

District 16 Scorecard

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A BRAND NEW YEAR — 2023 SO LET'S SET SOME BRIDGE GOALS

Well, we made it through a tumultuous 2022. Clubs and tournaments are picking up, but 2023 brings more Covid and some schools have already mandated masking again. Hope that doesn't happen to us.

There were players that came back from Phoenix infected, but I didn't hear of huge numbers. This is good. This says we are doing what's necessary to stay healthy. So far, masks are still optional for us. This is also positive.

Looking at the tournament schedules, we are starting the year with many great events. If you haven't gotten back to playing f2f...well,

The year is new and the time is now!

Here's a list of what we have:

1/5 - 1/8	Austin January Sectional & NAP Qualifying & Finals, 10
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*NFA: At the time of publication, no flyer was yet available for the tournament.



A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Betty Starzec



JANUARY 2023

Happy New Year to Everyone! Hopefully everyone had a wonderful holiday season filled with family, friends and fond memories.

As I am writing this post for the Scorecard in early December, I am battling a case of covid which I came home with from Phoenix. Though it certainly seems like a cold with a stuffy nose, sore throat and cough, the tests show it's covid.

So, I'm trying to get our holiday gift buying done from amazon and hope that everything arrives in time for the celebration.

Phoenix certainly had its share of surprises. Most personally, I was named ACBL Honorary Member of the Year. This was definitely a surprise and I was most humbled by being given this award. Recognition came in the form of an article in the Daily Bulletin as well as the recognition at the Goodwill meeting at the tournament.

Although the table count for the tournament still wasn't up to pre-covid numbers, people seemed to have a great time. Many thanks to all the hard-working volunteers who did such a great job putting on this NABC.

The most significant happening, however, was the resignation of Joe Jones as ACBL Executive Director and our own Paul Cuneo stepping in as Interim Executive Director. The announcement was made by Joann Glasson, ACBL President, elected for her second term, who stated that Paul is doing this without compensation!

Our kudos and best of luck to Paul as he takes on this enormous endeavor.

The focus of many of the meetings I attended were the problems of declining membership and trying to get players to go back to face to face games.

With programs like Boost and BridgeWhiz, the ACBL is trying to combat the declines. As we begin 2023, let's all try to help our clubs and tournaments by returning to face to face play. Without a doubt it is always great to see our friends in person!

Beginning in 2023 there is a change in how the ACBL National Goodwill Committee and Charity Committee members are chosen. The president of each district is now responsible to make these appointments. You can read about the appointments for 2023 in a separate article on [p4](#).

Best wishes for a healthy and prosperous year for everyone! Hope to see many of you at our clubs and tournaments!

Betty Starzec
President, District 16





CONGRATULATIONS BETTY! HONORARY MEMBER OF THE YEAR

“She exemplifies the type of volunteer that we all need to be.”

Barbara Heller

“She may be the most deserving Honorary Member we’ve ever had,”

Bob Morris

The list of contributions Betty Starzec has made to bridge over the past 40 years is very, very impressive.

- *20 Years chief presenter, ACBL Teacher Accreditation Program, training about 3000 teachers*
- *Years spent revising the ACBL Bridge Series textbooks, that have been in use since 2006*
- *Recent participation in the creation of the Best Practices Teacher Workshop, that replaced TAP as the official teacher training program*
- *Trustee of the Educational Foundation since 2014, establishing and administering ongoing teacher support*
- *Longtime member of the ABTA (American Bridge Teachers Association) board, including 2 years as president, and continuing work to improve teacher skills*
- *Intermediate/Novice coordinator for Houston, Unit 174 in the 90s, tripling attendance at sectionals & creating welcome packets that became the basis for players attending their first NABC*
- *District-level co-chair of the Houston NABC in 2002 & 2009.*
- *Advisory Council representative since 2010*
- *Current President of District 16*

Betty considers bringing the ACBL, ABTA and Educational Foundation closer to each other her greatest accomplishment. *“The three organizations need to work together for the betterment of bridge,”* she said.

The award is given annually to someone widely known throughout the membership who has given freely of their time and ability, without thought of reward and in the interest and welfare of the League as a whole.

You can read the full article here in the [2022 Phoenix NABC Bulletin, no 7](#)





DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT, REGION 9

Paul Cuneo



JANUARY 2023

By now, you've probably heard that I've stepped into the Interim Executive Director position with the ACBL at the request of the Board of Directors, following the resignation of Joe Jones.

I started December 1, and will be travelling to the office frequently for work. It is located just south of Memphis, in Horn Lake, Mississippi. This will continue until a permanent person has been hired and we've had a transition.

I'm enjoying getting to know the employees throughout ACBL and am impressed with their dedication and the talent they bring to the organization.

The challenges we face are significant but I'm confident that we'll meet them by mobilizing the efforts of our employees and volunteers throughout the League. To that I end I met with District Presidents, Unit Presidents, Teachers, and Club Managers during the week of December 12.

I've also been working closely with the National Recorder's office and we've moved about 15 cases forward so far. I want to thank Rebecca Brown for volunteering her time to help in the process as Adjunct National Recorder!

We're off to a good start on the highest priority work:

- Developing options for the Board to dramatically reduce the budget deficit for 2023 from a proposed loss of nearly \$1 million.

- Addressing the membership decline which is currently about 6.5%/yr.
- Improving the reliability of our Information Technology systems and continuing the migration to modern program design and integration.
- Prosecuting online cheating

Phoenix was a great site for the NABC with their spacious and modern Convention Center and convenient hotel options for players. Total attendance was 6677.5 tables which was lower than the budgeted number of 7000 tables.

Betty Starzec was selected as the Honorary Member of the Year for her many years of volunteer activity in bridge serving in a variety of positions at all levels. ***Congratulations Betty!***

Here are the highlights from the November 14 special meeting and the Phoenix Board meeting:

- The motion which had been approved earlier to raise masterpoint awards for games above 18 boards was revised to cap it at 1.5 for 27 or more boards and to remove all changes for short games which are 12 to 17 boards.
- The term Local Sectionals was created for sectionals which anticipate less than 25 tables/session and allowed these tournaments to be run by certified local directors and Tournament Assistants.
- The allocation of NLM regionals was increased from 3/yr. to 5/yr.
- An Ace of Virtual Clubs was created to distinguish between player who play in the Virtual Clubs and those who play face-to-face.



- Management was given an action item to increase the base fee for VACB games be \$4/table and to implement a rebate program that reduces the net amount that VACB operators of face-to-face games end up paying. The program increases revenue for ACBL while most face-to-face clubs that operate VACB games will have the additional fee offset by the rebate.

I want to wish each of you a wonderful year in 2023 and look forward to seeing many of you at our tournaments. Thanks to all of you who volunteer your time to help at every level in ACBL!

Paul Cuneo
District Director



NATIONAL GOODWILL AND CHARITY RECIPIENTS

Betty Starzec

Beginning in 2023, each year each District President, in consultation with the Regional Director of their District, may appoint two members to be lifetime members of the national ACBL Goodwill Committee. In addition, the District President may appoint a replacement for a deceased Goodwill member as well as appointing an additional member if District membership is greater than 7,000.

The appointees for 2023 are:

Dianna Gittelman – Houston – Unit 174

Jo Smith – Abilene – Unit 224

Sally Sassen – Austin – Unit 207

James Breihan – Houston – Unit 174

In addition, each year each District President, in consultation with the Regional Director of their District, may appoint two members to the ACBL Charity Committee.

The appointees for 2023 are:

Susanne Caulfield – Hutto – Unit 207

Stuart Nelan – Melissa – Unit 176

It is my privilege and honor to make these appointments. Congratulations to all!

Betty Starzec
President, District 16





ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT FROM PHOENIX NABC

Tomi Storey



11/27/22

To say that the Phoenix NABC was eventful in terms of governance would be an understatement.

As most of you have heard, Joe Jones exited as CEO of the ACBL and D16's own Paul Cuneo is currently serving as interim head until a new CEO is selected.

Here are the highlights from the AC meeting:

The current major challenge is stabilizing membership. Revenues are down \$406K vs budgets. Membership revenue is down 2.9%, and ACBL net assets are 7.9MM, but that the down 1.99MM since the end of 2021.

The number that jumped out at me was membership—down by 6.4% from last year. We gained new members, but are losing existing ones, a figure that must be reversed.

The IT department continues to struggle. The focus here is ongoing support and modernization plans and reduction in unnecessary infrastructure costs. There was a great deal of technical information given that I won't recite here. The major issues are that updates to existing programs and creation of new ones is far too slow and too costly.

A brighter spot is the ACBL's programs to boost F2F bridge. The ACBL advertises beginners' classes on Facebook and transfers prospects from FB to teachers and clubs. The ACBL also has an Online Intro to Bridge—48 courses have been given to more than 1600 students, with 32% already ACBL members.

The even better news is that 91% said they would recommend the course to friends and family. The programs is now adapted for an in-person aid to bridge teachers.

Course materials are offered as a free benefit to those teachers earning Best Practices Teacher certification.

ACBL President Joann Glasson also said the Board is working hard on the Boost Program, where they will pay up to \$500 for beginning bridge classes. Clubs and teachers interested can apply directly to Joann, who will serve again as president in 2023.

Usually at this point of the NABC, the Board of Directors has met, approved the 2023 budget, and some of the budget points are discussed by the AC. At the time of our meeting, the budget had not been approved and has since gone through some very major cuts.

After the announcement regarding Joe Jones, Paul agreed to meet with the AC and discuss the challenges. He diagnosed the issues and streamlined it to substantially reduce costs but stated this is far more than a simple budget issue.

Paul believes we need to do this and still be able serve all members and all clubs. A major part of the plan is the need to build relationships with units and districts.

It is essential that we teach new players and then retain them. As a member of the Advisory Council and as a member of District 16 who has served with Paul for many years, I want to wish him all the best in his efforts to right and rebuild our organization for the better.

I know there will be more news soon and I will report any news to you as I hear it. As always, contact me with any questions or suggestions.

Tomi Storey

D16 Advisory Council
skeeter303@yahoo.com



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

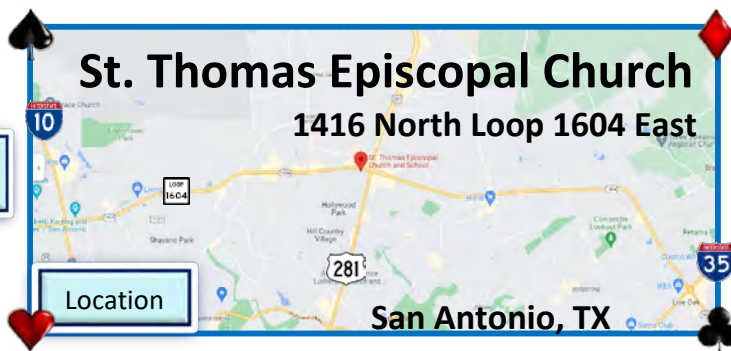
Saturday, January 21, 2023

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)



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

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

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.



San Miguel Sectional

January 19-22, 2023

SILVER POINTS IN MEXICO'S MOST
BEAUTIFUL CITY

CHARITY EVENT

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

Thursday, January 19

10:30 am
Stratified Pairs: <100, 100-300, 300-500
50% Silver points awarded

OPEN GAMES

0 TO UNLIMITED MASTERPOINTS

Friday, January 20

10 am and 3 pm
Stratified Open Pairs

10 am

Stratified 399er Pairs

Saturday, January 21

10 am and 3 pm
Stratified Open Pairs

10 am

Stratified 399er Pairs

Sunday, January 22

10 am and 3 pm
Stratified Swiss Teams
Two-Session Play-Through

All 399er Games subject to attendance

STRATIFICATIONS - Open Games

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

SAN MIGUEL HOSPITALITY

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

LOCATION

Hotel Arcada - 2nd floor
Address : Calz. de la Estación 185, Zona Centro,
37759 San Miguel de Allende, Gto.
Telephone : 415 152 8940

HOTEL SUGGESTION

Casa de la Noche

PER-SESSION PLAYING FEE 250 PESOS
SUNDAY SWISS PLAYING FEE \$600 PESOS/PP
FOR THE TWO SESSIONS, INCLUDES LUNCH
80 pesos additional for all non-paid
ACBL members. Non-members will be
required to join on a temporary
one-month membership for \$7.99

Tournament Chair

Del McDaniel (floyd.mcdaniel@unt.edu)

Hospitality Chair

Lynn Chambers

Partnership Chair

Faye Guidry (faydugas@aol.com)

Director-in-Charge

Michael Farebrother

Vaccinations may be required

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



CHARITY~THE SPIRIT OF GIVING

Nancy Strohmer

“We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.”

Winston Churchill

Apple II Club Manager, **Brigitte Sandifer**, recently gave \$1,200 to Unit 174’s charity, the Houston Food Bank.



Brigitte stated, “Instead of giving a holiday party this year, I decided to give the money normally spent on a party to the charity chosen by Unit 174.”

She also gave the proceeds from “Virtual Games - Support Your Club” to Charity throughout the pandemic and continues to do so quarterly. This is a wonderful example of “The Spirit of Giving”.

District 16’s charity games will be held on **March 27, 29, 30 and 31** and will be offered by many of the clubs. This means that you can play in club games and win additional masterpoints while

supporting games that fund local Unit charities (Local Unit) as well as augmenting the District subsidies paid to the winners of the NAP and GNT (Grassroots).

The **March 27 and 29** games will be “Grassroots” games.

The **March 30 and 31** games will be “Local Unit” games.

Prior to 2018, the money for the “Local Unit” games went to the District Charity fund. But in 2018, the Board voted to give the money to the Units directly so that the Charity decision would be made and given locally.

If you have meaningful stories of Charity in your unit, please send them to Nancy Strohmer, nastrohmer@yahoo.com.

Nancy Strohmer

D16 Charity Chair
ACBL Charity Foundation Trustee
Immediate Past President



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
District 16 NAP Coordinator
512-343-6942
larrysdavis@att.net



Austin Bridge
JANUARY SECTIONAL
& NAP District Level Qualifying & Final
Holiday Inn Austin Midtown 6700 Middle Fiskville Rd. Free Parking

JANUARY 5-8, 2023

Thursday, January 5
Stratified Swiss Teams, single session 10am, 2:30pm
Stratified Open Pairs, single session 10am, 2:30pm
Stratified 200er Pairs, single session 10am, 2:30pm

Friday, January 6
Two-session Stratified Swiss Teams 10am, 2:30pm
30 stratified Open Pairs, single session 10am, 2:30pm
Stratified Open Pairs, single session 10am, 2:30pm
Stratified 200er Pairs, single session 10am, 2:30pm

Saturday, January 7
District Level NAP* (2 session final) 10am & TBD
Stratified Swiss Teams 10am & TBD
Stratified Swiss Teams (2-2000) 10am & TBD

Sunday, January 8
District Level NAP* (2 session final) 10am & TBD
Stratified Swiss Teams 10am & TBD
Stratified Swiss Teams (2-2000) 10am & TBD

HOLIDAY INN MIDTOWN
1000 BRASS FISKVILLE RD
AUSTIN, TX 78702
Reservations: 512.343.6942
NAP Coordinator: Larry Davis, larrysdavis@att.net, 512.343.6942
Director of Change: Nancy Galt

ACBL BRIDGE* OFFICIAL LIFE
See Club for details

CHAMPIONS
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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
American Contract
Bridge League



Texas Capital Bridge, Unit 207

Austin ♠♥♣♦♠♥♣♦♠♥♣♦♠♥♣♦

NON-LIFE-MASTER 0-750

♠♥♣♦♠♥♣♦♠♥♣♦♠♥♣♦ *Sectional*

February 4-5, 2023

Bridge Center of Austin

6700 Middle Fiskville Road ♥ (512) 300-2743 ♥ bridgecenteraustin.com

Saturday, February 4th, 10:00 & 2:15

Single-Session Stratified Pairs

Play in One or Both Sessions

Sunday, February 5th, 1:30

Stratified Pairs

Entry Fee: \$10 per session

(\$14 for unpaid ACBL members)

**Free
Coffee**

♠ **Strat A: 200 - 750**

♥ **Strat B: 50 - 200**

♣ **Strat C: 0 - 50**

Note: Players may not be life masters and must have fewer than 750 Masterpoints.

Strats may be adjusted at director discretion.

COVID PRECAUTIONS

Please Note: Due to changing ACBL rules concerning Covid, be sure to check the Unit Website at austinbridge.org or the BCA Website at bridgecenteraustin.com

Chairs:

Nancy Joe 512-657-5552
nancy123laura@yahoo.com

Cheri Gross 210-863-0606
262txrunner@gmail.com

Partnerships:

Pat Berry
ppatberry@aol.com

Safety Coordinator:

Linda Griffith

No food or drink will be allowed at the tables. A break will be provided halfway through the session.

♦ *This is a fragrance-free tournament* ♦



The Houston Unit 174 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

[Book your group rate for ACBL](#)

Reservation codes:

ACBACBF – King ACBACBA – 2 Queens

Cutoff Date Jan 13th, 2023 or until block filled

FLM Day (Future Life Masters) – Tuesday
1 Free Play (0-99 MPs)

Tournament Chairs

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Karen Nussbaum
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Partnership

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Intermediate/Newcomer

Marty Hrachovy
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Event Naming

John Herzer
(737) 287-7888
johncherzer@gmail.com

Director's Course

Saturday, Jan. 21st.....12:00 – 6:00
Sunday, Jan. 22nd.....10:00 – 3:00
Instructor – **Tom Marsh** Registration fee - \$50
For information or to register contact:
Karen Nussbaum @ 832-524-5233 or karennuss@gmail.com

Best Practices Teacher Workshop

Saturday & Sunday, Jan.21st & 22nd.....9:00 – 3:00
Instructor – **Patty Tucker** Registration fee - \$50
Certification fee (Optional) - \$25
For information or to register contact:
Karen Nussbaum @ 832-524-5233 or karennuss@gmail.com

Daily Start Times

Monday.....1:00 & 6:30
Tuesday – Saturday.....10:00 & 2:30 & 7:00
Sunday.....9:30 & TBA

Complementary ACBL entry labels

**Great Line-up of Guest Speakers - To Be
Announced**

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



**Early Registration
is Encouraged!**



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

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

Thu/Fri – January 26/27
Handicapped Swiss *(2 sessions)*.....7:00

Sunday – January 29
A/X Swiss Teams.....9:30 & TBA
Bracketed Teams.....9:30 & TBA

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)

Please be Scent-sitive
No cologne No Perfume No offensive odors

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 at 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

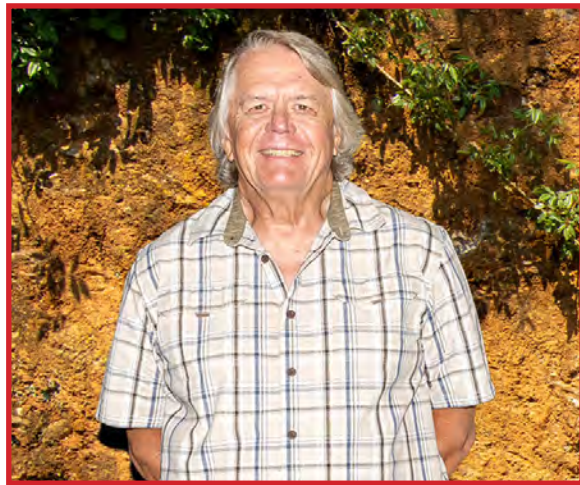
Cashless Tournament *(credit cards only)*

Table Fees:
Mon.-Fri. \$15/Session Saturday - \$16 (NAP)
Sun - \$16 *(Lunch Included w/2 sessions)*
Add'l. \$4 for lapsed members



DALLAS FALL SECTIONAL WINNERS

Sectional Milestone Achievers



Bronze Life Master
John Luebke



Bronze Life Master
Michael Luckenbach



Sapphire Life Master
Scott Nason



Open Pairs
Wed AM in B, PM in C, Sat AM in B
Jianbo Chen & Xiaoqi Zhou



299er Pairs
Wed AM & PM in A
Debora Cassen & Stephanie Strom





Wed AM Open Pairs A
Steve Kornegay & Nancy Kornegay



Wed PM Open Pairs B
Sharon Harbach & Ross Ramsey



Wed AM 299er Pairs C
Robert Ball & Thomae Neagli



Wed Teams Bkt 1
Jean Higgins & Cheryl Ridder,
Bill Higgins & Jim Rider



Wed Teams Bkt 2
Linda Harley & Betty Sue Wheeler,
Janet Borg & Reg Watt



Thurs AM Open Pairs A
Mike Penick & Hemant Lall



Thurs PM Open Pairs A
Norm Beck & Ribs LaMothe





MORE DALLAS FALL SECTIONAL WINNERS



Thurs Teams A
Barry Schaffer & Nancy Passell,
& Brian Storey & Kimmel Jones



Thurs Teams Bkt 1
Alex Maas & Glenda Cooper,
David Clegg & Janet Borg



Thurs Teams Bkt 2
Judy Bouska & Jackie Carroll,
& Louise Shanley & Gari Martin

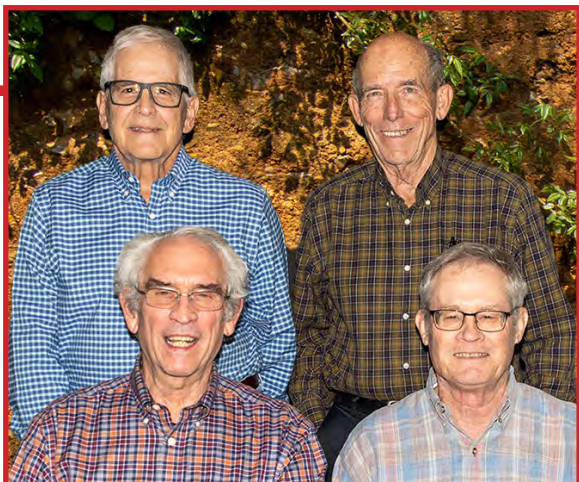


Fri PM & Sat AM & PM Open Pairs A
Kristen Onsgard & Emily Harrell



Fri Morning Open Pairs B
Patrick Davis & Sidney Puddicombe





Fri Teams Bkt 1
Alan Chernov & John Brennan,
Truett Cates & Ross Ramsey



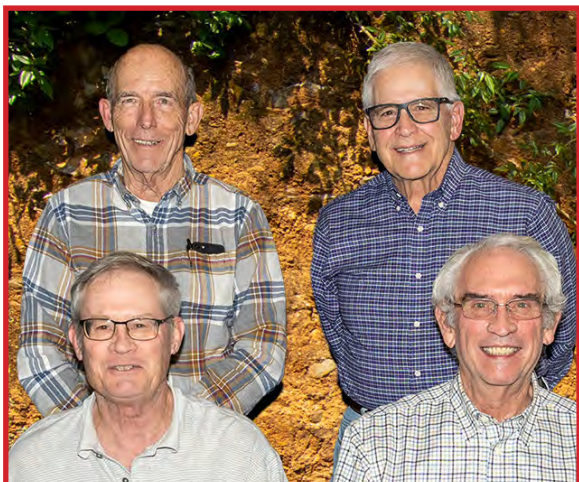
Fri Teams Bkt 2
Barbara Aide & Asa De Vries,
Ira Nemazie & Jo Shah



Sat AM 299er Pairs A
HP Goel & Ashok Kumar



Sat Teams A
Steve Kornegay & Nancy Kornegay,
Nagy Kamel & Dan Morse



Sat Teams Bkt 1
John Brennan & Allan Chernov
Ross Ramsey & Truett Cates



Sat Teams Bkt 2
Gloria Fields & David Worrall,
Linda Neal & Melba Clark





Yolanda Simmons



Peggy Falconer

A Christmas Party in Arlington



Pete & Diana Clive



Steve & Nancy Kornegay



Dorothy Moore



Margot Hirsch



Nancy Peterson & Melody Gann



Bob Dove



Suzanne Justice



Randy Eads



Mary Ellen Stanton



Gloria Schuford



Karon Caton ??



Suzanne Justice



Penny Mixon



Yvonne Ryan & Barbara Main



Marguerite Lavender



Melody Gann





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.

Do you have a Team?

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. In order to play in **Flight A**, each member of the team must have had fewer than 6000 Masterpoints as of the August 6, 2022 posting. For **Flight B** the cutoff is 2500 points. And **Flight C** is limited to non-life masters with fewer than 500 points.

Each team may consist of four, five or six players, but each player must be eligible for the flight in which the team is competing.

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.

The District Finals will be split between two venues.

The **Championship and B Flights** will be held in Dallas on **March 24-25**.

Flights A and C will be held in Houston on **April 15-16**.

The winners from each flight will advance to the National GNT Finals in Chicago in July and will be eligible for an expense stipend if they actually play 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.

For more information, you may consult the event flyer (shown at right) and/or the Conditions of Contest, which are available on the District 16 website under Conditions of Contest>GNT or at this link:

[*GNT CONDITIONS OF CONTEST PDF*](#)

Scott Nason

District 16 GNT Coordinator





DISTRICT 16 GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS

2023 DISTRICT FINALS

MARCH 24-25 IN DALLAS & APRIL 15-16 IN HOUSTON

FRIDAY, MARCH 24TH

Flight B qualifying 10:00 am and 2:30 pm
Championship Flight qualifying..... 10:00 am and 2:30 pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 25TH

Flight B finals (if necessary) 10:00 am and 2:30 pm
Championship Flight finals (if necessary) 10:00 am and 2:30 pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 15TH

Flight C qualifying 10:00 am and 2:30 pm
Flight A qualifying 10:00 am and 2:30pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 16TH

Flight C finals (if necessary) 10:00am and 2:30 pm
Flight A finals (if necessary) 10:00 am and 2:30pm

*Formats for each flight will be based on the number of teams entered.
See the Conditions of Contest for the planned formats.*

Venues:

Dallas - with the sectional tournament at: **Lovers Lane United Methodist Church, 9200 Inwood Rd, Dallas.**
Houston - with the sectional tournament at: **The Shriners, 10510 Harwin Drive, Houston.**

Stratifications/Eligibility:

Every player must be an ACBL member in good standing & must be a resident of D16, as of Aug 6, 2022.

Masterpoint limits for each Flight are as follows:

- Championship Flight** – open to anyone
- Flight A** – open to players with less than 6,000 masterpoints, as of August 6, 2022
- Flight B** – open to players with less than 2,500 masterpoints, as of August 6, 2022
- Flight C** – open to non-life masters with less than 500 masterpoints, as of August 6, 2022

All teams must pre-register with Scott Nason at sdnason@sbcglobal.net no later than March 19 for Championship and B and by April 10 for A and C. You must supply the names of the players, ACBL numbers and the Flight in which you will compete. Card fees will be \$56 (\$14x4) per team per session.

Tournament Chair: Scott Nason sdnason@sbcglobal.net
Tournament Director: Melody Euler (Dallas) and Kevin Perkins (Houston)
District GNT Coordinator: Scott Nason

52 WAYS TO MAKE YOUR CHILD SMARTER!



The ACBL Educational Foundation, creators of **BridgeWhiz™**, invite your kids to join a free, online beginning Bridge program that teaches young people the excitement of contract bridge.

- ◆ Bridge is a proven gateway to better concentration, focus, and reasoning, all scholastic benefits while your child is having fun playing with, and competing against, other kids.
- ◆ BridgeWhiz uses certified and background-verified bridge teachers. Students play in a secure area.

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- Dora J., 5th Grade

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January 17, 2023.**

**Register your children today
at [BridgeWhiz.org](https://www.BridgeWhiz.org).**



The American Contract Bridge League Educational Foundation (ACBLEF) is a nonprofit organization established in 2017.





Events

Friday & Saturday, Feb 10-11

Stratified 0-500 Pairs 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
Stratified Open Pairs 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM

Sunday, Feb 12

Bracketed Teams 10:00 AM & **ASAP** PM
(2 sessions... **Note early start of session 2 to deconflict with Super Bowl!**)

Strats

Stratified 0-500 Pairs:

A = 300-500 B = 100-300 C = 0-100

Stratified Open Pairs:

A = 2500+ B = 1000-2500 C = 0-1000

Bracketed Team Strats:

Strats based on Team Average MP.
Director will adjust Based on Field.

Location

Fort Worth Bridge Studio
6715 Camp Bowie Blvd.
Fort Worth, TX
76116
817-877-3364

Covid

- ACBL Covid Protocols will be Followed
- Vaccination currently required... Verified by Vax Card Inspection or Prior Attendance at a 2022 Tournament
- To Pre-Screen, Send a Cell-Phone Pic of Vax Card to Randy Eads eadswr@icloud.com
- Mask policy, based on community transmission, will be Decided by ACBL One Week Out

Reservations

- Capacity in the Fort Worth Studio Limited
- **Please Text or Email Randy Eads to Reserve a Place at the Table**
- Drop-Ins OK but Subject to Capacity of the Studio

Fees

- Cashless: Credit Cards or Electronic Xfer
- Friday & Saturday: \$13 per Person per Session
- Sunday: \$120 per Team for both Sessions & Lunch
- Unpaid ACBL Members \$4 Extra

Contacts

Tournament chair:

- MB Howard 817 946 2983 mbhtx1@gmail.com

Director in Charge:

- Carolyn Pinto

Partnership Chair:

- Gloria Fields (817) 266-2095 gofields@gmail.com



STAYING CONNECTED

KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH YOUR DISTRICT, YOUR UNITS, YOUR CLUBS, & ALL THE MEMBERS

In an almost post-pandemic bridge culture, we are fighting to get back to in-person play at tournaments and at our clubs. So, why is it so important to have an ACBL email connection?

Recently, I was asked by someone to check why a member was not receiving Scorecard. When I did, I found that the ACBL listed the email as Confidential. That means no email communication whatsoever can be sent to this member from the ACBL. ZIP.

Since Scorecard notification is via email to all active ACBL D16 members, in order to receive that notification, they must have a valid or unblocked email listed with the ACBL.

THE SHOCKING TRUTH

I decided to take a look at the district membership list and was shocked to find that **over 700** D16 members either did not have an email on file, had a bad email address listed, or were listed as Confidential.

OVER 700...THAT'S ALMOST 10% OF THE ENTIRE DISTRICT 16 MEMBERSHIP

We know the ACBL uses the email list, but so do our units and clubs. Without email access, bridge news of any sort won't reach members. Units may use the list for game changes, board elections, and all sorts of general club information. That information is important to everyone.

LET'S COMMUNICATE!

Support for the ACBL, our district, our units, and our clubs is imperative to survival of the game we love. That means we need to be able to communicate with everyone, not just some. Email gives us a tool to do that, but obviously, when we can't reach a significant number of our members, we start to lose the battle.

GET THE WORD OUT!

Reconnecting might be a bit harder than it sounds. That's because people on the list of anomalous emails won't be reading this, unless they saw Scorecard posted on a unit website. So, it's up to all of us to get the word out.

Let them know:

- If they have no email address on file with the ACBL, they should consider adding one.
- If they have an invalid (bad) email address, they need to correct it in their ACBL profile.
- If they have a confidential email address, well, they might want to consider changing this status.

It seems to me, other than checking with your friends, the best way to approach the issue is by posting something on unit and club websites and, also, putting a poster up in play locations reminding everyone that it's important for all of us to stay connected.





HOW DIFFICULT IS IT TO CHECK?

It's pretty easy for members to check what's on file with the ACBL:

Log in to the ACBL and click the *MyACBL* tab at the very top right of the page. Your profile will come up and there will be a button that says *Update Information*. When you click it you will see a field that says *Update My Contact Information*. All the fields for your profile come up and email is pretty much the last fields. Check there to see whether you have a correct email on file. To change your status from confidential, go to the *Privacy Settings*. There you will find the options to either add or remove blocks on your email and telephone number.



SO, WHAT'S THAT CHART BELOW?

This is a breakdown by unit of the 3 anomalous email categories. Some numbers may have changed already since I did this, plus the percents are rounded a bit. Still, it will give you an idea of how each unit is doing when it comes to email access.

UNIT	NO EMAIL	BAD EMAIL ADDRESS	CONFIDENTIAL EMAIL	TOTAL NO ACCESS	TOTAL UNIT MEMBERS	UNIT PERCENT NO EMAIL ACCESS
172 - SAN ANTONIO	33	15	7	55	490	11%
173 - MEXICO	9	0	0	9	150	6%
174 - HOUSTON	146	28	23	197	2328	8.5%
176 - DALLAS	88	20	16	124	1484	12%
183 - FORT WORTH	54	16	9	79	763	10%
187 - SOUTH TEXAS	6	4	0	10	128	8%
197 - LLANO ESTACADO	8	4	1	13	101	13%
201 - SABINE NECHES	17	5	2	24	139	17%
204 - FORT CONCHO	12	2	1	15	100	15%
205 - AMISTAD	0	0	2	2	70	3%
207 - TEXAS CAPITAL	64	10	12	86	1021	8.5%
209 - GREATER PERMIAN BASIN	7	1	1	9	85	10.6%
224 - FORT PHANTOM	8	2	1	11	52	21%
225 - EAST TEXAS	18	7	5	30	280	11%
233 - CENTRAL TEXAS	11	5	1	17	106	16%
237 - MAGIC VALLEY	3	1	1	5	77	7%
254 - SAN MIGUEL	3	0	3	6	80	8%
353 - WICHITA FALLS	11	1	0	12	60	20%
TOTALS	498	121	85	704	7514	AV: 9.5%





NOVEMBER & DECEMBER RANK CHANGES*

—NOVEMBER—

JUNIOR MASTER

Gunilla Botros (197)
Margaret Cole (183)
Bob Cooper (201)
Sharon Degnan (174)
Dilip Dharia (174)
Ahmet Kalkan (174)
Aksana Miakish (174)
Therese Perez (174)
John Pimm (207)
Ruth Pimm (207)
Sally Ward (174)

CLUB MASTER

Beryl Booker (174)
Robin Cooper (207)
Michaela Davis (176)
Robert Domsalla (174)
Janet Ellettee (174)
Barb Grafton (207)
Michelle Herring (207)
Jeffrey Huang (176)
Niels Kastrup (174)
Noella Lambert (174)
Dianne Robbins (183)
Dale Royalty (174)
Janis Sessums (197)
Gary Steele (237)
Lawrence Tetzlaff (174)
Jan Vanhummel (183)
Joseph Weiss (174)

SECTIONAL MASTER

William Belford (174)
Robert Boyd (174)
Jeanne Goff (174)

Antoun Henri (174)
Carlene Jordan (197)
D Lane Mueller (176)
Carter Nash (174)
Kathleen Naylor (174)
Meynard Nussbaum (174)
Gale Scott (207)
Corinne Smith-Sloan (174)
Edwin Tumlinson (174)
German Valtierra (183)

REGIONAL MASTER

Scott Anderson (172)
Jerry Deutser (174)
Carolyn Hall (183)
Ronald Renckly (183)
Donna Scott (174)
Sara White (174)
Elouise Young (201)

NABC MASTER

Peggy Falconer (183)
Sharon Henry (183)
Cindy McCauley (207)
Pud Patterson (225)
Susan Pennington (201)
Joseph Rogers (174)
Jeff Watkins (207)

ADV NABC MASTER

Ann Denton (172)
George Holmes (233)
Pamela Holmes (233)
Kenneth Melvin (176)
Anni Pack (172)
Jon Pack (172)
Paul Shack (174)

LIFE MASTER

Kevin Broderick (183)
Ben Hernandez (174)
Lynn Hershey (174)
Lynn (Ann) Pierson (172)
Charles Woody (174)

BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Shyamal Bhattacharya (174)
Patricia Dunnell (174)
Terry McGarrity (174)
Sally Sassen (207)
Ann Wales (174)

SILVER LIFE MASTER

Laura Chandler (174)
Robert Kacher, Jr (201)
Jim Nixon (183)
Barbara Stewart (183)
Gordon Young (254)
Glenn Zauber (207)

RUBY LIFE MASTER

Max Chauvet (173)
Judy Etchison (176)
Lilly Justman (207)
Margie Patterson (174)

GOLD LIFE MASTER

Laura Delfeld (207)
Judy Gibson (174)
David Hertzog (353)
G Kania (207)
Jason Kiker (187)
Peter Wahl (174)





SAPPHIRE LIFE MASTER

- Liga Byrne (207)
- Chris Curran (174)
- Sam Dodson (174)
- David Dyer (174)
- Clif Rice (174)
- Sandra Stevens (207)

DIAMOND LIFE MASTER

- Robert Donathan (207)

—DECEMBER—

JUNIOR MASTER

- Pam Akins (207)
- Arlene Bond (183)
- Ralph Bravoco (197)
- Donna Bullard (225)
- Dana Clay (353)
- Andrew Dillon (207)
- Linda Ergonis (176)
- Barb Garcia (225)
- Stephen Kaufman (174)
- Sandy Lantz (176)
- Julie Moorman (204)
- Debra Pierce (225)
- Sydney Puddicombe III (183)
- Nola Schrum (183)
- Jon Sears (183)
- Debbie Segoviano (176)

CLUB MASTER

- Steve Allmand (207)
- Cherie Baer (174)
- Mary Burkholder (209)
- Kyo Chen (174)
- Duncan Clore (176)
- Kathy Galt (174)
- Judy Grimm (174)
- Rafik Hammami (174)
- Eric Hanson (187)

- Mary Hanson (187)
- Amy Hart (174)
- Linda Hensley (174)
- Karel Kriel (174)
- Anita Moore (187)
- Darwin Patrick (225)
- Diane Patrick (225)
- Dale Punshon (174)
- Ruth Schiermeyer (197)
- Jeanette Stang (176)
- Stephanie Strom (176)

SECTIONAL MASTER

- Adrienne Charlton (207)
- Nelda Coonrod (183)
- Chuck Drinnan (174)
- Ruth Gilman (174)
- Hanuman Goel (176)
- John Graves (207)
- Marci Keller (174)
- Marilyn Leaming (176)
- Gari Martin (176)
- Edward Massin (174)
- Ashok Shunmuganathan (176)
- Kenneth Stead (224)
- Tanis Weiss (176)

REGIONAL MASTER

- Richard Barski (174)
- Bill Brady (174)
- Bobby Ebeling (197)
- Fred Lee (207)
- Maureen Mallory (174)
- Sue Ellen McAnally (207)
- Zane O’Keefe (174)
- Kathryn Phillips (174)
- David Worrall (225)

NABC MASTER

- T John Alexander (176)
- Jean Bryan (207)
- Olga Kaplounenko (205)
- Karen Leber (187)
- Phillip Loeb (207)
- Joy Pruett (174)
- Sue Ragsdale (183)
- Ingrid Rich (204)
- J Andrew Schoen (176)
- Ariel Smid (173)
- Lonnie Yee (209)

ADV NABC MASTER

- Joseph Kazmar (201)
- Cheryl Paul (176)
- Corbin Shouse (174)

LIFE MASTER

- Wilton Crocker (176)
- John Foley (207)
- Renata Frutiger (174)
- Michael Luckenbach (207)
- John Luebkekmann (176)
- Lee Ned (174)
- Patricia Stille (176)
- P Scott Vaughan (209)

BRONZE LIFE MASTER

- Betty Jean Dobbins (172)
- Dionne Green (207)
- Michael Luckenbach (207)
- John Luebkekmann (176)
- John Smith (233)
- Sarah Springer (174)
- Sharon Welsh (176)
- Sarah Wright (209)



SILVER LIFE MASTER

- Richard Carpenter (201)
- Susan Domsalla (174)
- Claudia Parr (174)
- Ruby Life Master
- Leslie Conant (176)
- Linda Drake (174)
- Mary Lynn Genovesi (176)
- John Hilbig (172)
- Phyllis Kuchta (174)
- Karen Roland (176)
- Nell Sanders (207)
- Rupa Shah (174)
- Cheri Staples (174)
- P Scott Vaughan (209)

GOLD LIFE MASTER

- Kay Laird (172)
- Bonnie Shea (176)

SAPPHIRE LIFE MASTER

- Bill Gervais (174)

- Scott Nason (176)
- Nancy Peterson (183)
- Faye Vincent (174)

DIAMOND LIFE MASTER

- Mimi Hagedorn (174)
- Finn Kolesnik (207)

EMERALD LIFE MASTER

- Alexander Labry (207)

PLATINUM LIFE MASTER

- Jeff McKee (174)

* Note that Rank Changes come directly from the ACBL. If you're not on the list, chances are you missed the cutoff and will appear in the next posted month.



*Congratulations
to Our Newest
Platinum Life Master
Jeff McKee
(Unit 174)*

**PASSINGS TO NOTE
NOVEMBER & DECEMBER**

- * Stuart L. Bunday, Plano TX
- * Mrs. Anna J. Marlatt, Houston TX
- * Dr. Clemens A. Struve, Corpus Christi TX

*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.

Ajijic Valentine Sectional

February 9-12, 2023

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Schedule

Thursday, February 9

7:00 pm: Open Pairs Stratified

Friday, February 10

10:00 am: Open Pairs Stratified

299r Pairs Stratified

3:00 pm: Open Pairs Stratified

Saturday, February 11

10:00 am: Open Pairs Stratified (Session 1 of 2)

3:00 pm: Open Pairs Stratified (Session 2 of 2)

(single session entries available at each session)

Sunday, February 12

10:00 am and TBD: Stratified Swiss—2 Sessions

Lunch Between Sessions (finish by 5:00)

Stratifications

Open Pairs/Swiss Teams: A: 2000+ B: 750–2000 C: 0–750

299r Pairs Stratified Based on Field

Stratification by Pair/Team Average

Entry Fees per Person:

\$250 MXN per Session (\$330 MXN Unpaid ACBL Members)

299r Pairs \$100 MXN

Swiss Teams \$2400 MXN per Team

Tournament Chair/Partnership:

Mary Ann White +52-331-406-0339 tourney205@gmail.com

Also Coming Up:

San Miguel de Allende Sectional—January 19–22, 2023

Puerto Vallarta Sectional—February 21–24, 2023

San Miguel de Allende Regional—
February 27–March 5, 2023

Acapulco Regional—May 30–June 4, 2023



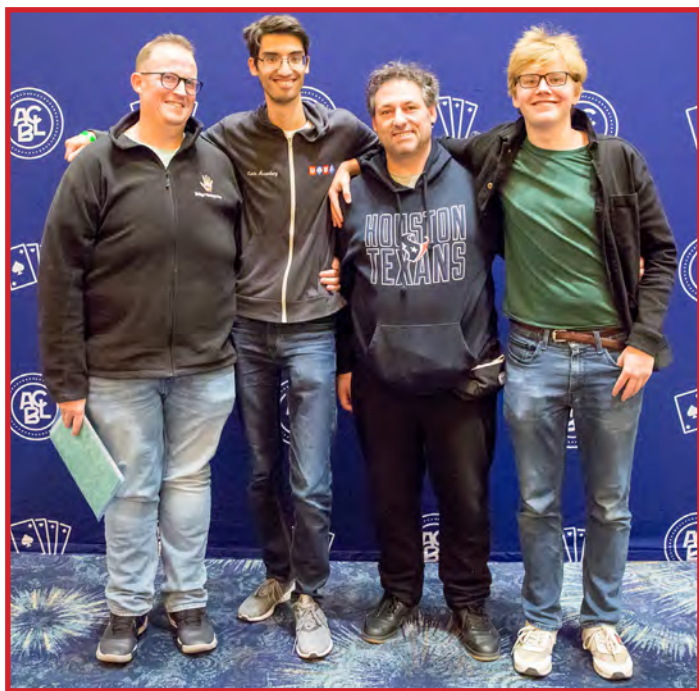
A GREAT TIME AT THE PHOENIX FALL NABC

Stefanie Scott



Phoenix and the Phoenix Mountains

What a great time was had in Phoenix at the 2022 Fall NABC tournament. We felt near giddiness at greeting friends, new and old, after 2



Winners of the Soloway Knockout Teams (from left):
Simon Cope, Kevin Rosenberg,
Ishmael Del'Monte and Finn Kolesnik

weather was picture perfect highlighting the contrast between the cerulean desert skies and the fantastic shapes of Sonoran cacti.

District 16 had many top finishers. Finn Kolesnik's team won the Soloway Knockouts, earning Finn his first big national win. Go Finn!!

Father-daughter team of Gonzalo and Patricia Herrera from Mexico City finished 3rd in the 0-10,000 Swiss Teams. If you don't already know



3rd in 0-10,000 Swiss Teams
Father Daughter Team, Patricia & Gonzalo Herrera

years of Covid restrictions.

The freedom from masks and fear of illness seemed banished to the past finally, with everyone vaccinated and national outbreaks contained. The



Gonzalo and Patricia seek them out at the next tournament – or better yet, attend the brand new Acapulco Regional May 30th thru June 4th 2023. I am so looking forward to that.

Up and comer Lily Justman had a fantastic national placing 4th in the Women’s Pairs with one of our favorite D16 directors Melody Euler; 4th in the Mixed Swiss and 12th in the 0-10,000 fast pairs with my bestie, Kristen Onsgard.



LilyJustman



Melody Euler & Lily Justman



Stefanie with New Friends & Teammates

Now, here’s a story from the ether of the NABC. A group of players were sitting at the hotel bar the night before the Mixed Swiss. As it turned out, none were planning to play in the event, so we put together a team of four people who previously hadn’t known each other much less had partnership agreements. And shocking to each of us – we finished 6th.

This is the best part of the NABC – new friends, new partners, the possibility of a great outcome and just plain fun.

Lastly, if you haven’t ever attended the final night Karoke party, make plans to do so that the next national. We are all done with competition and ready to enjoy the friendships we’ve developed playing bridge.

See you at the next NABC in New Orleans – March 2023.

Stefanie Scott
NABC Correspondent
ACBL Accredited Teacher



Mike Passell & Ellen Hessel



Norman Beck



D16 NATIONAL EVENT FINISHES

NAIL LIFE MASTER PAIRS

- 5 Bart Bramley
- 2 Ira Hessel,
Joe Quinn
- 28 Jeff McKee
Greg Resz
- 36 Bob Hamman

NABC 0-10,000 SWISS TEAMS

- 3 Gonzalo Herrera,
Patricia Herrera
- 7 Shawn Drenning

SOLOWAY KNOCKOUT TEAMS

- 1 Finn Kolesnik
- 5/8 Mike Passell
- 9/16 Eric Greco

MITCHELL OPEN BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS

- 8 Bart Bramley,
Bob Hamman
- 9 Sam Dinkin

SUPER SENIOR PAIRS

- 5 Joan Jackson,
Petra Hamman

WHITEHEAD WOMEN'S PAIRS

- 4 Melody Euler -
Lilly Justman

0-6000 BLUE RIBBON PAIRS

- 13 Derald Keetch

KAPLAN BLUE RIBBON PAIRS

- 21 Greg Hinze
- 28 Venkatrao Koneru
- 31 Phil Clayton

NABC 0-10,000 FAST PAIRS

- 12 Lilly Justman -
Kristen Onsgard

SENIOR MIXED PAIRS

- 7 Ira Hessel
Ellen Hessel
- 25 Jo Smith

KEOHANE NORTH AMERICAN SWISS TEAMS

- 2 Eddie Wold
- 7 Mike Passell
- 9 Finn Kolesnik
- 16 Sam Dinkin

NABC+ MIXED SWISS

- 3 Sally Wheeler -
Buddy Hanby
- 4 Lilly Justman
- 6 Stefanie Scott
- 22 Hua Yang
Yan Song

REISINGER BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS

- 4 Eric Greco
- 9 Venkatrao Koneru

(MON-TUE) NABC 0-10,000 IMP PAIRS

- 5 Patricia Herrera

OTHER D16 EVENT FINISHES

THURSDAY, NOV 24TH

INTERNATIONAL FUND SWISS TEAMS OVERALLS

- 1 Sam Dinkin, Austin

INTERNATIONAL FUND 299ER PAIRS

- 2 Ronald Perkowski,
San Antonio

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION SWISS TEAMS

- 4A/1B Sam Dinkin, Austin

FRIDAY, NOV 25TH

FRIDAY OPEN PAIRS

- 5 A Forrest Gray, Van Vleck
- 5 B Thomas Rush - Janice Hardcastle,
Houston

FRI-SUN DAYLIGHT SERIES

- 4 Hans Strohmer, Houston - Nancy
Strohmer, Houston
- 6 Brigitte Sandifer,
Sugar Land

SATURDAY NOV 26TH

SUN LAKES DBC OPEN PAIRS

- 8A/2B |Ari Sippola, Richardson -
Pawel Hanus, Carrollton
- 6B James Lutz, Fort Worth

SUNDAY, NOV 27TH

EILEEN UTTER 299ER PAIRS

- 1A/1B Lawrence Fritz,
N Richland Hls -
Richard Carpenter, Suthlake
- 2/3A Bill Brady, Iola -
Sue McCulley, Richmond

JIM UTTER GOLD RUSH SWISS TEAMS

- 1 Martin Hrachovy,
Sugar Land -
Sarah Springer Katy

FRI-SUN DAYLIGHT

- 6 Jin Chu, Plano

GORDON MARKHAM 299ER PAIRS

- 3 Bill Brady Iola -
Sue McCulley, Richmond

DALE SWEETWOOD OPEN PAIRS

- 6 Ellen Hessel, San Antonio - Nancy
Passell Plano
- 13 James Breihan, Houston -
Timucin Erkoc, Katy
- 19 Jeff McKee, Livingston -
Greg Resz Weatherford
- 3C Harlene Michaels -
Lawrence Michaels, Brookeland

FRI-SUN DAYLIGHT

- 2C Linda Gurasich -
John Gurasich, Arp

MONDAY, NOV 28TH

GORDON MARKHAM 0-3000 BRACKETED TEAMS 3

- 3 Kathy Sinkin-Amor,
San Antonio -
Marilyn Frazier,
Port O Connor -
Donna Hrachovy,
Sugar Land -
Cheri Gross, Austin
- 4 Cheryl Rider -
James Rider, Dallas

GORDON MARKHAM 0-3000 BRACKETED TEAMS 4

- 4 Richard Day,
Horseshoe Bay -
Patti Monroe, Georgetown

GORDON MARKHAM 0-3000 BRACKETED TEAMS 6

- 2 Robert Domsalla -
Susan Domsalla, Tomball -
Susan Banks, Johnson - Cheryl
Smith, Houston

SAM STOXEN 299ER PAIRS

- 3 Lawrence Fritz,
N Richland Hls



JAMES UTTER TOP FLIGHT SWISS TEAMS

2 Greg Hinze, San Antonio

MON-TUE DAYLIGHT

4 Norman Beck -
Peggy Sutherlin, Dallas

SAM STOXEN GOLD RUSH PAIRS

4 Harlene Michaels -
Lawrence Michaels, Brookeland

PAUL SOPER & MARK HAY MID-FLIGHT PAIRS

8 Rosalind Smith, Dallas -
Mary Lynn Genovesi, Fairview

PAUL SOPER & MARK HAY TOP-FLIGHT PAIRS

4 James Breihan, Houston -
Timucin Erkoc, Katy
7 Jeff McKee, Livingston -
Greg Resz, Weatherford
13 Phil Clayton, Frisco
4X Dolores Aquino, Houston

TUESDAY, NOV 29TH

FELIX MOORE BRACKETED 0-3000 TEAMS 1

2 Mary Lynn Genovesi, Fairview -
Rosalind Smith, Dallas

FELIX MOORE BRACKETED 0-3000 TEAMS 3

4 Allan Chernov, Irving -
John Luebke, Addison -
Mary Chaffin -
Erica Walker, Dallas

FELIX MOORE BRACKETED 0-3000 TEAMS 4

3 James Rider -
Cheryl Rider, Dallas

FELIX MOORE BRACKETED 0-3000 TEAMS 8

4 Cheryl Smith
Susan Banks-Johnson, Houston -
Susan Domsalla -
Robert Domsalla, Tomball

FELIX MOORE BRACKETED 0-3000 TEAMS 9

3 Renata Frutiger, Tiki Island

FELIX MOORE 299ER AM PAIRS

4D/3E Lawrence Fritz,
N Richland Hls

FELIX MOORE TOP-FLIGHT SWISS TEAMS

4/6 Eddie Wold -
Robert Morris, Houston

5X/3Y Paddy Fiorino,
Missouri City -
Brigitte Sandifer,
Sugar Land -
Nancy Strohmer, Houston

FELIX MOORE 299ER PAIRS

4A/4B Lawrence Fritz,
N Richland Hls

FELIX MOORE OPEN PAIRS

1 Thomas Rush, Houston
5 Ira Hessel, San Antonio
20 Betty Starzec -
Jane Armstrong
Sugar Land

KAREN DIVINE TUE-WED EVENING BRACKETED TEAMS 1S

2 Paddy Fiorino,
Missouri City

TUESDAY - FRIDAY EVENING

2C Judy Wood -
Lisa Smith, Dallas

WEDNESDAY, NOV 30TH

SUZETTE WYNN 0-3000 BRACKETED TEAMS 1

1 Mary Lynn Genovesi, Fairview -
Rosalind Smith, Dallas

SUZETTE WYNN 0-3000 BRACKETED TEAMS 4

3 Will Anthony, Lubbock

SUZETTE WYNN 0-3000 BRACKETED TEAMS 7

1 Phillip Loeb, Bastrop
4/5 Michael Durham, Dallas

SUZETTE WYNN 0-3000 BRACKETED TEAMS 9

3 Sarah Springer, Katy -
Martin Hrachovy,
Sugar Land -
Marilyn Frazier,
Port O Connor

STEPHANIE HADDY 299ER PAIRS

4 Bill Brady, Iola -
Sue McCulley,
Richmond

HAIG TCHAMITCH TOP-FLIGHT SWISS TEAMS

1 Eddie Wold, Houston
8 Bart Bramley -
Bob Hamman, Dallas
11/13A, 2/3X, 1Y Sam Dinkin,
Austin

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY DAYLIGHT SIDE

6A, 1B Tom Moore -
Dorothy Moore, Keller

JULIE BOSSERMAN FAST PAIRS

2 Robert Morris, Houston

DAN KORBEL GOLD RUSH PAIRS

10 Harlene Michaels -
Lawrence Michaels, Brookeland

TROON BRIDGE 299ER PAIRS

2 Bill Brady, Iola -
Sue McCulley, Richmond
4B Lawrence Fritz,
N Richland Hls

ROB BARRINGTON MID-FLIGHT PAIRS

5B Kathryn Papermaster,
Horseshoe Bay

GAVIN WOLPERT TOP-FLIGHT PAIRS

4 Kristen Onsgard, Dallas
16 Ira Hessel, San Antonio
20 Norman Beck, Dallas

TUESDAY - FRIDAY EVENING

2B/1C Amy Salisbury, Austin
5B Kathryn Papermaster,
Horseshoe Bay

THURSDAY, DEC 1ST

0-3000 BRACKETED TEAMS 1

1 Rosalind Smith, Dallas -
Mary Lynn Genovesi, Fairview

0-3000 BRACKETED TEAMS 2

4 Richard Day,
Horseshoe Bay -
Patti Monroe, Georgetown

0-3000 BRACKETED TEAMS 4

4 Mary Chaffin -
Erica Walker, Dallas -
Allan Chernov, Irving -
John Luebke, Addison





0-3000 BRACKETED TEAMS 6

1 Michael Durham, Dallas

0-3000 BRACKETED TEAMS 9

2 Sarah Springer, Katy -
Martin Hrachovy,
Sugar Land

4/5 Lois Kertesz, San Marcos -
Annetta Hughson, Kyle

TOP-FLIGHT SWISS TEAMS

5 Mike Passell, Plano

**WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY
DAYLIGHT SIDE**

1 Evan Marti, Houston
6A/2B Kathryn Papermaster,
Horseshoe Bay

GOLD RUSH PAIRS

2A/1B Ronald Perkowski,
San Antonio

OPEN PAIRS

19 James Breihan, Houston -
Timucin Erkoc, Katy

**WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY
DAYLIGHT SIDE**

2B Tom Moore -
Dorothy Moore, Keller

**THURSDAY EVENING ZIP
SWISSTEAMS**

2A/1B Paddy Fiorino,
Missouri City -
Jay Evert, Houston

FRIDAY, DEC 2ND

TUESDAY-FRIDAY EVENING

3/4A/2B/2C Ronald Perkowski,
San Antonio

**JENNIFER O'NEILL
BRACKETED TEAMS 3**

3 Thomas Rush, Houston

**JENNIFER O'NEILL
BRACKETED TEAMS 4**

3/4 Jay Evert -
Tonya McNabb, Houston -
Paddy Fiorino,
Missouri City

**JENNIFER O'NEILL
BRACKETED TEAMS 5**

3 Rosalind Smith, Dallas -
Mary Lynn Genovesi,
Fairview

**JENNIFER O'NEILL
BRACKETED TEAMS 8**

4 Erica Walker -
Mary Chaffin, Dallas -
John Luebke, Addison-
Allan Chernov, Irving

**JENNIFER O'NEILL
BRACKETED TEAMS 9**

1 Michael Durham, Dallas
3 Wilma Hill, Arlington

**JENNIFER O'NEILL
BRACKETED TEAMS 10**

2 Phillip Loeb, Bastrop

**JENNIFER O'NEILL
BRACKETED TEAMS 11**

1 Susan Domsalla -
Robert Domsalla, Tomball
4 Renata Frutiger, Tiki Island

**GAYLE QUIROS MEMORIAL
FAST PAIRS**

5B Donna Sparks, Fulshear -
Sam Dodson, Houston

**GAYLE QUIROS MEMORIAL
OPEN PAIRS**

6 Hua Yang -
Yan Song, Plano
13 Scott Nason, Dallas -
Tomi Storey, Frisco
23A/4B Tom Moore -
Dorothy Moore, Keller

**FRIDAY-SUNDAY DAYLIGHT
SIDE**

1B/2C Utkarsh Koshti, Spring -
Nathan Yee, Houston

SATURDAY, DEC 3RD

0-3000 BRACKETED TEAMS 4

2 Phillip Loeb, Bastrop
4 Renata Frutiger, Tiki Island

0-3000 BRACKETED TEAMS 6

1 Utkarsh Koshti, Spring -
Nathan Yee, Houston -
Christopher Steele, Pflugerville
4 Ronald Perkowski,
San Antonio

**FRIDAY-SUNDAY DAYLIGHT
SIDE**

2B/2C Amy Salisbury, Austin

SUNDAY, DEC 4TH

**DAVID ZAPATKA TOP-FLIGHT
SWISS TEAMS**

5/6B, 4/5C Pawel Hanus, Carrollton,
Ying Peng -
James Zhan, Sugar Land -
Ari Sippola, Richardson
7B Patricia Herrera, Mexico

**FRIDAY-SUNDAY DAYLIGHT
SIDE**

3/4A Georgiana Gates, Houston
3B/1C Nathan Yee, Houston -
Utkarsh Koshti, Spring

JANIS HOLLE FAST PAIRS

6A/2B/1C Christopher Steele,
Pflugerville
9 Thomas Rush, Houston
14A Donna Sparks, Fulshear -
Sam Dodson Houston





D16 TOP 10 MASTERPOINT WINNERS
FROM THE PHOENIX NABC

RANK	PT TOTAL	NAME, CITY, UNIT
4	306.47	Finn Kolesnik, Austin (207)
53	171.40	Eddie Wold, Houston (174)
62	152.62	Mike Passell, Plano (176)
75	142.31	Eric Greco, Frisco (176)
148	102.52	Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio (172)
149	101.78	Bart Bramley, Dallas (176)
154	100.82	Sam Dinkin, Austin (207)
169	97.14	Lilly Justman, Austin (207)
235	75.64	Greg Hinze, San Antonio (172)
251	70.19	Patricia Herrera, Mexico (173)



BRIDGE CLASSES WITH STEFANIE

Not only is Stefanie our NABC correspondent, she is also an experienced bridge teacher. She is ACBL Accredited, ACBL Online Accredited, and a Certified Director.

Stefanie will be teaching the new **ACBL Introduction to Bridge** class to be held weekly starting in February. Here are the details.

Length: **10 WEEKS**

Starting Date: **FEBRUARY 6TH**

Starting Time: **9:30 AM**

Cost: **\$200 (for the entire course) or \$25 per Lesson**

Location:

KING OF GLORY LUTHERN CHURCH

LOWER LEVEL, room L18

6411 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, TX 75240

Contact Stefanie to register or with any questions you might have about the classes.

cell: 248-361-2933

email: stefscott58@gmail.com





2023
NEW ORLEANS
 SPRING NABC
 MARCH 9-19, 2023

Click on either picture to be taken to the tournament website



Chicago July 13-23
2023
 summer
NABC



Puerto Vallarta Sectional

FEBRUARY 21 - 24, 2023

SCHEDULE

Tuesday, February 21

10 am and 3 pm
Stratified Open Pairs

Wednesday, February 22

10 am and 3 pm
Stratified Open Pairs

Thursday, February 23

10 am and 3 pm
Stratified Open Pairs

Friday, February 24

10 am and 3 pm
Swiss Teams stratified by average

Playing fee 250 pesos
80 pesos additional for all non-paid ACBL
members. Non-members will be required to join
on a temporary one-month membership for \$7.99.

STRATIFICATIONS

Open Pairs

0-300, 300-1000, 1000+

VALLARTA HOSPITALITY

Novices with 0-5 masterpoints play free
Beverages and snacks served all da
Free lunch served on Friday to all 2-session participants

LOCATION

Lions Club

Francisco I. Madero #280
Centro Puerto Vallarta

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Director in Charge

Michael Farebrother

HOTEL SUGGESTION

Hotel Playa Los Arcos

<https://www.playalosarcos.com>



PLAY OF THE HAND CHALLENGE PART IV

Thomas Rush



WHO'S GOT THE QUEEN?

This is a continuation of the play of the hand problem submitted in the September 2022 Scorecard.

On the auction shown, you are in 3NT. You must decide late in the hand which of the two layouts below is the one to play for—

Finesse against the club queen, or Drop the club queen?

LAYOUT 1:

Hand Layout:

- North:** ♠ K 6 2, ♥ J 8 3, ♣ A J 10 8 2, ♦ K 4
- South:** ♠ Q J 7 3, ♥ K 10 5, ♣ K 9 5 4, ♦ A 6
- West:** ♠ 10 8 4, ♥ 7, ♣ Q 6 3, ♦ Q 10 9 7 5 2
- East:** ♠ A 9 5, ♥ A Q 9 6 4 2, ♣ 7, ♦ J 8 3

Bidding Table:

	W	N	E	S
1♣				
2♥				
3NT				
Pass	Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	

Scorecard: D 1, 3NT South, 0-0



LAYOUT 2:



WHAT WE KNOW SO FAR:

1. East has overcalled with a weak jump overcall, showing six hearts.
2. Spades are 3-3
3. East led a diamond, and both followed to two rounds of diamonds.
4. Both defenders followed to the first round of clubs; West has shown up with a second club.

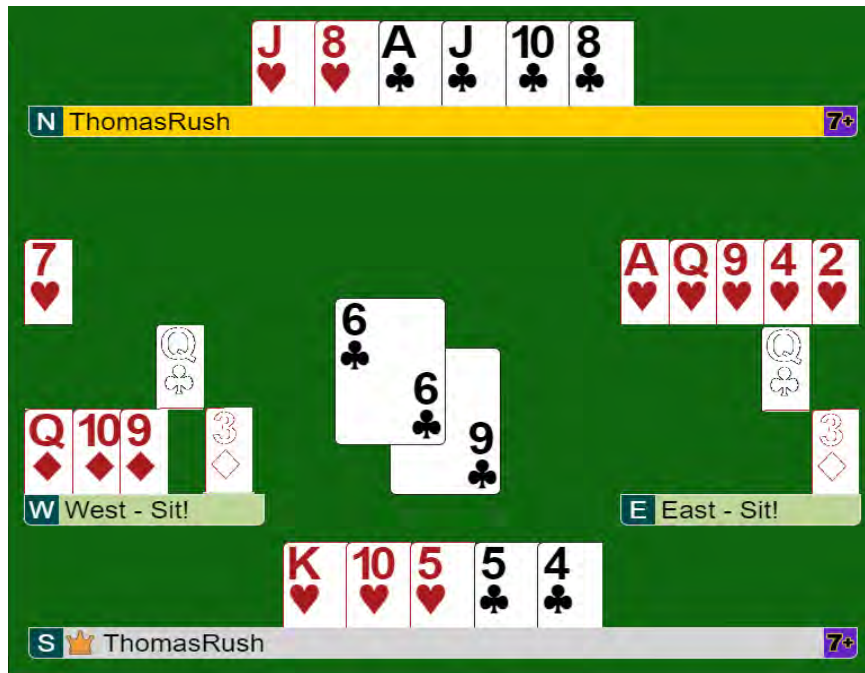
You've taken six tricks so far – three spades, two diamonds, and the king of clubs – and need three more tricks.

Who has the queen of clubs? Who has the 3 of diamonds?





Here's the position; do you go up with the ace, or finesse?



If West started with Qxx of clubs and you go up with the ace here, you will have to put West in with the queen of clubs and he'll run his diamonds – or, you can lead a heart off dummy; East will win and lead the diamond 3 to West so West can run his diamonds. *Horrid!*

It turns out that you have a no-lose play, and can be sure of making your contract as long as East started with six hearts.

Do you see it?

If East has the queen of clubs, he's out of diamonds (his original shape was 3=6=2=2), and he'll be able to cash the ace of hearts, but then must give you the king of hearts so you can run all your clubs.

Based on this logic, you finesse the club and make your contract when East shows out. Taking ten tricks was enough to win the match.

Nice detective work!





THOMAS RUSH

Bridge Teacher

Available for Lessons:

- ♠ Club,
- ♥ Tournament, or
- ♣ Online
- ✓ Bid Better
- ✓ Play Better
- ✓ Have More Fun!



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BEST PRACTICES (BP) TEACHER WORKSHOP

A HANDS-ON, SMALL-GROUP, INTERACTIVE APPROACH

TO LEARNING THE BEST TEACHING PRACTICES

Instructor: Patty Tucker Registration fee: \$50

DISTRICT 16 • 2-DAY WORKSHOP

Saturday, January 21 (9am-3pm), Sunday, January 22 (9am-3pm)
at the 2023 Houston January Regional

Contact Karen Nussbaum for information or to register,
832-524-5233 karenenuss@gmail.com

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

- Participants must be at least 15 years old to take the workshop.
- Take the Basic Bridge Knowledge Pre-test before participating in a Best Practices Teacher Workshop (*minimum of 70% score required*). Test sent when you register.
- Learn teaching techniques in a Best Practices Teacher Workshop
- Pass a Proficiency Demonstration (*participation in Workshop required*) to earn Best Practices certification





BOOST



A JOINT EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION AND ACBL PILOT PROGRAM TO HELP TEACHERS FIND F2F STUDENTS

Keeping bridge afloat is tough. It's an aging game and well, we are all part of that scenario. According to statistics from the ACBL, membership numbers have declined by 17% since the beginning of the pandemic. That's nearly 28,000 members.

There are several initiatives to grow our ranks. You've seen advertising for **BridgeWhiz** (see [pg 22](#) for the latest BridgeWhiz ad). This targets kids wanting to learn the game and it is seeing success with the program.

BUT, HOW DO WE GET EVERYBODY ELSE LEARNING AND PLAYING?

Now we have **Boost**. The **Boost** pilot program is for f2f teachers who would like a bit of help finding students for their beginner bridge classes. This benefits the clubs associated with a teacher in the program, because it generates new members for those clubs and, of course, for the ACBL.

SO, WHAT DOES BOOST ACTUALLY DO?

Boost is a digital marketing campaign that uses advertising on Facebook and Instagram to generate leads for potential students through specific teacher course date and location information.

CAN ANY TEACHER PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM?

No. **Boost** has Participation and Course Criteria that must be met in order to participate in the program. Note also, there are *limited openings for participation*.

PARTICIPATION CRITERIA

Prospective Audience: This means that the market area has to generate enough leads to make the campaign worthwhile.

Teacher Experience: How many years teaching, how many beginner classes taught, teacher certifications, and teacher recommendations...all will be considered for participation acceptance.

Teacher Club Connection: Is the teacher partnered with a local club that can offer opportunities for the students to earn Masterpoints?

Recruitment Interest: Is the teacher willing to sign up students as guest members?

COURSE CRITERIA

Level: Must be newcomer or beginner

Class Number & Teacher Hours: at least 6 or more classes with 9 plus hours of instruction. Note this is teaching and does not include supervised play.

Payment for Classes: Must be paid up front and not pay as you go.

Course Schedule: Must already be on the calendar with actual location, dates, & times

WHERE DO I SIGN UP?

Click on the link below for a **Project Boost** application. Remember, *spots are limited* and at this time, the next campaign, I believe, starts in February.

PROJECT BOOST TEACHER APPLICATION



Regional Bridge Tournament 2023

San Miguel de Allende FEBRUARY 28TH - MARCH 5TH

 HOTEL MX SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE

+52 415 178 8915

Hotel and Convention Center:

Camino a Alcococer No.18 La Luciernaga, C.P. 37745 San Miguel de Allende, Gto.

MONDAY FEB 27TH

FREE REGISTRATION 5:00 pm
to
7:00 pm

TUESDAY FEB 28TH

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 version 3:00 pm

WEDNESDAY MAR 1ST

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 version 3:00 pm

THURSDAY MAR 2ND

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 version 3:00 pm

FRIDAY MAR 3RD

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 4/4- (TBA) SWISS TEAMS-single version 3:00 pm

SATURDAY MAR 4TH

(OPEN MIGUEL REYGADAS)

SPECIAL AWARDS 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 MAR 5TH

FREE LUNCH BETWEEN SESSIONS

SWISS TEAMS	1st session	10:00 am
SWISS TEAMS	2nd session	(TBA)

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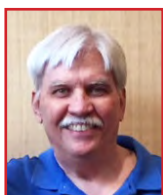
NOTES:

All events are stratified: A(2000+) / B(750-2000) / C(0-750)
Side Series and 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(300-700) / B(200-300) / C(0-200)
SIDE GAMES & 299ers along all sessions if attendance allows.

DISTRICT 16
Unit 173 & Unit 254



ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY
NO SMOKING AND NO PERFUME POLICY
PROOF OF VACCINATION REQUIRED



SAN ANTONIO
UNIT 172
EVERETTE LEWIS

Preparations are well underway for all.

Attendance at the Fiesta Bridge Club has been getting better with face-to-face games Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; and games online every day.

The Mentor/Mentee and Tiered Mentoring program is gaining momentum through the efforts of new Board member, Susan Hernandez. We are looking for more mentors and mentees.

The *Learn Bridge in a Day* course is continuing successfully, headed by Rosemary Kelley.

Some of the participants showed up at our latest Unit Game and will soon be playing in a novice game. We'll be starting new groups soon.

Everette Lewis
Unit 172



MEXICO
UNIT 173
ARIEL SMID

ACBL's Unit 173 in Mexico is excited to announce the formation of its new Board of Directors, led by a young and enthusiastic president, Ariel Smid.

At only 26 years old, Ariel represents the next generation of

bridge enthusiasts, bringing fresh ideas and energy to the game.

Ariel first learned how to play bridge when he was just a teenager, and fell in love with the game right away.

He began competing in local tournaments and quickly rose through the ranks, becoming one of the top Mexican players.

Despite his success in competition, Ariel remains passionate about the social and recreational aspects of bridge. He believes that the game can bring people together and provide a fun and engaging activity for people of all ages.

As president of the Board of Directors, Ariel is committed to making bridge accessible and enjoyable for everyone. He is working to increase participation in bridge competitions and create a supportive community for players of all levels.

Despite its rich history and numerous devotees, bridge participation in Mexico has been on the decline in recent years.

The Board of Directors is determined to reverse this trend and promote the popularity of bridge in the country.

Their mission is to provide a positive and recreational environment for all bridge players and to increase participation in bridge competitions.

With Ariel at the helm, Unit 173 is confident that they can attract both social and competitive players to enjoy the thrill of the game and share their passion for

Unit 172 would like to thank Carmeline Squires for her many years as the sole member of the Cheer and Sympathy committee. Carmeline has done a wonderful job keeping track of those in need.

Congratulations to the new members of the Board of Directors; Susan Hernandez, Jo Neesvig, David Mitchell, and Roxie Tom.

The Unit Holiday Party was a resounding success thanks to hosts Rosemary Kelley, Ed Rawlinson, and their team of volunteers.

There were 20 and a half tables. Everyone had a great time. Overall winners were Larry and Laurie Levin in Flight "A," Barbara Morgan and Bob Martin in Flight "B," and Christine Collier and Louisa Morton in Flight "C."

Our upcoming tournaments include:

- **The Ed Rawlinson Winter Sectional**
January 18th through 21st
(note: Wednesday through Saturday)
- **Fiesta Sectional**
March 29th through April 1st
(also Wednesday through Saturday)
- **The Summer Regional**
July 3rd through 9th.



bridge. Ariel is passionate about the mental challenge of bridge and believes that it is a game that can be enjoyed by people of all ages.

As president, he is determined to create a welcoming and inclusive environment where players of all levels and backgrounds can learn, grow, and have fun.

Unit 173 has a clear vision for the future of bridge in Mexico. They want to attract new players and engage existing members, offering a range of activities and events to suit different interests and skill levels.

Whether you are a beginner looking to learn the basics or an experienced player looking to compete at a high level, there will be something for you at Unit 173 in Mexico City, Monterrey, Puebla, and Oaxaca.

At the heart of the Board of Directors' convictions is the belief that bridge should be about fun, friendship, and competition.

They are committed to upholding high standards of conduct and ethics, ensuring that all players have a fair and enjoyable experience.

They are particularly passionate about promoting good sportsmanship and ensuring that all players feel welcome and respected.

In short, Unit 173 in Mexico is dedicated to making bridge a game for life. With Ariel as their leader, they are excited to work with players of all levels and

backgrounds to grow the bridge community and keep the game thriving in Mexico for years to come.

Ariel Smid
Unit 173



HOUSTON
UNIT 174
JACK LAVIGNE

Happy New Year

The holidays are over and we hope yours were full of cheer. Now it's time to make a New Year's resolution.

Please consider, if you have not already, making a resolution to play face-to-face in your local club and tournaments.

A list of District 16 tournaments can be found [here](#).

Unit 174 tournaments and upgraded games can be found [here](#).

In particular, the Board is working hard in preparation for the **Lone Star Regional** which will be held Jan 23 – 29 at the Houston Marriott Westchase (same as in years past) located at 2900 Briarpark Drive in Houston. Complete details can be found in the [flyer](#).

The **Election Sectional** is coming up in April. Unit 174 needs candidates who are willing to serve on the Board. This is an

excellent way to contribute and give back to the game that we love. If you would like to run kindly contact:

Carol Irvin
carolirvin4710@sbcglobal.net
(281) 342-6305



**FUTURE LIFE
MASTERS (FLM)**

The Future Life Masters of Unit 174 is a Board-sponsored program with the mission 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: flm174.org.

The FLM team works with players and clubs to produce 199er games in which all Houstonians are welcomed... in 2022 our games typically had about 11 tables. We are starting 2023 with 199er games hosted at the central Houston Arabia Shriners facility: **January 8th and February 5th.**

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.

Players from all of D16 are welcomed! Please contact us the day before the game if you've never played in the game...or never played online...we will help you get set up!

Contact

Mary Ellen Vail for assistance:
mevail84@gmail.com





NEWS FROM UNIT 174 CLUBS

(all club links at
www.acblunit174.org)

BRIDGE ACADEMY OF WEST HOUSTON,

www.bridgeacademyofwesthouston.com

MENTOR / MENTEE



The Bridge Academy of West Houston is excited to announce a monthly Mentor/Mentee game on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:30. The first game is Tuesday, Feb 14th.

If you would like to participate, there will be a sign-up sheet near the registration desk. Mentees must have fewer than 300 masterpoints.

Anyone with over 300 masterpoints, a love for the game and willingness to play is asked to sign up as a Mentor.

SWISS TEAM



The Bridge Academy of West Houston is proud to announce a new Swiss Team game. The game will be held once a month on a Sunday at 1:00 pm. The first game is on March 19th. Subsequent monthly games will be announced.

FUTURE LIFE MASTERS

The Bridge Academy of West Houston hosts a Future Life Master game once a month on Sunday.

Next games are scheduled for **Jan 8th and Feb 5th**. The starting time for the Future Life Master game has not been set. It will either be 1:00 or 2:00 pm. Check our website for further details.

WEEKLY GAME SCHEDULE

The Bridge Academy of West Houston also has an Invitation pairs every Wednesday and combined Open and 0-299er pairs every Thursday at 10:30. The games are held at the Arabia Shriners.

Junior Fund games are scheduled for January and **Educational** games will be in February.

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.

Extra Extra January 31st there will be a second F2F Mentor / Mentee - Sign up at club or contact Bob Ziegler @ 713-829-6928 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.

January 14th – Election results for 2023 Board of Directors. Pot luck lunch at 11:00 with open game to follow at noon. Saturday F2F open game once every month- check BCOH website for details www.bridgewebs.com/bcoh

Save the date for our next 499er/NLM Tournament on Feb 16th – 19th, 2023.



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 and Special. We do ask that people interested in either the Mentor/Mentee game or the Swiss Teams/Eight is Enough games to call and make a reservation.

In January we will have Bridge, Breakfast and Lesson at 9:00 am on Wednesday, **Jan 11**. The Mentor/Mentee games will be on Wednesday afternoon (2:00 pm) **Jan 18**. We will have the Swiss Team games on Sundays (except Jan 29). The Eight is Enough game will be on Sunday (1:00 pm), **Jan 8th**.

Come visit us as we have a nice variety of games with I/N games on Monday and Wednesday afternoons and Tuesday and Thursday mornings as well as Open games on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings at 10:00 am and Saturday and Sunday afternoons at 1:00 pm. Visit the website (shown at left) for details on all our games.

FORT BEND BRIDGE CLUB,

acblunit174.org/Club_Web_Pages/fort_bend_dbc.pdf

New starting time of 09:30!

Open game every Tuesday at 9:30 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
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Jack LaVigne
Unit 174



DALLAS
UNIT 176
SCOTT NASON

The return to Face-to-Face bridge has come with fits and starts, but is making good progress in Dallas.

Fresh off of our Labor Day Regional, we ran our first sectional at a new and improved venue, The Lover's Lane Methodist Church. Attendance was very good, the event ran smoothly, and a good time was had by all.

We look forward to returning to the church in March for our next sectional and to host two flights in the 2023 GNTs (flights Championship and B.)

Congratulations to Barbara Ferm, whose team won the World Mixed Teams championship at the World Bridge Series in Poland in

September, bringing a gold medal back to Dallas.

We continue to run monthly Unit Games that have been running at capacity. Our most recent games were held on November 13 and December 11.

The November game was won in the Open section by Bart Bramley, playing with out-of-towner Walter Schafer.

Steve Birnbaum and Bob Butterfield won in the B stratification and Susan Bates and Jean Scott finished first in C.

The 999er game was won by Stephanie Strom and Franci Moses, with Darlene Campbell and Judy Wood finishing first in the C stratification.

The December game marked the return of the Unit's Holiday Party, where 120 bridge players bid, finessed and ate and drank their way to a great time, with many going home with one of the assorted prizes that were handed out.

Michael and Karen Hout went home with a win in the Open game, while Kristin and Laura Onsgard won strat B.

In the 999er game, Debrah and Michael Chockley turned in a sparkling 68.5% game to finish first overall, while Larica Taylor and Rodger Gruenwald won in the B strat and Kathleen Beasley and Ken Hayek won strat C.

Our thanks go to three retiring members of the Unit Board. Joe Gill, Debrah Chockley, and Jim Rider are all retiring. The efforts of all three to support bridge in Dallas is greatly appreciated. Joe served the maximum allowable six





years, including two as President.

We look forward to seeing you at the tables, at our Pro-Am on **January 15**, our Unit game on **February 19**, and our Spring sectional on **March 22-25**.

Scott Nason
Unit 176



Sat Morning Open Pairs B
John Fee & Ivan Uys

Our exceptionally successful Regional in May of this year was followed by a well attended Sectional in October held at our own Unit facility. We will continue with our upcoming Sectional on **Feb. 10 - 12, 2023**. We hope to see many of you there. The flyer can be found in this Scorecard.

Cynthia Benton
President, Unit 183



FORT WESTERN
UNIT 183
CYNTHIA BENTON

pairs on Saturday. These pictures somehow didn't make it into the last Scorecard, but here they are, in this edition.

The first Saturday of December was a lovely fall day for a Unit game at the FW Studio. We had a roomful (42) of enthusiastic bridge players and plenty of food and fun... so much so that no one gave a thought to taking a picture. But photos abound throughout this edition celebrating numerous bridge wins and milestones, Christmas parties, and other events at the various clubs.

We've had door prizes and great food. We even had a trifle, created by Ivan Uys...not the kind that is of little importance - the English kind... full of fruit, sponge cake, custard, jelly and cream... wow!

Unsung heroes - John Fee and Ivan Uys won 1st in both B & C of the Open game on Sat. morning of our Oct. Sectional. Lillian Ethridge and Peggy Falconer won 1st in A in the 499er



Sat Afternoon 499er Pairs A
Peggy Falconer & Lillian Ethridge

Congrats to the 4 of you!

Our group was small in number when we returned after covid knocked us all out for a year +.

With lockdowns firmly in the rearview mirror, we are now steadily rebuilding. We have been fortunate that games at our Ft. Worth studio have been open to all, with no mandates since May of 2021.

We have fared well!



AMISTAD
(WESTERN MEXICO)
UNIT 205
MARY ANN WHITE

The snowbirds from Canada and the United States have returned to Mexico for the winter. That means our clubs in Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan, and Baja California have returned to bridge play after their 6-month hiatus.

Although not back to pre-pandemic levels, the games at the Lake Chapala Club have grown bigger with the influx of players. It's great to see everyone again!

Thanks to everyone who supported the Puerto Vallarta Regional Tournament. Attendance was a bit disappointing at just 50% of our pre-pandemic levels; nevertheless, a fun time was had by all! The overall tournament



winner was Shan Huang with 170.77 masterpoints, and the team events were dominated by Shan Huang, Joan Millens, Kevin Dwyer, Adam Grossack, and Jianfeng Luo.

Several players from Unit 205 made it to the winners' circle: Janet and Doug Larson from Puerto Vallarta were first in B in the Monday Evening Open Pairs, and also won the Sunday B/C/D Swiss playing with Danny and Jean Matteucci.

Also from Puerto Vallarta, Linda Lake and Maxine Webb had a fine tournament. They finished first in B in the Saturday Choice Pairs. They also won Bracket 2 of the Monday/Tuesday KO and were first in Y in the Sunday A/X/Y Swiss playing with Edwin Glickman and Charles Fortney. Olga Kaplounenko from Lake Chapala won both the Wednesday and Friday Gold Rush Pairs playing with Larry Brenden from Lincoln, CA.

Louise Morel and Andrew Small, also from Lake Chapala, finished first in B in the Thursday Choice Pairs. Others from Lake Chapala who saw their names in lights included Mary Ann White and Tom Gillett, who were first in X in the Sunday A/X/Y Swiss, playing with Bernie Lambert (Acme, AB) and Connie Marfell (Boulder, CO).

Mary Ann and Tom also won the Friday Afternoon Side Game and finished first and second overall in the Afternoon Side Game Series.

Jimmy Reynolds and Boyce Robbins finished first in the Friday Morning Side Game.

Mark your calendars for 2023, when we will be back in Puerto Vallarta from October 30 to November 5!

The **Ajjic Valentine Sectional** will be held from February 9–12, 2023, at the Hotel Danza del Sol in Ajijic. As always, the tournament will feature lots of hospitality, as well as prizes for the winners.

With everyone's support, we can continue to grow our tournaments back to their pre-pandemic levels. This is a beautiful time of year in Ajijic, and a great opportunity to escape the winter weather up north and check out our lovely retirement community on Lake Chapala. We look forward to seeing you there!

Mexico will also be hosting several other upcoming tournaments that you won't want to miss:

- **San Miguel de Allende Sectional**,
January 19–22, 2023
- **Puerto Vallarta Sectional**,
February 21–24, 2023
- **San Miguel de Allende Regional**,
February 27–March 5, 2023
- **Acapulco Regional**,
May 30–June 4, 2023

In local club news, we had some big games at the Lake Chapala Club. Ray and Carla Hickey had two great games, posting 71.37% on October 20 (6.5 tables) and 73.44% on November 1 (5 tables). Lane

Galloway and Dagmar Rettberg scored 72.92% on November 3 (5 tables), and Nicci Beninger and Boyce Robbins hit the mark with 70.37% on December 12 (5 tables). In Mazatlan, Mike and Linda Saltzman scored 70.83% on December 5 (4 tables). Good work all!

The Unit Championships on October 22 and November 26 were won by Bill Bergh and Mary Ann White with 63.1% (4 tables) and 61.11% (4.5 tables), respectively.

The week of November 14 saw the Lake Chapala Club participating in Royal STaC Week. Scoring well at the District level were Dagmar Rettberg and Helen Lawson (9th overall) and Diane van Brocklin and Janet Mitchell (12th overall) on November 14.

On November 15, Helen Lawson and Grace Donovan tied with Andrew Small and Louise Morel for 8th place overall, while Louise and Michael Creaghan finished 10th overall in the District.

Finally, on November 17, Starr and Glen Bulmer (4th overall) and Dagmar Rettberg and Tom Gillett (7th overall) represented us well at the District level.

Mary Ann White
Unit 205





FORT CONCHO
UNIT 204
NEAL PERLMAN

most points in 2022 in the aspiring and soon to be Life Master category, formally known locally as the Velma McCandless Award.

Suzanne Dorris was added to the Truby Bunch Hall of Fame plaque - ***Congratulations!*** She has earned this honor the old fashioned way by quietly working for the survival and thriving of Unit 204 in her capacity as Club Manager, Treasurer and Board member.

Her reliable, steady presence in Unit 204 activities since her professional retirement is appreciated by all members. ***Congratulations and thank you.***

Becoming public after 1/2/23 are 204's submission to District 16. Our two Goodwill designations share one key aspect which is has repeated good actions that serve other people. Barbara Wright has for years delivered well wishes to players and their families via cards, flowers/plants and other expressions during difficult times as well as birthdays.



Goodwill - Barbara Wright

The Sunshine Committee came into being several years ago as an outgrowth of these activities and Barbara spreads her joyful presence whenever card players meet.



Goodwill - Carol Diminnie

Carol Diminnie has been in several previous columns and her diverse actions promote the enjoyment and thriving of bridge at our local level. In particular, Carol is helpful to new players. She is respected by our community and she is an obvious choice. ***Congratulations.***



Texas Star - Pat Bitner

Texas Star, Pat Bitner shines bright in person and thru text. Our bridge community appreciates Pat Bitner for her thorough reporting of bridge happenings, participants and results each week.

Pat is encouraging to all players with a mix of recognition, humor and appreciation via group email and local newspaper weekly.

Our human-interest stories are colorfully described by Pat. She previously served on the Board of Directors for many years specifically as our scribe for meetings. ***Congrats and thank you.***

Our beloved friend Melva Penner was celebrated at the Sue Henry Country Club game in advance of her 12-25-2022 birthday. Pat Bitner did a very nice summary of the events as quoted— "*Vicky Fisher did a nice presentation of things the way they were in 1922 when Melva was born on Christmas Day.*"

Then, she interviewed Melva about events in her life. It was very interesting to learn that Melva and her husband played a lot of bridge with Carl McGill's parents." And then Pat "*concluded the program with a medley or "mashup" of Christmas songs with a Melva theme.*"

Vicky and Pat both did a great job to launch the festivities of cake, visiting and beverages. The room was filled with our collective love for Melva.

When I asked her about her recipe for long life she quickly responded "*don't worry and have fun.*" Her ever-present smile shows she lives that in actions. Speaking of bridge there is a bridge saying in San Angelo the "Oh well" that precedes Melva bidding a game bid along the lines of a gambling gambit.

Unit 204 hosted a holiday event 12/10/22. Vicky Fisher presented special awards and our community congratulations to Joy Foster for



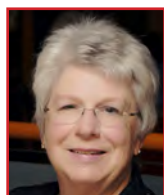


*Happy
Birthday
Melva!*



Neal Perlman
Unit 204





**GREATER
PERMIAN BASIN
UNIT 209**
ANN PARISH

We have had lots of bridge—from StaC games to seasonal parties. And we have a new Life Master. Congratulations to Scott Vaughan! He needed just a bit of gold to reach not only Gold Life Master but also Ruby Life Master! You go, Scott!

D16 STAC GAME NEWS

MONDAY, NOV 14

Amanda Show and Scott Vaughan were the top players in the District on Monday evening. Second place winners were John Seymour and Sarah Wright, and third were Linda Buzan and David Hudson.

TUESDAY, NOV 15

In the **afternoon** Debbie Conly and KC Evans came in at ninth place in B in District with 62 tables playing. Mark Beckstrom and Sarah Wright placed 4th in C.

TUESDAY, NOV 15

In the **evening**, Ann Servatius and Kay Sewell placed 2nd in A. Paula Bayley and Nancy Ward came in 3rd in C.

WEDNESDAY, NOV 16

In the **evening** Charlie Grimes and Ann Servatius were 1st in A. KC Evans and Scott Vaughan were 3rd in B; Debra Jones and Travis

Woodward tied with Paula Bayley and Kay Sewell for 1st in C.

THURSDAY, NOV 17

In the **evening** Dianne Anderson and Marlene Blumentritt were 1st in A. Linda Buzan and Jimmie Jenson took 2nd place. And 3rd place went to Shirley Davenport and John Seymour.

FRIDAY, NOV 18

In the **afternoon** Linda Buzan and Lonnie Yee and came in 2nd in C out of 68 tables in the Friday Afternoon games in the district.

FRIDAY, NOV 18

In the **evening** Scott Johnson and Lonnie Yee took 1st. Charlie Grimes and Ann Servatius took 2nd place. Amanda Shaw and Scott Vaughan took 3rd place

SATURDAY, NOV 19

In the **afternoon** Out of 74 tables on Saturday Afternoon, Scott Johnson and Lonnie Yee came in 4th in C. Linda Buzan and Travis Woodward came in 6th in C.

SATURDAY, NOV 19

In the **evening** KC Evans and Juanice Welsh held 1st place with an impressive 71.53% game. Kiki Powers and Scott Vaughan tied for 3rd with Linda Buzan and Sandy Hill.

Overall, the Midland and Odessa bridge clubs both did very well against most of the District 16 players during the week of the STA C games.

Halloween Costume Party

At the Halloween party on October 27, players were invited to dress in costume. Linda Buzan, as Pumpkin Pi handled registration check-in. Bill Brooks,



Linda Buzan as Pumpkin "Pi"

our club manager, dressed up as the Grim Reaper.



Bill Brooks as the Grim Reaper

Scott Vaughan was a playing card; he even made the news in the local newspaper article about



our Halloween party. We also had Maleficent, Lady Margaret, a colorful skeleton, and lots of Halloween-themed shirts and headdresses.



Scott Vaughan - The Playing Card



Kay Sewell as Maleficent

A favorite was Miss Piggy, whose costume included a little pink nose and a little pink tail.

The evening meal was breakfast—pancakes, breakfast



Sarah Wright as Miss Piggy, with the appropriate Miss Piggy Tail



Lonnie Yee in a computer-generated mask

casseroles, bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits, and sweet rolls.

North-South winners were 1st in A Charlie Grimes and Juanice Welsh, 1st in B Ann Parish and Sonya Hopkins, and 1st in C, Bob Reimers and Mary Truex. East-West winners were 1st in A Scott Vaughan and KC Evans, 1st in B John Seymour and Shirley Davenport, and 1st in C Dale Linton and Marty Massie.



Robin Hughes, Steampunk Girl



Belle Harris



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday, December 2

On December 2, we had our daytime Christmas Party (some of you may remember this as the Country Club Party, which has now moved to the Bridge House).

Paula Bayley and Bill Brooks decorated the room and set tables for a lovely party. The game started at 10:00, and then Market Street served beef tenderloin, chicken parmesan, a baked potato bar, dips, salads, and yummy desserts for lunch.

Door prizes were planters of green plants mixed with poinsettias. Bridge continued after lunch.

North-South winners were 1st Dianne Anderson and Marlene Blumentritt and 2nd Ann Servatius and Travis Woodward. East-West winners were 1st Bill Brooks and Paula Bayley and 2nd Linda Buzan and Shirley Davenport.

CHRISTMAS PARTY II

December 8

Belle Harris, the Thursday night director, strongly encouraged her new students to come play with the regular guys, and we had a big game of 12 1/2 tables!

The party started with a great dinner of ham, turkey, lots of side dishes, and lots of desserts. We had so much food that we were able to give extras to Safe Place, a shelter for battered women.

North-South winners were 1st in A, B, and C Sarah Wright and Mark Beckstrom! Second in A and B were KC Evans and Lonnie Yee, and second in C were Bob Reimers and Mary Truex.



Ruth Martin, Linda Buzan, Ann Servatius, and Gloria Jackson at the December 8th Party



Georgia Temple and Larry Pitts at the December 8th Party

East West winners were 1st in A and B Linda Buzan and Travis Woodward and 1st in C Joan Rice and John Marlow.

ANNUAL MEETING

On December 8, we also held our Annual Meeting. We elected four new people to the board of directors for a three-year term. They are Tracy Dau, Sandy Hill, Scott Johnson, and Larry Pitts. We

thank them for volunteering and their future services.

BRIDGE CLASSES

The Permian Bridge Club offers a big Thank you to Belle Harris for getting new people interested in duplicate. We have about 20 new players as a result of her Fall class.

Lonnie Yee is starting a class for improving bridge bidding and other conventions after the first of



Holiday Celebrations



Our December 8th Christmas Party



Jimmie Jenson, Belle Harris, Sandy Hill, Sarah Wright, Kay Sewell, Mary Truex at the December 2nd Christmas Party

the year. These educational classes will be geared to help players understand the opponents' bidding and perhaps start utilize some additional tools to their game play.

70%+ GAMES

October 18 – Lonnie Yee and Linda Buzan 77.78%

November 8 -- Ann Servatius and Kay Sewell 71.43%

November 20 – KC Evans and Juanice Welsh 71.53%

LOOKING AHEAD

We have players planning to attend tournaments in Charleston, SC and Albuquerque, NM.

Odessa is planning their annual Black-Eyed Pea Party for the beginning of the New Year. We hope those black-eyed peas bring good luck to all bridge players in 2023.

Tentative plans are being made to hold the Tall City Sectional Tournament in Midland, Texas at the Allison Bridge Center on June 2-4, 2023. We'll share more details later.

We wish everyone a great New Year and a season of great bridge!

Ann Parish
Unit 209





EAST TEXAS
UNIT 225
SUSAN FORD

70% GAMES

Larry Brough & Liz Jacobson
70% Pittsburg DBC 10/4

Mary Bartley & Nancy Green
72% Rose City DBC 10/9

Shirley Shelton & Peggy Singer
70% Longview DBC 10/27

David Worrell & Karen Bell
71% STaC Longview DBC
11/14

Ennis Dyess & Mike Graham
70.42% STaC Longview DBC
11/19

Larry Brough and Liz Guthrie
70% Game at Pittsburg DBC
12/2

Judy Adams and Charles Ford
73% Dottie Pirkle DBC 12/8

SHELIA BELL DBC

**Halloween Celebration—Fun,
Games, And Costumes!**

**Jolly Woolsey & Doni
Phillips Scored 70%
game 10/26**

ROSE CITY DBC

**Halloween
Celebration—
Fun, Games,
and Costumes!**



Jolly Woolsey and Donna Phillips



Rose City Halloween Party



Shiela Bell Duplicate Bridge Club Halloween Party

PITTSBURG DBC

**Pittsburg DBC's Sunday, Dec 4
Christmas party!**

We enjoyed a little early arrival to
PDBC'S game today, 12/9, for our
Christmas gathering!

Jaudon provided delicious
mini pecan bites for everyone, we
had plenty of snacks, chocolates
and Frank made his strong Texas
coffee!



Today's game was special Unit at the Club game with extra points!

Congrats to the winners:

1. Jean and Jean
2. Georgia and Linda H
2. Pat and Diane



Special Unit at the Club Game Winners
Jean & Jean, Georgia & Linda H, Pat & Diane

Our next Sunday afternoon game is Jan 8, 2023 as New Year's Day is Sunday, Jan 1st.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

NACOGDOCHES DBC

Nacogdoches Duplicate Bridge Club

Our little club continues to entertain themselves whether we have a sanctioned game or not—we will play 2—but almost never 2.5. Shown at right is what happens when we play 2.5! **Or have a Slow play**

We had our usual Pot Luck Christmas party on the 5th of December. No one went home hungry—we all love the variety our members come up with and

many went home with to-go boxes.

Winners of the Championship game were Gay Roach & Mark Reynolds, 1st OA; J. Jack Yarbrough & Bobbi Robinson, 2nd OA; Max Walton & Gavin

McGown, 1st in B & C and Bonnie Todd & Gloria Oliver 2nd in B.

Congratulations to Mark Reynolds. He made Regional Life Master this year.

We are all looking forward to the Regional in Longview April 4th thru the 8th. Hope to see you there.



Slow Play
(Photo by Gay Roach with permission of J. Jack Yarbrough)

VAN ZANDT COUNTY DBC

VETERANS DAY

A colorful Veteran's Day was celebrated by Charles and Susan Ford. Thank you to all Unit 225 Veterans for their service to our country.



Charles & Susan Ford

December Van Zandt Duplicate Bridge Club

Merry Christmas from Nannie's Bridge House!

We are so glad to have Sandy Hilliard return to directing after





many months. We missed her! But we were so fortunate to have Charles Ford take over in her absence.

He did a wonderful job as our director for much of 2022. Thanks, Charles! And thanks also to his wife Susan who was helping him out at most of the games he directed.

Canton's Christmas Party is being held on Dec. 20th with 7 tables being reserved. We will have a catered holiday meal, share our homemade deserts with each other and then have a fun game of duplicate bridge. As we have done for many years, we will collect cash donations to "Santa's Kids", a charity that provides new personal toys for the foster children of Van Zandt County.



Lee Lunsford

IN MEMORIUM LEE LUNSFORD

Sadly we lost a good friend in November, Lee Lunsford. Lee and his wife Norma played with the Gun Barrel Club for years and when it closed, they started faithfully coming to the Canton games each week.

Lee had been very ill for several years, but he and Norma

continued to play for as long as his health would permit. We will miss Lee very much. We are so glad Norma is continuing to play with us here in Canton.

My memories of Lee were of him sitting at table 1 right by my desk and he kept me laughing all day long. He had a way of saying things that would make you laugh.

He also always thanked me for having the games because that was the only time he got out of the house. I will truly miss him and his smile and pleasant ways.

—Sandy Hillard

He was an excellent bridge player. You had to have your A game on when you played him.

He was a poet and played the trumpet. As his wife says "*He was*



Shirley Matthews

IN MEMORIUM — SHIRLEY MATTHEWS

Shirley Matthews was the most enthusiastic bridge player I have ever know. Once we traveled to Las Vegas for a National that lasted 9 days. She wanted to play 3 times a day, every day, and she did. She loved the game! She had lived in San Francisco and St. Louis before retiring with her husband Bob to Hideaway thirty years ago.

I will miss her quick humor and laugh, her caring sweet attitude toward others. she was one of my bridge partners, but most of all, I'll miss her friendship.

— Shirley Shelton

My memories of Shirley Matthews are numerous and joyful. I had the pleasure of accompanying Shirley to bridge tournaments all over the country—from Boston to Beaumont, Hot Springs to Toronto, and all points in between. Shirley was a longtime member of the Longview DBC and a precious and dear friend. She and her last husband, Bob, opened their home to me during the 3 years I did consulting work at Hide-A-Way Lake Golf Shop. Shirley was a great bridge player, wonderful cook, fun person to be with, and extremely loyal to her closest friends. I will miss her, but I will forever hold special memories deep in my heart. Unit 225 has lost one of our finest members.

—Mike Graham



a man of many layers". He will be greatly missed!

HAPPENINGS IN UNIT 225

The Annual Christmas Luncheon and Rewards

The annual Christmas Luncheon was held Saturday December 10th with a large group in attendance!

Jinny Jones, Awards Chairman, recognized the following Life Master Achievement Awards

- Bonnie Magee,**
Gold Life Master
- Peggy Singer,**
Ruby Life Master
- Linda & John Gurasich**
Life Master



Bonnie Magee



Peggy Singer



Linda & John Gurasich

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

with Charles Ford

If you are a bridge player that likes to talk about a hand after it's played, this lesson series may be just the tool for you.

In this set of lessons, Charles will use 6 to 8 bridge hands

per session. He will discuss the bidding, what to do if there's interference, and other "what if" scenarios.

For example, what should you bid if your partner opens 1NT? What about a major opening with opponent interference? What should you do?

The best part is, it's FREE!

Classes Start Jan 2nd at 7pm.

All sessions are via Zoom with each lasting about an hour.

If you are interested email Charles at crfordsf@aol.com & he will send the link about 15 minutes prior to the session.

Susan Ford

Unit 225



COMING SOON



UNIT 225 TO HOST THE 2023 TOURNAMENT OF STARS

Unit 225 will host this tournament April 4th - 8th at the Holiday Inn in Longview. Two sessions will be held each day at 10 am and 2:30 pm. Games will include Bracketed Swiss, Stratified Pairs and Gold Rush Pairs

To ensure the tournament's success, we will need "ALL HANDS ON BOARD!" There will be plenty of opportunities for members, not only to play, but also to assist with registration, hospitality, photography, setup, etc.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THIS IMPORTANT EVENT.

WATCH FOR THE EVENT FLYER IN THE MARCH SCORECARD





TEXAS CAPITAL
UNIT 207
SHARON HOGER

Happy Holidays to Everyone!

Unit 207 has had an array of holiday parties and is looking forward to a New Year of bridge.

Our first event of the New Year is the **January Sectional (January 5-8)** at the Holiday Inn Midtown just down the street from the Bridge Center of Austin. This tournament features the North American Pairs on Saturday and Sunday as well as Open and 299er events each day.

Everyone who qualified for the NAP at the Club level is eligible to play. We're looking forward to seeing y'all at this lovely

tournament site.

Austin player, Andrew Chen, recently won the U16 International Online Bridge Tournament partnered with Brian Zhang of California.

These online events are organized on RealBridge so that junior players get a chance to play other juniors from around the world.

RealBridge is an online bridge platform aimed at novices and juniors. Andrew, his brother Charlie and their parents recently moved to Austin from California.

All four are Life Masters and have made a name for themselves in local tournament play.

Looking ahead to January, clubs will be featuring Junior Fund Games for extra masterpoints.

If you miss F2F play, January is a good time to come back.

You might want to include the **New Life Master Party** at the BCA on **January 14th**, which will feature cake and recognition of eleven new Life Masters.

We'd like to congratulate Alex Labry of Austin who just became an Emerald Life Master.



Alex Labry - Emerald LM

Way to go, Alex!

Sharon Hoger
Unit 207



TEACHER PROFILE — SALLY SASSEN



- ACBL ACCREDITED TEACHER
- CLUB DIRECTOR

BASIC BRIDGE - BEGINNING BRIDGE CLASS

JANUARY 11th thru MARCH 15th • Wednesdays, 10:00 am - noon
BRIDGE CENTER OF AUSTIN • 6700 Middle Fiskville Rd, Austin
Learn how to play the great game of bridge, challenging your mind and making new friends, in these fun, social classes. Ten lectures will use the textbooks of *Audrey Grant, Bridge Basics I - An Introduction*, and *Bridge Basics II - Competitive Bidding*. Classes will include discussion, exercises, sample hands, and plenty of time to practice play.

Classes are \$160 per class, including the texts.

Sally Sassen has been a bridge instructor for over 20 years, and has taught hundreds of students through the Bridge Center of Austin. She is a TAP-accredited instructor, and particularly likes working with new students. Her basic philosophy of bridge instruction: ***"It's a game—let's have fun!"***

Click here for more information or to register

Bridge Center of Austin, Austin, Texas, USA (bridgewebs.com)





Austin BCA

Mardi Gras

Sectional

February 22 (Wed) - 25 (Sat)

Bridge Center of Austin, 6700 Middle Fiskville Rd.

512-300-2743 bridgecenteraustin.com



Stratifications

(Pair & team games based on average MPs)

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

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

Saturday Swiss Teams:

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

Director has discretion on

Director has discretion on A/X MP break;

Basic Chart for 299ers & B/C/D Saturday Swiss;

Open Chart for all other events.

Entry Fees

\$14/session (\$16 for unpaid members, ACBL requirement)

\$140/Saturday Swiss (includes meal)

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

Wednesday, Feb 22 - Friday, Feb 24

Swiss Teams, single session

10am, 2:30pm

Stratified Open Pairs, single session

10am, 2:30pm

Stratified 299er Pairs, single session

10am, 2:30pm

Saturday, Feb 25

A/X, BCD Swiss Teams

10am & TBD

Meal served between sessions on Saturday

*Que le Bon Temps du
Pont Roule à Nouveau!*

**This is a
Cashless Tournament**

Chairs: Jean Durocher, jdurocher39@yahoo.com

Rachell Jackson, rachellann.tx@gmail.com

Partnerships: Karen O'Shea, kgw.inc@gmail.com

Safety Coordinator: Jean Durocher, jdurocher39@yahoo.com

Hospitality: Rachell Jackson, rachellann.tx@gmail.com

Director in Charge: Kevin Perkins, kevin.perkins@acbl.org

COVID GUIDELINES

Proof of Vaccination is required to play in this Sectional unless you have already provided proof to the BCA.

Masks are not required to play.

For current and future ACBL and BCA Covid guidelines, please refer to the BCA website, where updates will be posted.

www.bridgecenteraustin.com

**This is a
fragrance-free
tournament.**





**CENTRAL TEXAS
UNIT 233**
PAM & GEORGE
HOLMES

Board Election

The election of Board members resulted in the following taking office:

- President:** N. Sue Blackwell
- Vice President:** Jan Hart
- Secretary:** Lynn Sykes
- Treasurer:** Malissa Baugh
- Board Members:**
 - Lennie Wilkens
 - Patricia (Patty) Santini
 - Ethel Corlett
 - Linda Pitzer
 - George Holmes

WACO 0 to 500

The Waco 0 to 500 Bridge Club hosted a Holiday game on December 8th. Fellowship at lunch followed by a Club Championship Game. Winners of the Howell movement were Pam and George Holmes with a 66.67% game

Unit 233 had a Board Meeting followed by a unit game on December 5. The Board meeting and the game were played in Waco at the Sul Ross Senior Center, home to all the Waco Clubs.

The Clubs from Temple made the trek to Waco and appreciated the limousine ride that was provided to assist some members in their travels to Waco.

A delicious lunch was provided and then we played an 8 table Mitchell movement. It had been almost four years since the unit or any unit 233 club was able to play a Mitchell movement.

A good time was had by all. A special thank you to Sue Blackwell, Ethel and Tom Corlett for the coordination and hard work involved in putting this event together.

Thanks to Cathy Valentine for her club hosting the Unit Championship game.

Winners included:

Overall and E/W with a 73.21% game: Trudi Lamendola & Patty Santini

N/S with a 60.42% game: Margaret Downing & Richard Cunningham



Unit 233 Board Meeting (most of the members)





Monday Slammers hosted their Holiday game on December 19th - results were not available when this report was submitted.

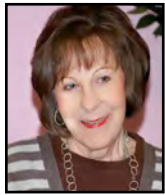
George Holmes
Unit 233



UNIT 233 GAMES



Waco 0 to 500 Holiday game



WICHITA FALLS
UNIT 353
MARSHA MAY

Unit #353 has had 3 “Going Away Parties” for dear friends this past year and so we decided to bring back our “Annual Christmas Party” to share some joy!!!

Suzanne Sosa has decorated for all the parties this year and she outdid herself for the *Christmas Party!*



Suzanne Sosa & the fabulous Christmas Decorations



Dana Clay and David Dodson were the last to arrive – of course they do drive 50 miles to the Bridge Center. We are so proud of our newest members!!!

The Christmas Party



Nell Lister, Betsy Smith and Margie Brown enjoying a glass of Champagne





Suzanne Sosa, Tomie Johnson and Nancy Purcell (standing)



Carolyn Bell and Lois Roberson



Marsha May is singing "Happy Birthday" to Gail Simpson



We found out that we had a Birthday Girl on the day of the Christmas Party. We let Gail and her partner Helen Cash go first in the food line -yum!



Pat Robinson, Faye Morrison and Cathy Zinn



Dave Hertzog is having one more piece of candy. Congratulations to Dave who just became a "Gold Life Master"



Jody Elgin is trying to convince Santa that she has been nice and not naughty. We think it is really nice that Jody takes off work to come to our special events.

And a Good Time Was Had by All



Tomie Johnson, Margaret Kirkland, Nell Lister, Anne Halsell and Carolyn Bell





Judy's Going Away Party

Unit #353 has hopefully had its last “Going Away Party” – at least for a while. Julia (Judy) Lucas has moved to Flower Mound, Texas, to be close to family and we are really going to miss her.

Judy was a longtime member who played as much as she could and was always willing to play with anyone who needed a partner. It is no wonder that

she won the “Goodwill Award” many years ago.

Judy has 3 sons (Richard, William and Terry), 4 grandsons (Robert, T.J., Dylan and Devon) and 2 granddaughters (Stacey and Meredith.)

Judy said that she is excited to be closer to her boys and their families but she is really going to miss her bridge family.



Margaret Kirkland has her own Bloody Mary Pitcher. Carolyn Bell could not be with us but she did provide the tea and ice



Suzanne Sosa, Margaret Kirkland, Pat Robinson, JUDY & Marsha May



Faye Morrison, Helen Cash, JUDY and Gail Simpson





It's finally time to eat!



Anne Halsell, David Dodson, Pat Robinson & Dana Clay



Nell Lister, Betsy Smith, Lois Roberson and Margie Brown



Cathy is bringing out more bread



Anne Halsell, Dave Hertzog, Cathy Zinn & Margaret Kirkland



It looks like Tomie Johnson is ready for dessert

Best Wishes Judy And We Will Miss You!!!



Helen Cash, Nell Lister, JUDY LUCAS, Betsy Smith, Gail Simpson & Margie Brown

Marsha May
Unit 353



Rockport & Corpus



Christi Play & Party





0-50 PLAYERS

♠ ♥ *Please Join Us!* ♦ ♣

Come play and practice in a fun environment with other newcomers in the 0-50 point range.

EVERY MONDAY

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.




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: nastrohmmer@yahoo.com



199ER NITE CLUB

Ready to Graduate from the 0 to 99 Game?

D16's 199ER NITE CLUB GAME ON BBO IS YOUR NEXT STEP!

7 DAYS A WEEK AT 6:05 PM CST

- ✓ Recent graduates of the 0 to 99 group can play in a game with players of the same ability.
- ✓ Work during the day? Graduates continue to grow skills at a time that's "worker friendly".
- ✓ Safe environment where no sharks are allowed, because the game is limited to 199 mpts.
- ✓ Clubs benefit too and continue to receive payments for their participating players.

Clubs must be signed up to participate, just like for the 99er NITE CLUB game.
Contact Nancy Strohmmer for details: nastrohmmer@yahoo.com

New Game in Town



SUPPORT YOUR CLUBS ONLINE (SYC)

BBO SYC (SUPPORT YOUR CLUB) DAYLONG ROBOT GAMES

When you play in a "Support Your Club" game, most of your table fees are given to your club. This way, you support your club and win ACBL black masterpoints.

- 18 boards, Matchpoints scoring plus the game is stratified
- 6 BB\$ entry fee
- ACBL daylongs uses advanced robots & once you begin, you have till midnight US Eastern to complete the set of 18 boards
- ACBL black masterpoints & BBO points awarded

Log in to BBO, click on *ACBL World* then select *ACBLSYC*.

ACBLSYC

ACBL SYC Black Point Daylong (MP)



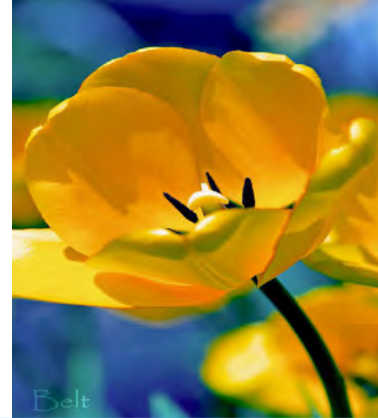


Dallas Spring Sectional March 22-25, 2023

Lovers Lane United Methodist Church
9200 Inwood Rd. (Near Northwest Highway)
Dallas, TX 75220

Snacks and Drinks Every Day!

Cashless Payments Only!



Tournament runs concurrently with District 16 GNT finals for Flights B and Championship Flight on Friday and Saturday.

Wednesday, March 22

Stratified Open and 299er Pairs (Single Sessions)	10:00 am & 2:30 pm
Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions, No player over 2000 MPs)	10:00 am & 2:30 pm
AXY Stratified Swiss Teams (2 sessions)	10:00 am & 2:30 PM

Thursday, March 23

Stratified Open and 299er Pairs (Single Sessions)	10:00 am & 2:30 pm
Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions, No player over 2000 MPs)	10:00 am & 2:30 pm
AXY Stratified Swiss Teams (2 sessions)	10:00 am & 2:30 PM

Friday, March 24

Stratified Open and 299er Pairs (Single Sessions)	10:00 am & 2:30 pm
Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions, No player over 2000 MPs)	10:00 am & 2:30 pm
AXY Stratified Swiss Teams (2 sessions)	10:00 am & 2:30 PM

Saturday, March 25

FREE LUNCH SERVED ON SATURDAY!

Stratified Open and 299er Pairs (Single Sessions)	10:00 am & 2:30 pm
Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions, No player over 2000 MPs)	10:00 am & 2:30 pm
AXY Stratified Swiss Teams (2 sessions)	10:00 am & 2:30 PM

Stratifications:

Open Pairs: A: 3000+, B: 750-2999, C: 0-749 (By average masterpoints)

299er Events: A: 300-200, B: 199-100, C: 99-0 (By average masterpoints)

AXY Swiss Teams: A: 6000+. X: 5999-3000, Y: 0-3000 (By average masterpoints)

Note: All stratifications may be adjusted by director.

PROOF OF COVID VACCINE IS REQUIRED

Entry Fees Wed thru Fri : ACBL members \$14 per session; Non-members \$17

Entry Fees Sat: ACBL members \$15 and Non-members \$18 with lunch provided

Tournament Chairpersons: Eileen Davidoff (eileen_s@hotmail.com)

and Bill Higgins (wlhiggins@sbcglobal.net)

Partnerships Email: PartnershipU176@gmail.com)

Tournament Director in Charge: Melody Euler

Hotel Info: Embassy Suites, Love Field, 3880 W. Northwest Hwy, Dallas, TX 75220;

Book at <https://tinyurl.com/Dallas2023> Phone: 214-358-6911; Rate: \$129.

Reserve by 2-28-23..





PUERTO VALLARTA REGIONAL WINNERS

DIRECTOR, PLEASE!



Michael Farebrother



Scott Humphrey, Jorge Rosen, & Jennifer Breihan



Shown left:
Marjorie Michelin,
Carolyn Byrnes, &
Laura Gastelum
Celebrate
Dia de los Muertos



Mon Eve Side Pairs A
Kevin Rosenberg & Amber Lin



Fri Morn Side Pairs A
Jimmy Reynolds & Boyce Robbins
(with their SOs)





Vallarta KO 1, Cancun KO 1, Acapulco KO 1, Sunday Swiss A
Jianfang Luo, Adam Grossack, Shan Huang, Joan Millens, Kevin Dwyer



Tues & Thurs Choice Pairs A
Richard Chan & Ming Sheng



Tues AXY Swiss
Haig Tchamitch & Patricia Herrera
(with Jacob Freeman & John Ramos)



Aft Side Game Series
Mary Ann White





MORE PUERTO VALLARTA REGIONAL WINNERS



Wed Open Pairs A
Mel Colchamiro (with James Griffin)



Thurs Morn Side Pairs A
Shan Huang & Joan Millens



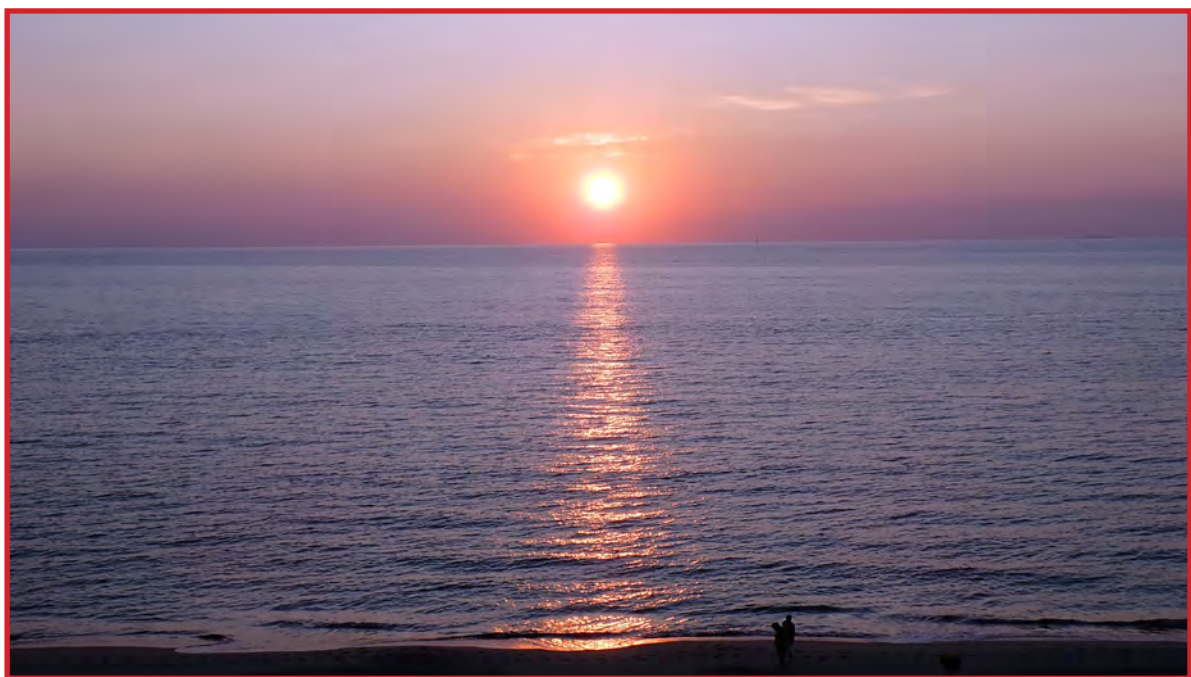
Sat Morn Side Pairs A
Ellen Anten & Marjorie Michelint



Sunday BCD Swiss
Danny and Jean Matteucci
(with Doug & Janet Larson)



Sunday Swiss AX
Bernie Lambert & Connie Marfell
(with Mary Ann White & Tom Gillett)



The Sun Sets on Another Puerto Vallarta Regional





THE LAW IS THE LAW

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

CLAIMS—TIME SAVERS OR TIME WASTERS?

The Claim is a highly effective tool that can help us stay within the amount of time given to play a particular set of boards...at least, it's supposed to

Not including the TOC and index, Claims are referenced about 35 times in *The Laws of Duplicate Bridge*. It has to be somewhat important when something is referenced that many times. Of the 93 Laws, three, 68, 69, and 70, are specifically dedicated to Claims.

Now, I'm not going to get into to all those rules. You can read through the full text here:

LAWS OF DUPLICATE BRIDGE

What I want to share are 4 of several claim scenarios (yes, there are others) that can cause play delays.

1. Declarer claims, stating "I've got the rest." then flashes the hand before putting it back in the board. ***Oh Please, Call the Director!*** The laws are not being followed & when the director comes to your table, you have to go through everything...& ***that takes time!***
2. Declarer claims, facing the hand, then realizes there's a problem. "OOPS" they say "I guess I'm not claiming." ***Oh Please!! Call the Director!*** Once a claim is made, play ceases. It's not going to start just because someone says OOPS. When the hand is faced for all to see, rules are partially followed, but OOPS?? Not so much. When the director comes to your table, you have to go through the entire OOPS issue...& ***that takes time!***
3. Declarer claims, facing the hand & outlining the play. Yes, rules have been followed, but heck, there's a trump out & they don't know it. Should you say let's play it because a trump is out? ***Oh No! Call the Director.*** Remember, play has ceased, so to tell declarer there's a trump outstanding & then start play again, could change the outcome of the hand. Say nothing until the director gets to your table, explain everything...& ***that takes time!***
4. Declarer claims & shows the hand with no play explanation. You ask nicely for one, but declarer just repeats that it's good & still doesn't explain anything. ***What?? Call the director.*** The rules are not being followed. Everyone needs to agree that the claim is valid & it's declarer's responsibility to explain clearly. When the director comes to your table, you will need to go through the entire scenario...& ***that takes time!***

Are there morals to this story? OH YES!

1. A Bad Claim is the Enemy in a timed event, so be careful when making one
2. Director Calls can take time away from successful on-time round completion
3. Penalties can possibly be given when bad claims are made, affecting the final outcome of the hand
4. If things do go belly up and unfortunately, they sometimes do, you only have one course of action—

Call the Director & Do Take the Time to Do It Right!!





THE MOST BEAUTIFUL GAME IN THE WORLD

By Patricia Herrera



Bridge never ceases to amaze me. It is the most beautiful game in the world and the ultimate social sport.

A complex and logic sport, we can always learn more and improve our game in many different ways: by playing, reading, taking lessons, watching videos, kibitzing stars and so on.

Having said this, sometimes very little attention is given to **sportsmanship**. The Merriam-Webster dictionary's definition of sportsmanship is the following:

conduct (such as fairness, respect for one's opponent, and graciousness in winning or losing) becoming to one participating in a sport.

Sadly, **sportsmanship** is not always the rule at bridge competitions, from online and duplicate games to national tournaments and world series. The same goes for bridge etiquette.

Here are a few pointers that may help us improve our bridge etiquette and sportsmanship:

- Give your best effort. Even when partner is playing poorly or has a negative attitude
- Have a positive attitude
- Greet opponents before and after the game
- Support teammates. Never criticize them
- Treat others with respect
- Never bully
- Cards should not be taken out of the board before all players are at the table
- Same goes for shuffling
- Be on time on each round. There is no excuse
- Also, play on time
- No, you don't own the table so don't arrange others pencils, score sheets, bidding boxes, etc.
- Do not SNAP your cards down on the table or the bridgemates or anything
- North, must present the result when scoring to East-West for their acceptance
- Do not look at your opponent's or partner's cards after the hand has been played without their permission. NEVER





- Even better, never touch a card other than yours
- Lead and THEN write the contract on your score sheet
- Put the dummy down as soon as you can
- Accept rulings
- Opponents are entitled to know ALL your partnership agreements. Never try to hide information nor give incomplete answers
- Have a complete convention card at hand that can be read by your opponents at all time
- Never gloat
- You are entitled to not like everybody but speaking poorly about other players or people in the room doesn't make playing enjoyable nor is a sign of good sportsmanship. Avoid it at all costs
- Be aware that gossip and politics are Bridge worst enemy and drive many newcomers away. Make sure you are not toxic



Hope you have a fantastic 2023 filled with joy, health, love and bridge.

All the best,
Patricia

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.



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ABOUT THE LECTURE SERIES

By Patricia Herrera

*Bridge is such a fantastic and challenging game.
It requires us to never stop learning in order to improve and get better.*

BUT, HOW DO WE KEEP ON LEARNING?

There are many ways. Like any other sport we need patience and discipline but also someone that can teach us the latest trends and some other cool stuff.

District 16, aware of this need, is hosting *free monthly Lecture Series in English / Mini Lecciones in Spanish* for beginners and intermediate bridge players, as well as anyone else who wants to improve their bridge game and sharpen their skills.

In case you haven't attended one of the lecture series / Mini lecciones, they are one-hour zoom classes that use a PowerPoint Presentation each speaker is required to prepare.

From now on, there will be:

- **BEGINNER'S ENGLISH LECTURE**
The Second Saturday of Every Month
- **INTERMEDIATE ENGLISH LECTURE**
The Fourth Saturday of Every Month
- **LECTURES IN SPANISH**
The Third Saturday of Every Month

They all take place at **12:30 pm central time.**

Handouts and recorded Zoom sessions will be available on the district website:

https://d16acbl.org/D16_Zoom_Lessons.php

Topics include things like when and how to preempt, take-out doubles, second-hand low, dynamic defense and many more.

*Don't miss the opportunity to learn from the best,
ask questions, see other bridge players and, most importantly, play better.*

SEE YOU SOON AT ALL OF THE LECTURES!



ZOOM LECTURES

JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH 2023

JANUARY

- **JANUARY 14, FOR BEGINNERS, IN ENGLISH** - Stefanie Scott.
Topic to be announced
- **JANUARY 21, IN SPANISH** - Mini lección by Jorge Rosen. Tema: Doblos
- **JANUARY 28 - NO LECTURE** due to the Houston Lone Star Regional

FEBRUARY

- **FEBRUARY 11, FOR BEGINNERS, IN ENGLISH** - Mary Ann White. Topic to be announced
- **FEBRUARY 18, IN SPANISH** - Mini lección by Max Chauvet. Tema: Señales
- **FEBRUARY 25, IN ENGLISH** - For intermediate players - Thomas Rush

MARCH

- **MARCH 11 - NO LECTURE** due to the New Orleans NABC
- **MARCH 18, IN SPANISH** - Mini lección by Güera Belden.
Tema por anunciarse
- **MARCH 25, IN ENGLISH** - for intermediate players - TBA

Have fun and remember that (not only) practice makes the master ♥

Cheers and thanks,

Patricia



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