open Pairs

(Double Session unless noted)

Monday – January 23

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

Tue/Thu/Sat – January 24/26/28

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 25/27

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 29

A/X/Y Pairs..... 9:30 & 2TBA

Side Pairs *(Single Session)*..... 9:30 & 2TBA

Team Games

(Double Session)

Monday – January 23

Bracketed Teams..... 1:00 & 6:30

Tuesday – Saturday – January 24-28

Bracketed Teams..... 10:00 & 2:30

Tue/Wed - January 24/25

Handicapped Swiss *(2 sessions)*.....7:00

Sunday – January 29

A/X/Y Pairs..... 9:30 & TBA

Side Pairs *(Single Session)*..... 9:30 & TBA

(No player with > 3000 MPs)

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

299^{er}.....A: 200-300 B: 100-200 C: 0-100

99^{er}.....A: 50-100 B: 20-50 C: 0-20

49^{er}.....A:20-50 B: 5-20 C: 0-5

Novice 20.....A: 10-20 B: B:5-10 C: 0-5

Strats may vary 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

Please be Scent-sitive

No cologne No Perfume No offensive odors

FLM / I/N / 299^{er}

Monday.....1:00 & 6:30

Tuesday – Saturday.....10:00 & 2:30

Sunday.....9:30 & TBA

0-750 Gold Rush Schedule

(Double Session)

Monday1:00 & 6:30

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

Two Mini-Soloway KO Opportunities

For top bracket equivalent *(in lieu of above)*

Tue/Wed & Thu/Fri – 10:00 & 2:30

Conditions of Contest – see online flyer (page 3)

(early registration appreciated)



THE LAW IS THE LAW

NOTES ON THE LAWS OF DUPLICATE BRIDGE FOR NEWER PLAYERS & ANYONE ELSE WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED

We live in a world of restrictions and within our gaming community, the ACBL, we have rules to follow, just like we do in our countries, our cities, our neighborhoods, and our families. They are guidelines that help us coexist.

Why do we need them?

Well, you're a bridge player. What do you think would happen if there were no rules to follow at duplicate? It would be quite an interesting scenario. I honestly believe there wouldn't be a game without rules to follow. I also believe that most of us have no idea what all the rules are.

Do we need to know?

Well, yes and no. Yes, we need to know what we can and can't do when we compete. No, we don't necessarily need to memorize all of them or carry a booklet around so that we know exactly what happens for every instance rule understanding might be necessary. We do have directors who help us thru those times.

A FEW DETAILS ON THE RULES

The ACBL has multiple documents with rules for different parts of the game. Here are 3 of them.

Document 1: **The Laws of Duplicate Bridge**

The Laws were drafted by the World Bridge Federation (WBF) with input from the ACBL. There are 93 Laws in a 157 page document (no wonder we don't remember everything). From the Introduction... *"The Laws are designed to define correct procedure and to provide an adequate remedy for when something goes wrong. They are not designed to punish irregularities, but rather to rectify situations where non-offenders may otherwise be damaged."*

You can find a copy of the laws here: [LAWS OF DUPLICAT BRIDGE](#)

Document 2: **Alert-Procedures**

The most current alert requirements from the ACBL, effective April 4th, 2022. There are 13 pages, covering what to alert, what not to alert, and what to announce.

You can find a copy of the alert procedures here: [ALERT PROCEDURES](#)

Document 3: **Code of Disciplinary Regulations**

The most current update is July 2022. This is a 55 page comprehensive document outlining the disciplinary process and structure that *provides a fair hearing to every ACBL member (or non-member of the ACBL participating in ACBL sanctioned events) charged with a disciplinary infraction.*

You can find a copy of the code here: [CODE OF DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS](#)

For all ACBL Documents go here: [ACBL DOCUMENT LIBRARY](#)



ED RAWLINSON WINTER SECTIONAL SAN ANTONIO, TX



JANUARY 18 - 21, 2023



1 block away: Fairfield Inn & Suites-North/Stone Oak

On exit ramp of N Loop 1604 E
80 Trailcrest St *** (210) 491-9595

Nearby Hotel

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

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

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

Thursday, January 19, 2023

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

Friday, January 20, 2023

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

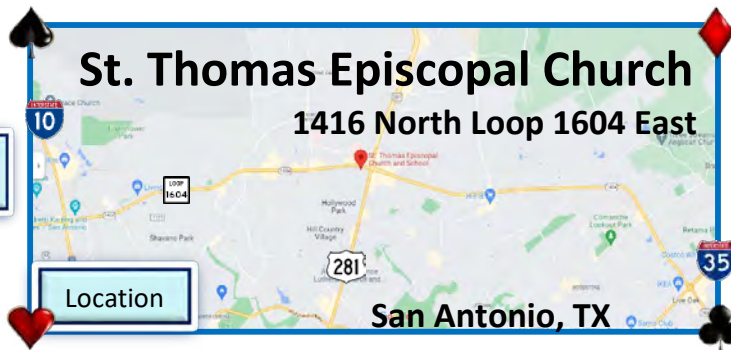
Saturday, January 21, 2023

10:00 & TBA Stratified Swiss Teams
Meal served between Sunday session

Non ACBL Members ADD \$4 per session

499er Games:

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



Playing
Site

Location

Tournament Chairs: Roxana Tom, 210-508-4697, rtom85@yahoo.com

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Director in Charge: Tom Marsh

Partnership Chair: Sharen Evans, 832-421-4034, sbolen2002@yahoo.com

Proof of
COVID-19
Vaccination
required

All ACBL
protocols will
be followed.

