

District 16 Scorecard



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President's Message



By Betty Starzec
President District 16

Congratulations to all District 16 players who did well in Atlanta! Although I was unable to attend, many friends and familiar names were in the overalls. Congratulations again! D16 player successes are highlighted on [page 8](#). Speaking of NABCs, congratulations to Dallas who was awarded the 2027 Spring NABC. It will be a lot of fun to have once again a national tournament in our district.

National Board Action

The ACBL Board of Directors passed an update to the way monies are distributed to units for membership renewals. Currently units receive 11% of the dues collected, this will change next year with units having the ability to receive 15%. However, this will require units to actively participate in retaining and recruiting members. Information on this new endeavor and training of unit volunteers will be forthcoming from ACBL.

Scorecard

The online version of our district publication, [Scorecard](#), has been in place for several years now and I hope you are enjoying the enhancements that our amazing editor, Evvie Gilbert, has made.

As we can tell from the numbers of people who open the document, not all district members are reading this great publication. Please alert your fellow bridge players to take a look at Scorecard if they haven't done so. As you know, the latest ACBL, district and unit news are included with loads of pictures and information about past and upcoming events. A fun read!

In Passing

It is hard to believe that this is my last Scorecard President's Message as my presidential term ends this year. The two years seemingly have flown by though they have been punctuated by several issues which have been handled successfully thanks to our active district board. In that regard, I wish to thank each and every unit representative, committee chair, committee member, and volunteer. And especially the Executive Committee for their participation which enabled our district to run effectively and efficiently.

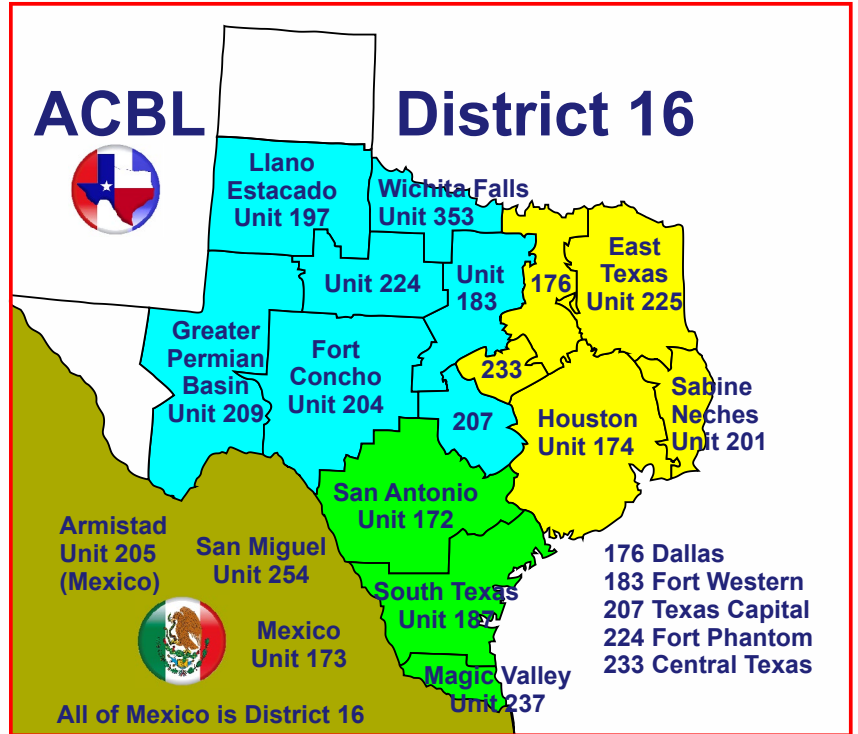
Please know that it has been my great honor to serve as your District President.

See you at the tables!



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January 4-7 Austin Winter Sectional

January 11-14 San Antonio Ed Rawlinson Winter Sectional

January 13-14 San Antonio D16 NAP Final

January 22-28 Houston Lone Star Regional

February 1-4 San Miguel Sectional

February 3-4 Austin Winter NLM Sectional

February 8-11 Houston BCOH 499er Sectional

February 8-11 Ajijic Valentine Sectional

February 9-11 Fort Worth Fort Western Sectional

February 21-24 Dallas Winter Sectional

February 27-March 3 San Miguel de Allende Regional

February 29-March 2 Denton Local Sectional

February 29-March 2 Houston Westside Academy 499er Sectional

February 29-March 3 Austin BCA Mardi Gras Sectional

March 7-9 Beaumont Spindletop Sectional

April 5-7 Houston Electional Sectional

April 6-7 Houston District 16 GNT Final

April 10-13 San Antonio Roxana Tom Sectional

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Regional Director's Update



By Paul Cuneo

District 15, 16 Regional Director

The Atlanta NABC was hosted by the Marriott Marquis Hotel which was a fine location for the event. Final table count was 6643 which was 95% of budget. Congratulations and thanks to all District 15 and 16 players who participated.

The Atlanta Board meeting was held prior to the NABC. Congratulations to Margot Hennings, D6 Annandale, Virginia who will be the President of the Board in 2024, Cindy Shoemaker, D17 Marana, Arizona who will be vice president and David Lodge, D22 Rancho Mirage, California who will continue as ACBL Treasurer. Congratulations to Rebecca Brown who was elected to the ACBL Charity Foundation Board.

Key Board Actions

1. Approved the Dallas Hyatt Recency Hotel as the site of the 2027 Spring NABC. A big thank you to Tomi Storey and Ken Monzingo who participated in the site assessment meetings.

2. We passed a bylaws amendment to allow the Annual Membership Meeting to be held virtually beginning in the summer of 2024. Attendance at the Chicago in-person meeting was about 30 people including ACBL staff and board members.

Holding the meeting virtually will allow more members to participate.

3. Changes to the unit rebate program were approved. These changes are the culmination of work that was initiated in 2020 by the Strategic Committee which I chaired. Historically, ACBL has sent 11% of the member dues and service fees to units with an expectation that the money is used to promote bridge in the communities, recruit new members and retain existing members. Surveys and discussions with unit board members found that most were unaware of the expectations for the use of the funds. The revised program will reduce the minimum rebate to 5%, but

allow units to earn an additional 10% by improving their new member recruiting and retention. This program will begin in 2024 but be phased in to allow unit boards to get local programs in place. The hope is that ACBL will pay out more money to units because membership is growing. Please reach out to your unit board members and ask them how you can help to make their programs successful.

Membership

Our membership decline has slowed dramatically in 2023. ACBL's net loss is only 2100 members since January 1 due to increased recruiting of new members and improving member retention. Three months showed gains! Management has proposed some new programs to be rolled out in 2024 aimed at new ways of increasing membership. With the decrease in membership loss in 2023, incentivizing units to work on membership recruitment and retention, and the new programs for 2024, I am optimistic that ACBL will grow membership in 2024 any beyond.

I want to wish you and your families and friends a great year in 2024! I hope to see many of you at the tournaments as well.



The Most Beautiful Game in the World ♠

By Patricia Herrera

D16 Education Coordinator



Bridge is the most beautiful game in the world and the ultimate social sport. For many reasons is the most popular card game in the planet. One of the most crucial parts of bridge is being able to have successful partnerships. That

involves the ability to communicate effectively and understand each other's strategies.

We have already discussed the importance of having a convention card filled so now it is time to talk about the power of notes. In bridge notes are used as well as a convention card. Notes provide a great advantage and lead to more successful partnerships.

Why having notes will improve our game.

- **Improved Communication.** Notes provide an additional layer of communication between partners. They allow players to convey important information, such as specific bidding agreements, preferred leads, or defensive strategies. By having this information readily available partners can better understand each other's intentions, and make more informed decisions throughout the game.

- **Memory Aid.** Having notes as well as a convention card, allows us to reduce the pressure of remembering every detail. We don't need to remember all conventions, agreements, strategies and other stuff if we have them on our notes.

- **Better Understanding.** Notes are a reference point for partners, reducing the chance of misunderstandings.

- **Flexibility Notes.** Notes can be updated constantly allowing partnerships to evolve and adapt their strategies.

Now how do I start making notes? What should be in them? How long should our notes be? The easiest way is literally by creating a document called Bridge Notes created online or by hand. You can start it with or without your partner but you must meet and discuss your notes. You can use the convention card and its sections as points of reference.

- Overall system
- Bidding
- Responses
- Forcing openings
- Notrump interference
- Defense: leads and carding
- Doubles

What would be the style when something has not been discussed? Some tips about notes:

- Notes are organic and should change over time.
- Notes should not replace open communication between partners.
- Notes require practice to be effective.
- Be flexible. Ask better players what approaches they use and if you decide with your partner that those are good concepts, include them in your notes and use it in your playing system.

Having notes will improve your results at the bridge table by improving your partnership communication, giving you memory support, consistency, and adaptability. Therefore, seize your convention card, initiate the note taking process, and witness the flourishing growth of your partnerships.

Wishing all of you a fantastic 2024.

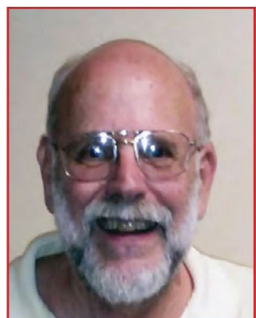
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NAP District Level Competition ♠

By Larry Davis

D16 NAP Coordinator



The District Final for NAP Flights A, B & C will be held during the San Antonio Sectional, January 13-14, 2024. It will be a four session event consisting of a two session play through qualifying event into a two session play through final with a carryover as per the

ACBL formula (* but see below if attendance is low).

The top three pairs in Flight A and the top four pairs in each of Flights B and C will be eligible to play in the National Final. The eligible pairs will be notified by the ACBL Special Events Coordinator regarding any subsidy earned based on their finish in the District Final. Qualifiers must play in the national level event until eliminated to receive the subsidy.

No new partnerships may be formed between the district and national level competition. If a qualifying pair is unable to attend the NABC, the invitation will be passed to the next eligible pair based upon its finish in the District Final.

* If 16 or fewer pairs enter the District 16 NAP finals for a given flight, such flight will have a one day, two session play through final to determine the national level qualifiers for that flight.

North American Pairs National Level Competition

The finals of the NAP will be held during the Spring NABC in Louisville, Kentucky in March. The Flight A event is scheduled for March 13-14. Flights B & C to be held on March 23-24. There is no entry fee for the national level of the NAP. District subsidies are usually available based on the current District 16 Board of Directors policy.

District subsidies, if any, are contingent upon Zero Tolerance violations at the district and national levels. Some units provide additional subsidies (check with your unit board).



Grand National Teams ♠

By Scott Nason

D16 GNT Coordinator



The Grand National Teams (GNT) 2024 are coming soon. Once again, we are going to dispense with the unit qualifying and proceed straight to district finals. So get your team together and meet us in Houston or Dallas in the spring.

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

the GNT National Finals in Toronto at the Summer NABC in July 2024.

Championship Flight The top flight – the Championship Flight – is open to anyone who is an ACBL member in good standing, and who has resided in District 16 as of September 1, 2023.

Flight A In order to play in Flight A each member of the team must also have had fewer than 6000 masterpoints as of the August 6, 2023 ACBL posting.

Flight B For Flight B the cutoff is 2500 points.

Flight C 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 16 Finals. The District Finals will be split into two venues:

- The Championship and B Flights will be held in Houston on April 6-7.
- Flights A and C will be held in Dallas on May 25-26.

The winners from each flight may advance to the National GNT Finals in Toronto in July and will be eligible for an expense stipend if they actually play in Toronto. Note also that if Flights B and/or C have eight or more teams, then the top two teams will qualify for National Finals.

For more GNT information you may consult the event flyer below, and the Conditions of Contest which are posted on the [D16 website](#).



District 16 2024 District Finals

Formats for each Grand National Teams (GNT) will be based on the number of teams entered. See the GNT Conditions of Contest for the planned formats.

April 6-7 in Houston

Saturday, April 6

Flight B Qualifying	10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.
Championship Flight Qualifying	10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 7

Flight B finals (if necessary)	10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.
Championship Flight finals (if necessary)	10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

May 25-26 in Dallas

Saturday, May 25

Flight C qualifying	10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.
Flight A qualifying	10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 26

Flight C finals (if necessary)	10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.
Flight A finals (if necessary)	10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

Masterpoint Limits

- Championship Flight – Open to Anyone
- Flight A Open to players with less than 6000 masterpoints, as of August 6, 2023
- Flight B Open to players with less than 2500 masterpoints, as of August 6, 2023
- Flight C Open to Non-Life Masters with less than 500 masterpoints, as of August 6, 2023

Stratification/Eligibility

Every player must be an ACBL member in good standing and have been a resident of D16 as of September 1, 2023. All teams must preregister with Scott Nason at sdnason@sbcglobal.net no later than April 1 for the Championship Flight & Flight B, and by May 20 for Flight A & Flight C. Team captains must supply the names of the players with ACBL numbers and the flight in which they will compete.

Card fees will be \$60 (\$15 x 4) per team, per session.

Venues

Flight Championship & Flight B in Houston with the sectional tournament at Arabia Shriners Center, 10510 Harwin Drive, Houston. Flights A & C in Dallas with the sectional at the Holiday Inn Dallas-Richardson, 1655 North Central Expressway, Richardson.

Tournament Chair: Scott Nason sdnason@sbcglobal.net

Tournament Director: Kevin Perkins (Houston) and Melody Euler (Dallas)

Georgia on My Mind

The Fall NABC in Atlanta

By Scott Nason

D16 NABC Correspondent/Reporter



ATLANTA

2023 FALL NABC

NOV. 23 - DEC. 3

The North American Bridge Championships (NABC) returned to the Marriot Marquis in downtown Atlanta this Fall, which was last hosted a National in Summer 2018.



Lilly Justman & Teammates

District 16 brought home two NABC+ titles and one NABC title. A big congratulations to Lilly Justman, who won her first NABC+ title in the Mixed Swiss Teams, to Nancy Passell and Shawn Quinn for their win in the Wager Women's Pairs and to Timucin Erkoc, Eddie Bass and Can Berktas, who won the 0-10,000 Swiss Teams.



Shawn Quinn & Nancy Passell

In addition, Eric Greco was 2nd in Reisinger Board-A-Match Teams, Hua Yang and Yan Song turned in a 2nd place finish in the 0-10,000 IMP Pairs and Jerry Barrett and Wiley McMinn III finished 2nd in the 0-6000 Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs.

District 16 got off to an impressive start with several "surprises" in the Nail Life Masters. In 3rd place after day one was the Austin pair of Jarek Langer and Benjamin Klauder, who entered the event with 2500 masterpoints between the two of them and very little time playing as partners. Their impressive performance continued with a 62.4% game in the first final session to move up to 2nd place and they came home with a 48% game to finish 6th in this very tough event. Their 45.45 platinum points will certainly exceed that of most players who have yet to earn Gold LM status.

Their 62% game in the first final session was helped by this interesting hand. Jarek held:

♠Q109xxx ♥AKx ♦xxxx ♣--

He heard partner Ben open 3♥, nonvul against vul opponents. While he debated a 4♥ bid, his RHO bid 3NT. Now Ben might well have opened a light 3♥ at this vulnerability, so Jarek decided to pass and lead the ♥A. He admits to a defensive error, pitching two spades on the run of the hearts, but they still took the first 10 tricks, for +600 and a very good result, beating all the opponents who played and made 5♥ or 5♠, while 5♣ was usually down 1.

And like all good partners, Ben shared in the “error” by admitting that he should have cashed the ♠K, so that Jarek would have known to keep all his spades. Ben’s hand was:

♠AKJx ♥J10xxxx ♦xx ♣x

Declarer had bid 3NT with ♠x ♥Qx in the majors. How refreshing to scold themselves over a board in which they won most of the match points.

Also placing overall in the Nail LMs were Norman Beck (26th), Mark Lair and Robert Morris (30th), and Dolores Aquino (37th).

Another early success belonged to the father/son team of Hua and Kyo Chen, who finished 3rd in the Gold Rush Pairs.

Then a few days later, they won the Gold Rush Swiss Teams. Not bad for nine-year-old Kyo.

On Saturday, Kitty Cooper finished 3rd in the Top Flight Pairs and Lynn Baker was 10th. And Fred Seipp won the Bracketed Teams 4.

On Sunday, the mostly Texan team of Timucin Erkoc, Eddie Bass and Can Berktaş won the NABC 0-10K Swiss Teams. There was some confusion about their eligibility for this event, due to extensive experience and success playing in Turkey, but the ACBL ruled that the team had been totally honest and above board about their prior experience, so any error was the ACBL’s so their win was allowed to stand. Jeff Dater and Tomi Storey finished 11th.

The team of Brigitte Sandifer, Harry Selldin, Nancy Strohmer, and Paddy Fiorino finished 9th in the Mid-Flight Teams. And Steve Chen, with his two sons Andrew and Charlie, finished 2nd in Strat X of the Top-Flight Pairs.

That evening, the tournament hosted Bridge Mania with Jeopardy Super-Champion James Holzhauer hosting a version of Jeopardy and the Grossack brothers hosting a version of Family Feud.

On Monday, Petra Hamman and Joan Jackson finished 6th in the Super Senior Pairs and Mark Lair and Robert Morris finished 25th in the Mitchell B-A-M Teams. D16 placed several players high in the Top-Flight Pairs: Michael Heymann finished 5th, Norman Beck and Burton Shepherd (13th), Joe Quinn and Ira Hessel (14th). Debrah and Michael Chockley were 4th in the C strat of the Mid-Flight Pairs. In the Top-Flight Swiss Teams, Thomas Rush finished 8th/9th, along with Sam Dinkin 12th. The 0-4000 Bracketed Teams Bracket 1 was won (again) by the Texas team of

Sandifer/Seldin/Strohmer/Fiorino. Bracket 5 was won by Sarah Springer, Donna and Martin Hrachovy, and Marilyn Frazier, who were far from finished with their successes this week. Miriam Cooper, B. Haznedar, Tonya McNabb, and Kathleen McDougall were 3rd.

Monday was Goodwill Day and Monday Night was the Goodwill Reception where our own Nancy Strohmer took over the helm as the chair of the Goodwill Committee earlier this year. Thank you, Nancy, for doing this!

On Tuesday, Hua Yang and Yan Song finished 2nd in the 0-10,000 IMP Pairs. Eddie Bass and Timucin Erkoc were 7th.

Fred Seipp was 2nd in the Bracketed Teams 3 and Mary Rita de Hoyos and Barbara Morgan were 3rd. In bracket 7, Robert and Susan Donsalla were 2nd, while the Springer/Hrachovy/Frazier team were 3rd. In the Open Pairs, Bill St. Clair was 4th in the B strat. And Jo and Sam Shah were 2nd in the evening Open Swiss Teams.

And as mentioned, on Wednesday Nancy Passell and Shawn Quinn won the Wager Women’s Pairs. Congratulations to Nancy and Shawn.

In the Soloway Knockout Teams, D16 placed many contenders in the round of 32: Eddie Wold (Team Levine), Mike Passell (Goodman), Eric Greco (Nickell), Sam Dinkin, Wanfeng Mou (Han), Jeffrey Juster, and Finn Kolesnik. Wold, Passell, Mou and Juster all made the round of 16 (i.e., a 9/16 finish), including the two biggest upsets in the round delivered by Mou and Juster. On Monday the field was trimmed to eight teams and the District 16 representation was down to just Mike Passell on the eighth seeded Goodman team. Mike’s team made the semis to finish 3/4.

Ira Hessel won the Top-Flight Pairs. In addition, Marylynn Genovesi and Ros Smith won the 0-4000 Bracketed Swiss top bracket, and the Springer-Hrachovy-Frazier team was 2nd in Bracket 5.

On Thursday, Jerry Barrett and Wiley McMin III closed out a great run in the Mini-Blue Ribbons with a 2nd place finish in this six session event. And Sally Wheeler and Buddy Hanby took the lead on day one of the Senior Mixed Pairs.



Nancy Strohmer
ACBL Aileen Osofsky
Goodwill Committee
Chair

Also on Thursday, Can Berktaş was 3rd in the Top-Flight Pairs. And District 16 dominated the middle brackets in the 0-4000 Bracketed Teams with wins in Brackets 3 and 4. Jo and Sam Shah won Bracket 3 and Rebecca Brown, Cynthia Rivet, Brian McNamara and Raymond Borrego were 2nd. Sarah Springer changed teammates and won Bracket 4 with Karen Tabak Nussbaum and Kathleen McDougall. In the Top Flight Swiss Teams, 5th in Strat Y went to the two father/son teams, the Chens from Houston (Hua and Kyo) and the Chens from Austin (Steve and Andrew). And District 16 placed several in the overalls of the Top-Flight Pairs: Evan Marti (18th), Greg Hinze (20th) and Mark Lair (21st).

On Friday Ira and Ellen Hessel finished 23rd in the Senior Mixed Pairs. Joan Jackson and Norman Beck were 16th, Michael Heymann (20th), and Sally Wheeler and Buddy Hanby (26th). Hua Yang and Yan Song were 4th in the 0-10,000 Fast Pairs.

In the Bracketed Swiss, Can Berktaş was 4th in Bracket 1, and Janet Meyer and Jacqueline Brown were 2nd in Bracket 9.

On Saturday Ros Smith and Mary Lynn Genovesi were 2nd in 0-4000 Bracket 1. Michael Heymann was 13th in Open Pairs. And Bill St. Clair came in 5th in Top-Flight Swiss Teams.

On the final day of the 11-day tournament, District 16 turned in some impressive results, led by Lilly Justman's win in the Mixed Swiss. She just went over 2000 masterpoints and won 100 platinum points in this one event. In addition, in that event, Eddie Wold was 3rd, Sam Dinkin 5th, Mark Lair and Nancy Passell 15th, Hua Yang, Yan Song, Buddy Hanby and Sally Wheeler 17th, Kitty Cooper 18th, and Steve and Nancy Kornegay and Ellen and Ira Hessel 19th. Eric Greco was 2nd in the Reisinger Board-A-Match Teams and Finn Kolesnik was 8th. In the Keohane North American Swiss Teams, Mark Feldman was

3rd, Mike Passell was 7th, and Jeffrey Juster was 9th. In the final 0-4000 Bracketed Swiss, Ros Smith and Mary Lynn Genovesi turned in another 2nd place finish in Bracket 1. Linda Griffith and Frank Floca won Bracket 2.

Winning a National Title

To win a national title takes skill and luck ... and guile. Playing against players with 5, 10 or 40 times as many masterpoints as she has, Lilly Justman found that she needed just that. At the table against a pair with many national championships between them, she heard her partner open a gambling 3NT. Lilly held:

♠AK10xx ♥10987 ♦Q10x ♣--

Wished they had discussed the parameters of this bid a bit more she decided to pass 3NT, although she had the uneasy feeling that her partner might never see his long clubs. But LHO balanced with 4♦. After partner passed, her RHO, after a long break in tempo, bid 4♥. She doubled, confidently, although not truly confident, and then heard her LHO pull it to 5♦, which, after two passes, she doubled happily since her partner would be on lead against 5♦ instead of her lead against 4♥.

Pard	RHO	Lilly	LHO
3NT*	Pass	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥**	Dbl	5♦
Pass	Pass	Dbl	end

*Gambling 3NT

**long tempo break

They cashed two clubs and one spade for down one, +200, while 4♥ would have rolled in. Oh, to be young ... and clever.



Dallas, Texas
March 11-21, 2027
Reservations open 9/22/26

2027

New Members

November 2023 - December 2023



172 Taher M Ghadiali	174 Jenella Smith	197 Debbie Mackey
172 Tracy Graham	176 Kristin Bell	207 Donald M Bowen
172 Oran Houck	176 Gerald Duchovnay	207 Susan Buckley
172 Sharon Wheeler	176 Louise M Graham	207 Catherine Collins
173 Laura Orvananos	176 Robert Gregory	207 R W Collins
174 Can P Berktaş	176 Bettie Scott	207 Rachelle Kull
174 Suzy Carroll	176 Gino Smith	207 Nancy McCourt
174 Sharon V Chamberlain	176 James Williams	207 Linda Rushing
174 L C Gaskill	183 Gregory Behrens	207 Carol L Swartz
174 Kelly R Henderson	183 Glen D Carson	207 Linda Uhl
174 William R Jonson	183 Robin Carson	209 Gwyndolyn J Sparks
174 Marne B Lagrasta	183 James C Garrett	224 Carl Jack
174 Marti Marshall	183 David A McCallum	225 Chuck Cox
174 Susan F Morris	183 Hank Prost	225 Loren Goodman
174 Mary Jane Naquin	183 Joan Prost	233 Joan Haney
174 Joshua Roberts	187 Mark Deutsch	353 Mary L Doruff
	197 Sappho H Charney	



Masterpoint Milestones

July 2023 - August 2023

Junior Master (5 MPs)

172 Courtney Mayer
 172 David A Mayer
 173 Laura Orvananos
 173 Geo Park
 174 Eric Cheng
 174 Giorgio A Drugovich
 174 George W Edwards
 174 Joe Edwards
 174 Joan Land
 174 Dk K Medlin
 174 Shangyou S Nie
 174 Eric Sachs
 174 Frances C Tarbett
 176 Robert Aycock
 176 Gail Keene

176 Marjorie Stanfield
 176 Bill P Starnes
 187 Martha H Huffman
 201 Arlene Turkel
 204 Claudia Caraway
 204 Debra Dawkins
 204 Paige Ragsdale
 205 Robbin D Moore-Mcgrath
 207 James Brenton
 207 Mary Cowan
 207 Allan L Frank
 207 Diana Gorman
 207 Valerie J Locke
 207 Joyce K Mackay
 207 James J Nadeau
 207 Jeannie M Phelps

207 Marilyn L Scheidt
 207 Jerry Thomas
 207 Jim Truckenbrod
 225 Judith A Fuller
 225 Helen Mobley
 225 Julie O Shaughnessy

Club Master (20 MPs)

172 Gwynne S Mayer
 172 Bertina Schreiber
 174 Margaret R Curlet
 174 Bob Driskell
 174 James F Helms
 174 Fred Infortunio
 174 Larry Lawhorn

174 Ms. Jane Martin
 174 Ms. Arlene Phillips
 174 Ms. Ellen Singer
 174 Dennis D Sucec
 176 Rita H Clinton
 176 Jose Portela
 176 Jill C Waid
 183 Cliff Hair
 183 John L Nairn
 183 Mrs. Anne W Teeling
 187 Martha H Huffman
 187 Betty K Whitt
 197 Wilma Faust
 201 LaRue Smith
 204 Priscilla Griffiths
 204 Lois R Harrison
 204 Paige Ragsdale
 207 Mary T Graf
 207 Mr. Fred Grafton
 207 Marcia A Lepore
 207 Debbie Oconnell
 207 Joseph Remonte
 207 William Stassen
 207 Dianne Thomas
 207 John R Thomas
 224 Cindy R Taliaferro
 237 Margaret L Kendall
 353 Mrs. Dana D Clay

Sectional Master (50 MPs)

172 Mr. Don W Marcott
 174 Linda D Hensley
 174 Jan Watson
 183 Dianne R Robbins
 201 Patricia M Lavelle
 207 Jane Kecskes
 207 MacDonald Kempf

Regional Master (100 MPs)

172 Gloria Harkey
 172 Mary Massey
 174 Teresa Becker
 174 Mr. Jim H Gosnell
 174 Patricia A Holy
 174 Marci Keller
 174 Mariah Stopper
 183 Ms. Charlene C Richard
 201 Cleo G Martin
 207 David Sechrest

NABC Master (200 MPs)

172 Scott Anderson
 172 Mrs. Pattie S Thompson
 174 Robert C Domsalla
 174 Mr. Marvin Meistrich
 174 Mr. Alan Schaefer
 176 Bonnie Keene
 176 Jonathan H Mullins
 183 Mr. Robert M Dove
 183 Patricia N Westbrook
 187 Tomme R Actkinson
 207 Gwendolyn D Atchison
 209 Sandy J Hill
 209 Travis A Woodward
 225 Charles H Davis
 225 Sharon Everett

Advanced NABC Master

(300 MPs)

174 Hua Chen
 174 Kyo Chen
 176 B.K. Sloan
 183 Kim Satterfield

Life Master (500 MPs*)

172 Albert E Fulton
 174 Ms. Charlotte M Howell
 174 Ms. Judith G Rebmann
 183 Mr. James W Summers
 187 Sandra S Musser
 205 Mrs. Bernita E Cooper
 207 Mrs. Pam I Pannell
 225 Pud Patterson

Bronze Life Master

(750 MPs)**

174 Lynn L Hershey
 174 Mrs. Phyllis L Maier
 174 Ms. Judith G Rebmann
 174 Paul Shack
 176 Linda T Lindley
 176 Mr. Larry Mayo
 176 Barbara Taylor
 176 Chuck S Thomas
 183 Tawana Arnett
 183 Mr. James W Summers
 187 Sandra S Musser
 197 Sarah B Rice
 209 Debra Jones
 225 Linda I Gurasich

225 Pud Patterson
 254 Mr. Gonzalo G Herrera

Silver Life Master

(1000 MPs)

174 Mrs. Myrna J Dorman
 174 Mark Incerto
 174 Billy Tiger
 201 Valerie M Townley-Smith
 225 Mrs. Paula S Edwards

Ruby Life Master

(1500 MPs)

174 Mrs. Donna M Hrachovy
 176 Mrs. Amy Schumacher
 204 Ms. Nancy Jean Harris

Gold Life Master

(2500 MPs)

176 Mr. Randolph S Worsham
 205 Mrs. Nicola M Beninger
 207 Vera F Gerard
 207 Mr. Jerry B Murray

Sapphire Life Master (3500 MPs)

172 Mr. Martin Hester
 174 Mr. William F Lindner
 174 Mr. Hans Strohmer
 174 Mr. Joseph S Volanski
 176 Mr. Randy J Ekman

Diamond Life Master (5000 MPs)

174 Mr. Bill Gemas

Platinum Life Master

(10,000 MPs)

176 Mr. Suresh Agrawal
 176 Mr. Bill Osborn

***Prior to January 1, 2010 - 300 MPs**

****Prior to January 1, 2010- 500 MPs**

D16



Nancy Green & Brenda Baker 79.50%
Tyler – Rose City DBC

Nick Pace & Beth Coker 78.18%
College Station – Pebble Creek DBC

Anita Vogel & Mauricio Smid 75.13%
Mexico City – CDMX BC

Charles Ford & Judy Adams 75%
Athens – Dottie Pirkle's DBC

Ari Sippola & Pawel Hanus 73.48%
Dallas – Friendly Bridge Club

Fred Mueller & RJ Englert 72.89%
College Station – Star DBC

Cliff Smith & Helen Mobley 72.50%
Texarkana – Sheila Bell DBC

Coleen Grisham & Mark Leighton 72.22%
Tyler – Rose City DBC

Marvin Harris & Fred Mueller 71.57%
College Station – Pebble Creek DBC

Stephen Kornegay & Kimmel Jones 70.83%
Arlington – Arlington DBC

Fred Mueller & Richard Duple 70.71%
College Station – Pebble Creek DBC

Faye Morrison & Lois Roberson 70.64%
Wichita Falls – Bridge Club of Wichita Falls

Marvin Harris & David Rozzell 70.21%
College Station – Star DBC

Frida Cassab & Sue Gerard 70.14%
Mexico City – CDMX BC

Gloria Rowland & Coleen Grisham 70%
Athens – Dottie Pirkle's DBC

Reporting D16 70% + Games

The D16 70% + Club recognizes members who have scored 70% or higher scores in one of the district's club masterpoint game that is open or non-restricted. (For example, masterpoint-restricted games or country club games restricted by membership do not qualify. Nor do cruise games, sectional or regional games.)

At least four tables with at least 16 boards must be in play.

70% + Games must be reported to the Scorecard. These results are not automatically picked up from club files. The club director, manager or any player may send an email to:

D16-ScorecardEditor@d16acbl.org with the subject: **D16 70% + Club**.

A game recap file or an online link to the posted results must be included in the email. Be sure to include the club's name and location. Games will be reported on a first come first served basis as space is available.





Member Profiles

Meet Doris Sivernell

Unit 176 Plano

By Nancy Connors

Born in the heart-land of America, Doris Sivernell grew up in Logansport, Indiana, a town of 20,000 where she lived in the same house until she graduated from high school. "It was a great place and time to grow up," she states.

Doris then attended Indiana State University before moving to Indianapolis, working, marrying, and having two daughters.

She moved to Phoenix, Arizona for her husband's work and lived there for 16 years.

She went to work for Greyhound Lines in 1974 and relocated to Dallas when the company was sold in 1987. Following a divorce, Doris returned to college to complete her associate and bachelor's degrees, working full time as well as attending school part time while both of her daughters attended college.

Ah, the life of a single parent!

Doris worked as a paralegal for Greyhound. She handled small claims lawsuits nationwide, mostly from baggage and package express claims, and assisted defending the company against complaints and lawsuits on everything from discrimination to EEOC issues to class action suits. She ascertains she could write a book on the cases she worked. For example, one notable case featured a hooker in Nevada who lost two teeth in a bus accident and filed a claim for lost wages. Unfortunately, she had no proof to support her claim! Doris still occasionally has lunch with her former boss who keeps asking her to return to work, but she replies that she has no time for anything but bridge!



Doris Sivernell
Plano Unit 176

Doris remarried in 1995 and lost her husband in 2016. Following her retirement in 2017, after 43 years, Doris was looking for something to keep busy. She had always liked card games and grew up playing Euchre. Her favorite version was Bid Euchre with eight players and two decks of cards, but Euchre didn't seem popular in Texas. Someone mentioned the Plano Seniors Center so she went to visit and explore opportunities. She got a copy of Celebration Magazine which listed activities at all the area senior centers and noted that the McKinney Senior Center welcomed new bridge players. She immediately drove there, joined, and went to a Thursday bridge session. It was there that she met Duke Reed who began to mentor her on the basics of the game.

Already having good card sense, Doris quickly picked up the game. In fact, with Duke's encouragement, the very next day she went to Plano Senior Center on a Friday for their weekly open bridge game.

I was present on that occasion and clearly remember what unfolded. One of the least friendly members of the group challenged Doris when she came in and joined a table. The interrogator asked her how long she'd been playing bridge and was horrified when Doris answered, "Oh, I learned the game yesterday." The woman was speechless for a minute and then responded, "Well this is an intermediate group and it's not for beginners." (Note: No such descriptor is used for Friday bridge in Plano; it's an open game of party bridge.) Fortunately, Doris ignored this rude comment and stayed. She played well and exhibited no rookie mistakes.

Meanwhile, Doris' mentor, Duke, phoned her every morning with a bridge question to quiz her knowledge. He also gave her a copy of Audrey Grant's first bridge book. Doris played party bridge several times a week in McKinney, Allen, and Plano.



During the Covid shutdown, Doris was part of a group comprised of four tables of bridge advocates who played party bridge twice a week at a restaurant. The next step in her bridge education was taking lessons from Ann Roemerman and joining the late Neal Burt's class on 2 Over 1 Game Force. He invited Doris to play duplicate as his partner at the McKinney Duplicate Bridge Club and she was soon hooked. For the past few years Doris has studied the game and enhanced her knowledge of bridge conventions and strategies. She and various partners have played in several area tournaments, even one on a bridge cruise.

Doris is fortunate to be supported by a strong family comprised of her daughters and sons-in-law, a stepson and his family, as well as six grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. She also has a wealth of friends in her church family as well as her bridge family. Doris enjoys church, weekly dancing, and other activities, but it's duplicate bridge that has captured her heart.

She states, "I'm so glad for all of us that we are blessed with this wonderful opportunity called bridge!"

Nancy Connors, Plano, is secretary of the McKinney Duplicate Bridge Club.



Contributors

Jackie McElhaney Honored by American Legion Post 422

Unit 225 Scroggins

By Gay Roach

Jackie McElhaney retired after 43 years as a Flight Attendant. She served on military flights during the Gulf War when American Airlines used their planes to transport military personnel to and from the war zone. She often carried a large American flag with her and had the military men and women sign the flag. She commented that it was difficult because she realized that some of these soldiers may be killed or wounded in combat.



Jackie McElhaney
Scroggins Unit 225

Upon retirement Jackie and her husband, Joe, moved from the Dallas area to Lake Cypress Springs near Mt. Vernon. Jackie met a friendly 80+ neighbor, named Peaches, who was an avid bridge player. Peaches introduced Jackie to her daughter, Dotsy Miller. Jackie and Dotsy also became friends.

Jackie had never played bridge and Dotsy had only played some party bridge. They both became interested in playing duplicate bridge.

Sandy Lansing and Linda Harrison worked frequently with Dotsy and Jackie at informal learning tables. They also took some lessons from Heather Sanders. They began playing duplicate bridge at the ACBL sanctioned games in Pittsburg. Soon, Jackie and Dotsy were ready to play in ACBL tournaments. They went to games in Athens, Richardson, Tyler and Longview and both became Life Masters in April 2022!

They continue to play weekly at the Pittsburg DBC that meets at the American Legion Building.

It was a special event to have the American Legion Post 422 recognize Jackie at the October 27 meeting. Jackie had kept one of her flags and gave it to American Legion Post 422 Commander, Frank Harrison, a few months ago. This flag has special meaning, so the Post had it framed and hung on the wall at the Legion. Post 422's program Monday, October 23, given by Don Sides, Post Chaplin, focused on the history and highlights of the American flag. District Commander Andy Lowe also gave a brief presentation about the history and importance of American Freedom and Liberty. The meeting concluded with the Post Commander, Frank Harrison, presenting Jackie with a plaque of appreciation

Gay Roach is manager of the Nacogdoches Duplicate Club.

Dorsey Shaw's 90th Birthday!

Unit 176 Plano

By Valarie Remmers

On Monday, November 13, the Plano Friendly Bridge Club celebrated Dorsey Shaw's 90th Birthday. Dorsey's birthday was earlier in the month, but after she celebrated with her family - all her kids and grand-kids came to town to celebrate, Dorsey chose to celebrate with her bridge family. Dorsey is a bridge legend in the Dallas area, running her own studio for many years in Richardson and Plano.



Dorsey Shaw
Plano Unit 176

She has been extremely supportive of Friendly Bridge Club, and she wanted to continue her support by celebrating her ninth decade on this earth with an epic birthday party.

To encourage others to play F2F bridge, she gave out nine free plays at Friendly Bridge - one for each decade of her life. She also arranged for three of our more experienced players - Gerry McKim, Jay Gibson, and Martha Young - to donate their time to play with the lucky winners of three additional free plays. Dorsey baked her infamous fudge, and multiple cakes which she generously shared with the 12.5 tables of Friendly Bridge players. We are so lucky to have Dorsey Shaw as part of the Dallas area bridge community.

Happy Birthday, Dorsey Shaw.

Valarie Remmers, Plano, is co-owner of the Friendly Bridge Club.



Unit 172 - San Antonio

By Ellen Hessel

Hoping that all who may be reading this have had a safe and joyful Holiday Season! Here in Unit 172 we've had some notable unit games, starting with our Pro/Am Party on November 18 which was hosted by board members, Sharon Evans, Roxie Tom, and David Mitchell. There were 23 full tables in play, lots of great snacks, including a spectacular cold cut tray in the shape of a turkey! Outstepping them all was Rosemary Kelley and Richard Southworth, 1st in A, Joe Ramirez and Laura Cosimi, 1st in B, Yesh Singh and Dorothy Prater, 1st in C.



Next was our annual Holiday Party on December 9, again with 23 full tables. Hosts for the event were



Ann Kuehler, Cindy Cummins, Donna Swarthout,
Dave Swarthout & Jeri Tribbo
All are enjoying the December 9 Holiday Party Feast

Ed Rawlinson and Everett Lewis who put together a scrumptious spread.

Congratulations to winners Patty and Greg Hinze, 1st in A, Stephanie and Steve Stevens, 1st in B, and Leigh Primerano and Louisa Morton, 1st in C.

Hill Country Bridge had a Halloween Spooktacular party on October 31. It coincided with their fifth Tuesday double game. The first game started at 9:00 a.m. followed by a potluck lunch featuring "man"wiches,



Paula Warren
&
Rita De Hoyos

then a second game in the afternoon. Prizes were awarded for the best costume which was won by Paula Warren and Rita De Hoyos. There were 10.5 tables in the morning session and 13 tables in the afternoon session. Joan McGaffic and Harry Ingham were 1st overall in the morning and Alta Peck and Bud Bates were 1st

overall in the afternoon.

As we continually strive to improve our face-to-face attendance numbers, consideration must certainly be given to the word "party." It really seems to bring the folks out.

A big shout out and congratulations to Terry Riely who recently went over 15,000 masterpoints (erroneously reported in the ACBL *Bulletin* as 10,000)! Terry also graciously stepped up and wrote our column for the November-December Scorecard in absence of our correspondent. It truly takes a village!



Terry Riely

We hope to see you all at the District 16 NAP finals which our unit is hosting in conjunction with the Ed Rawlinson Winter Sectional January 11-14 at the San Antonio Shrine Auditorium. Be there!

Unit 174 - Houston

By Jack LaVigne



Message from Unit 174 President
Karen Nussbaum

It is hard to believe the crazy busy holiday time of the year is almost over! It comes and goes around so fast! Between religious ceremonies, parties and family time it was probably hectic for all. And just like the holidays, our 2024 Lone Star Regional (LSR) tournament will be here, so get your partnerships and teams lined up. It promises to be our best one yet! There are

some changes to keep in mind.

The first game is Monday, January 22, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. This is a new start time for us. Wednesday will be Future Live Master Day, and we have added a 0-20 game to encourage our newbies to play and be comfortable. Thursday will be the luncheon for the volunteers, so all chairs and their helpers mark your calendars. Friday will be the ToY (Teacher of the Year) Day. We moved this event to lunch time and will be providing a hot dog lunch with all the "fixins and trimmings!" The other change we implemented is that the complimentary ACBL entry labels can be preordered. Susan Banks-Johnson has graciously taken on this job, and the info to preorder is on the flyer.

If you are thinking about becoming a bridge teacher, now is your chance! The renowned Patty Tucker will be at the tournament to teach the Best Practices Teacher Workshop on Saturday, January 20 and Sunday, January 21, the weekend before LSR starts. The best part is that the cost is only \$50.00! That is the best rate you will find anywhere, at any NABC or regional because our own Betty Starzec, District 16 President, is subsidizing a large portion of the cost for us. Certification fee is \$25.00.

Spaces are still available for the LSR Event Naming. It is a wonderful way to remember a loved one or friend who has passed away, or to honor someone special in your life.

We are also starting to plan the April Election Sectional, with an almost complete slate of great candidates! Peaches Eads has been working diligently to complete the roster. An announcement is forthcoming.

On behalf of Board of Directors we hope everyone had a safe and Happy Holiday. Happy New Year to all.

Lone Star Regional

The Houston Lone Star Regional provides an excellent opportunity to recognize deserving members in our unit, or as a memorial for those who have passed away, by naming an event after that person. You can contact Jane Armstrong [@Jane Armstrong](#) for information.

Future Life Masters (FLM)

The Future Life Masters of Unit 174 continues to welcome the newest players to the Houston Bridge community by being a central hub of information and assistance for players at all clubs across the metroplex.



The upcoming Lone Star Regional will feature

FLM Day on Wednesday, January 24. There will be games at 10:20 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. for players with 0-99 masterpoints. Stop by our FLM table in the lobby. We look forward to meeting you!

We encourage all longer term players to welcome beginners to our great game. Whether having 10,000 masterpoints or 500 masterpoints, regular players are the greatest source of recruitment in bridge! Sending friends and family to FLM, we promise that your new player will be welcomed and guided. And your friend will experience one of the best things about bridge: the great community of players! Check our website to learn more about our service and games: [website](#).

News from Unit 174 Clubs

[Apple Duplicate Bridge Clubs](#)

Weekly Game Schedule: Open games are held on Monday and Friday at 11:30 a.m. at the Tracy Gee Community Center, 3598 Westcenter. Holiday closures Monday, January 1 and Monday, January 15. Both clubs will be closed for the regional January 22-28, and for the primary elections February 19-March 4. 299er Games: The 299er games are held on the last Monday of the month. Next games will be January 29 and February 26.

[Bridge Academy of West Houston](#)

Sandy Clark's Diamond Life Master Party

We celebrated Sandy Clark, Houston, achieving



Sandy Clark
&
Nancy Strohmmer

the rank of Diamond Life Master on Nov 16! It was a great party! Grand Life Master Sally Wheeler came to the party and recounted that when she and Buddy first started playing, they played with Sandy and her husband Jim. Sandy advised Sally to try the Weak Notrump and the rest is history. She also told us about Sandy's other hobby, shelling (i.e., combing the beaches for seashells). Sandy found a very rare seashell whose whorls went counterclockwise. It was displayed at the museum of natural science for several years.

Mentor/Mentee

Mentor/Mentee games are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. The next games are scheduled for Tuesday, January 2 and February 6. If you have not yet signed up, you can register online by clicking [here](#). Mentees must have fewer than 300 masterpoints.

Eight is Enough Swiss Teams

The Eight is Enough Swiss Teams is held once a month on Sundays at 1:30 p.m. The upcoming games are January 21 and February 25.

Weekly Game Schedule

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

Junior Fund and Educational Foundation games are scheduled for January and February.

[Bridge Club of Houston](#)

Tuesday Tidbits

Build a solid foundation with Julie Halperin, Diamond Life Master and ACBL Teacher, and enjoy a free lesson from 9:30-10:10 a.m. The game to follow begins at 10:30 a.m. 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

Mentor/Mentee games are held the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 10:30 a.m. Sign up at club or contact Judy Cupps at judy_n_al@yahoo.com or by phone 713-320-5592 or Bob Zeigler 713-829-6928 with any questions.

BBO Mentor/Mentee Games

New BBO Mentor/Mentee games are held the first and third Mondays at 7:00 p.m. (The Mentee should invite and pay for the mentor). Contact Mike Linkins at mlinkins@swbell.net if you have any questions.

BBO Future Life Masters

New BBO Future Life Masters games are usually held on Tuesday (0-50 MP) at 3:05 p.m. and the second Saturday (0-20 MP) at 9:00 a.m. See flm174.org.

Eight is Enough Swiss Teams Games

Swiss Teams games are held the first and third Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. (Register at the club) check the website calendar for more information.

Saturday Game (Please note the new time 1:00 p.m.)

Saturday F2F 299er and open game every weekend with putlucks and points each week.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2024. Potluck lunch at noon with games to begin at 1:00 p.m. New board members announced.

Check [BCOH website](#) for details.

Twenty Table Saturday

Twenty Table Saturday pairs will be held on Saturday, February 17. Lunch will be provided, extra points awarded, and prizes for section winners as well as other random giveaways.

No partner. No problem. We will match you up. Lunch will be served at 12:15 p.m. with both open and 299ers games beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Clear Lake Bridge Club

Clear Lake Bridge Club is located at 16614 Sea Lark Road, Houston 77059. Phone number is 281-480-1911. CLBC offers bridge games every day of the week including open games on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m., and Thursday and Saturday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. We also have a Swiss Teams game on Sunday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. The I/N games are on Monday and Wednesday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. as well as Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

The third Wednesday of each month, we hold a Mentor/Mentee game which is restricted (due to expense constraints) to CLBC members only.

We have decided to have our Bridge, Donuts and Lessons once per quarter on the second Wednesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. This event is not yet scheduled so watch our website for updates.

We look forward to the Lone Star Regional on January 22 and promise that CLBC will have a good turnout for that tournament.

The annual meeting for CLBC will be on Saturday, February 17, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

Our game fees are \$6.00 for members (\$7.00 for guests).

Generally speaking, come see us, or give Ronnie Martin a call 713-419-0007 if you want help to join one of our games.

Fort Bend Bridge Club

Fort Bend Duplicate Bridge has a game on Tuesdays at:

Arabia Shriners Center
10510 Harwin Drive
Houston

Please arrive by 10:15 a.m., and the game starts at

10:30 a.m.

Please call 832-287-9170) or email (ewat2004@aol.com) John Eric Watson in advance so we can start on time.



Unit 176 - Dallas

By Bill Driscoll

Greetings! And many thanks to Scott Nason for writing the Unit 176 Scorecard column so well for the last four years.

Dallas held its Fall Sectional on November 15-18 at the Lovers Lane United Methodist Church. There was a good turnout with 376 tables over the four days of play. Swiss Teams out drew pairs by about 2-to-1. Mary Lynn Genovesi and Rosalind Smith again provided great snacks for our hungry bridge players. DFS results can be found [here](#).

The next Dallas Sectional will be held on February 21-24 at the same venue. Check out the [flyer](#).

The unit held its annual Holiday Party on Sunday, December 10 at our newest host venue, the Holiday Inn Richardson. The turnout was great with 45 tables in play, eight in the 499er and 37 in the Open Pairs. A holiday meal was catered by the Holiday Inn and prizes were awarded to lucky drawing winners. The North Texas Food Bank (NTFB) was also a winner with \$4800 in donations along with many pounds of canned goods. The monetary donations were tripled by an NTFB sponsor.

Overall Holiday Party game winners were Jose Portela and Sarah Warnecke in the 499er Pairs and Pawel Hanus and Ari Sippola in the Open Pairs.

Congratulations! Results can be found at the following links: [499er](#) and [Open](#).

These games were part of a STaC, the overall STaC results are [here](#).

Both Friendly Bridge Club (December 15) and Valley View Bridge Club (December 20) also held Holiday Celebrations including lots of great food, friends and, of course, bridge.

Unit 176 is teaming with Friendly Bridge Club for a joint Pro-Am Pairs/Eight is Enough teams game. These two single session events will be held on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at King of Glory Lutheran Church, 6411 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, LL18:

2:00 p.m. Pro-Am Pairs.

6:30 p.m. Eight is Enough Teams game.

Unit 176 will provide pizza between the events. Details are available on the Unit 176 [website](#).

Please come out and join us at any of the Dallas area bridge clubs. We hope to see you often this year as many of us reconnect with F2F bridge and our bridge friends. Click [here](#) for a list of area games.



Unit 183 - Fort Western

By John Robbins

This year's Holiday Season got off to a great start in Arlington with a packed house of Unit 183 members coming together December first to celebrate the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Tom and Dorothy Moore. Gathering at the club was a natural for Tom and Dorothy and for the unit, where they've been a major presence for well over two decades.



Since Dorothy started her first Sunday evening Easybridge! game in Arlington in 1999, she and Tom figure they have introduced or reintroduced between 300-400 new players to duplicate bridge – in games always seasoned by their seemingly unlimited patience, kindness and good humor as teachers and directors. It seems fair to say they have long been and still are an essential source of lifeblood for the club.



"Bridge players are our friends and family," Dorothy told the assembled players, who clearly consider the Moores in the same light. How long has bridge been an integral part of their life together? "Our second date was bridge and we've been playing now for 53 years," she added. When it came time to throw them a party their two daughters chose the club as the venue for fun and food in their honor.



Dorothy & Tom's daughters
Barbara Dunlap & Vicki Pope



Along with continuing their bridge playing, Tom and Dorothy each had active careers in the computer industry, both working for IBM at one time or another, along with several other companies. Tom managed the installation of computer systems and taught others to operate them. Dorothy programmed business software.

When they moved from Oklahoma City to Fort Worth in 1984, Tom continued computer work that kept him traveling on a regular basis (while still playing bridge) while Dorothy focused on raising their daughters.

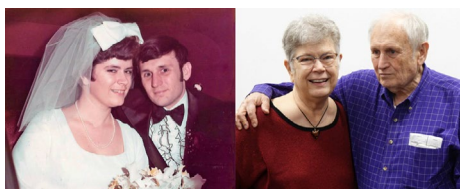


Dorothy's introductory Easybridge! games really took off in August of 2000, when club president Chuck Burke got the Fort Worth Star Telegram to publish an article mentioning free introductory bridge lessons at the Arlington club. More than 40 showed up for the initial lessons by Dorothy and

others and 22 of them stayed to become long-term players.

While Tom has directed both beginning and open games over the years, Dorothy has followed up on her Easybridge! sessions by keeping the newer players engaged with limited games that include ongoing lessons delivered in her uniquely engaging style.

Dorothy often brings food along including baking hundreds of “Bridge Cakes” – pastries that (unlike their anniversary cake) have a low oil content, “so players won’t gum up the cards.” She and Tom continue to teach Standard American as a solid foundation so players starting to move on to Two over One, “will have something to fall back on when there’s bidding interference.” Both Dorothy and Tom feel beginning lessons like Easybridge! are a great way to bond people to the club, noting that the ACBL has said clubs generally need 50% newcomer players to be profitable.



Looking back on their 50 years together, Tom and Dorothy say they’ve never made a living at teaching and directing bridge. So why do they keep doing this year after year? Dorothy says it’s simple: “We care about the game and want to bring more players to the club and help them enjoy the game more by developing their skills and socializing with others who have the same goals.”

And nobody does it better than they do.



Unit 201 - Sabine Neches

By Florence Ferguson

We held a grand Halloween Celebration October 21 honoring Val Townley-Smith’s Life Master status. The day after she achieved her Life Master she attained Bronze Life Master (500) followed by Silver Life Master (1000) a week later.

Val sends a huge thank you to Harlene and Larry Michaels, and to her husband for attending all those tournaments, helping her to gain those precious points.

Along with many bridge friends, Val was joined by her children, Keeley Fairchild, Parker Townley-Smith, granddaughter Isla, and husband Bob.



She thanks the hosts, Susan Gore, Nancy Smalley, and Janis Williams for a great party. It was hard to choose a winner in the costume contest, but the Merman, Bob Townley-Smith, and a witch, Kazue Bell, took the honors.

In just a few weeks, our unit will be hosting another celebration: Loretta Gary has achieved Gold Life Master status!

We all know how hard it is to score 70% or more in any game. This was achieved recently by three of our unit’s pairs. Check out the Scorecard D16 70%+ Club column here to see our stars!

And as we celebrate the achievements of our members, we also remember with fondness those no longer among us. We lost Barney Hammer, Ron Sanders, and Beverly Hulsey.

Great bridge players, wonderful friends.



Unit 204 - Fort Concho

By Neal Perlman

Congratulations to all the people who earned points during the district STaC week. There were 1328 different players who participated. Outstanding respect goes to Carl McGill and Louetta Green for the highest single game percentage during the week district wide at 75%. Louetta was 2nd overall with 24.86 points and Carl was 5th overall with 19.86 points. The long list of 204 winners across all stratifications can be seen at [ACBL October STaC](#).

Congratulations to Nancy Harris for achieving Ruby Life Master. Nancy has a measured style as she bids, plays and defends hands. She encourages new players and is known as a top player in our community.



In November, the community gathered out in the country at Carl's Big Tree. Carl shared stories from his personal experience and word of mouth about this incredible 800-year-old tree. Good friends and enjoyment of the Big Tree were coupled with food and talk of all sorts. It was a blast.

The latest bridge class finished with progress (and fun!) noted. The next class begins in January 2024, and will be taught by Marifrances Watson. All community members are encouraged to participate.

Here are some of the enthusiastic players in Unit 204. Julie Moor- man, left, and Sandra Love, right.



had a great time! Next year's tournament will be held from November 4-10, 2024, once again at the Westin Resort & Spa. We'll be updating our [website](#) with the new information as soon as we have it. You can also go there to submit any comments or suggestions you have from this year's tournament by contacting our tournament chair. For periodic updates about the tournament, "follow" us on [Facebook](#)!

And now for the winners...

Overall tournament winners were Richard Chan and Keith Heckley from Ontario, Canada with 96.08 points. Playing with Edward Xu and Ming Sheng, they won the Friday-Saturday Knockout and the Sunday A/X/Y Swiss. Winners of the Sunday B/C/D Swiss were Laura Gastelum, Jorge Rosen, David Kendall, and Marie-France Benoit. The team of William Bailey, Daniel Korbel, Joshua Donn, and Arti Bhargava also had a nice tournament, winning the Tuesday A/X/Y Swiss, and finishing 2nd in both the Wednesday-Thursday Knockout and Friday-Saturday Knockout. Rosemary Kelley and Jeff McKee from District 16 dominated the pairs games, winning the Wednesday Open Pairs and finishing 2nd to Jim Johnsen and Davis Bennet in the Tuesday Choice Pairs and 5th overall in the Thursday Choice Pairs. Aida and Jan Jansma won the Morning/Evening Side Game, while the Afternoon Side Game was won by Kats Cannell.

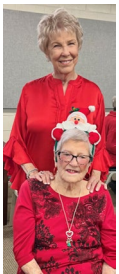
Coming away with the most points from Unit 205 was Nicci Beninger with 33.8 points. Others from Unit 205 who made us proud included Boyce Robbins (18.51 points), Mary Seggerman (16.47 points), Mary Ann White (14.98 points), Ellen Kuiper (14.18 points), and Ivan Sherman (12.21 points).

Congratulations to all!

It's time to get ready to attend our Ajijic Valentine Sectional from February 8-11, 2024. This is a great time to visit the Lakeside area as the weather is usually lovely, undoubtedly much better than in the States in February! You might just decide to retire here. The tournament will be held at our new club, located in the Sol y Luna Boutique Hotel & Spa. Grab a copy of the flyer [here](#). We hope to see you there.

Several players from Unit 205 advanced their ranking this past month. Congratulations to Robbin Moore-McGrath who advanced to the rank of Junior Master, Bernita Cooper who advanced to Life Master, and Nicci Beninger who advanced to Gold Life Master. Movin' on up!

Mary Ann White and David Smith won the unit championship game on Saturday, October 28, with



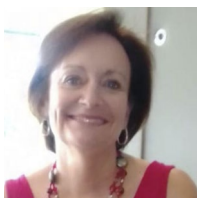
Melva Penner
&
Vicky Fisher
(standing)

Celebrations of birthdays and Christmas occurred in December at both clubs in San Angelo. All members in Unit 204 celebrated Melva Penner as she turned 101 years young on December 25! She exudes happiness and spreads joy wherever she goes.

We all love Melva.

We salute our neighbor from Abilene and long term friend Jo Smith who joined the 10,000

points Platinum Life Master club. Awesome!



Unit 205 - Amistad

By Mary Ann White

The Puerto Vallarta Regional Tournament was a great success.

Many thanks to all who attended, and we hope you

59.38%. The unit championship on Saturday, November 25, was won by Mary Ann White and Lane Galloway with 61.90%.

The Lake Chapala Duplicate Bridge Club participated in the Royal STaC week beginning October 16. Congratulations to Mike Roney and Jeane Treloar whose 69.02% on Tuesday, October 17 was good enough for 2nd overall in District 16. Nice going!

Nicci Beninger is spearheading the player education program at Lake Chapala DBC. Lessons and supervised bridge for new and advancing players resumed on Wednesday, November 15. The club also offers lessons on Friday mornings followed by a 499er game.

The annual Lake Chapala DBC Christmas Party was held on Wednesday, December 6, at Sol y Luna. Fifty-six people enjoyed an evening of dinner and dancing with our bridge friends!

Thanks to Nicci Beninger and Joan Montgomery for making the evening such a success.



Unit 207 - Texas Capital Bridge

By Barbara Clements

Unit 207 was well represented in Atlanta NABC recently. Congratulations to the following successful players.

- Lilly Justman, Austin, placed 1st in the Mixed Swiss Teams
- Jarek Langer and Ben Klauder, Austin, placed 6th in the Nail Life Masters Pairs
- Finn Kolesnik, Austin, placed 8th in the Reisinger Board-A-Match Teams.
- Wiley McMinn and Jerry Barrett, Austin, placed 2nd in the 0-6,000 Blue Ribbon Pairs

On November 4-5, the unit sponsored a 0-750 NLM Sectional. Winners were:

- A1. Susan Carter-Susanna Busico, Austin
- B1. Joyce Francis-David Sechrest, Cedar Park
- C1. Luke Oberman-Chris La Chance, Austin

A Swiss Teams game was sponsored by the unit on November 11. The winning team was made up of Anita Albert-Brett Leach-Phillip Jaeger, Austin-Thomas Hackenberg, Round Rock.

We had a lively group with 17 pairs at our 0-200 Sectional December 2. Winners were:

- A1. Rebecca Armbruster-Gail Daniels, Austin - Overall and E/W

- A1. Susan Angle-Val Hrobsky, Georgetown N/S
- B1. MacDonald Kempf-Paul Alford, Austin - Overall
- C1. Jan Lamonte, Austin-Susan Buckley - Overall and E/W

- C1. Robert Sedgwick-Joyce Johnson - N/S

Congratulations to all our winners.

On a more personal note many of us know what a player's carding is but often we are clueless about their talents away from the table. Unit 207 has a very talented bridge player who is also a professional photographer. Alex Labry has many years of experience as photographer for the Texas Legislature, and he continues his passion for capturing images of people and places around the world. On his website you can find wonderful images of New Orleans (his hometown), Paris, and other places. Recently he has had one of his collections published as a book called "Personal Reflections of Joan of Arc;" Kirkus Reviews described the book as, "Fabulous fodder for Joan of Arc fans, Francophiles, and lovers of fine photography." Click [here](#) for more information about this lovely book.

We're gearing up for our Austin Winter Sectional to be held January 4-7. We'll have Swiss Teams, Open Pairs and 299er Pairs. You can get all the details from our flyer on [page 36](#). We'd love to see a large turnout for this tournament at the Bridge Center of Austin.



Unit 209 - Great Permian Basin

By Ann Parish

Unit 209 had lots of bridge and lots of parties as usual, but we're going to take care of a little business first. On December 14, we elected the following board members/officers:

Terms expiring in December 2024

Mark Beckstrom, President

Lonnie Yee

Bill Brooks

Scott Johnson, Webmaster

Terms expiring in December 2025

Larry Pitts, Assistant Treasurer

Sandy Hill

Tracy Dau, Secretary

Terms expiring in December 2026

Scott Dau, Vice President

Marty Massie, Treasurer

Miles Hartman

Mary K. Burkholder

In addition, two non board positions were approved: Paula Bayley, Purchasing Agent and Clubhouse Decorator, and Patti Heard, Tournament Chairwoman.

Meanwhile, back in the bridge house.

During the week of October 18-22 we enjoyed playing bridge in the Royal STaC games. Winners throughout the week included Sandy Hill and Ann Servatius (who came in 1st in the district play of 42 tables), Charlie Grimes and Paula Baggett, Scott Johnson and Dale Linton, Doug Jeffrey and Paula Baggett, Lonnie Yee and Bonnie Hubbard, Lonnie Yee and Ann Servatius, and Kay Arrell and Kay Sewell.

For the ACBL-Wide Instant Match Point Game on October 25, winners were Scott Vaughan and Debra Jones N/S and Flo Curry and Marlene Blumentritt E/W.

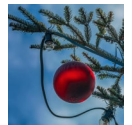


Our Halloween Party was held Thursday evening, October 26, with breakfast served before the game. The winners were Robin Hughes and Paula Baggett in Section A and John Marlow and Joan Rice in Section B.

On November 16 we played a fancy Four is Enough game awarded by ACBL. We were one of the three units who played the most Four is Enough games the other two winners were in Washington state and Ontario, Canada. ACBL provided the paper goods and \$150 for food! We had most of the food catered, and some extras brought by members Belle Harris and Paula Bayley.

We asked members to dress up in honor of our award, and many did. We saw lots of velvet, brocade, and "bling" on the ladies, and many men wore coats and ties. Bill even wore a cummerbund and the tie from his prom. Bridge winners were Scott Johnson and Charlie Grimes Section A, and Paula Baggett and Doug Jeffrey Section B. The party was a lot of fun, and we hope we win another game!

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On December 5, we combined the ACBL-Wide International Game with a Christmas Party. Lunch was catered, with barbecue beef, chicken sliders, shrimp, and grilled vegetables. Bridge winners were Charlie Grimes and Sarah Wright.

On December 14, we had the big Unit Christmas Party, with ham, turkey, and all the fixings. The winners were Linda Buzan and Patti Heard Section A, and Dale Linton and Marty Massie Section B.

We are concerned about the health of Marilyn Matthews who has been ill, and Flo Curry, who was in an automobile accident. We hope that by the time this issue is published, they will both be back playing at the bridge table. And we have offered sympathy to the families of Dorothy Brennehan, Greg Keys, and Janet Stoltz, all long time duplicate players who passed away recently.

We are looking forward to more post Holiday bridge, and more parties!



Unit 225 - East Texas

By Deb Pascoe

We're proud of our Jackie McElhaney. Read about her on [page](#)

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[Pittsburg Duplicate Bridge Club \(PDBC\)](#)
[Van Zandt DBC](#)

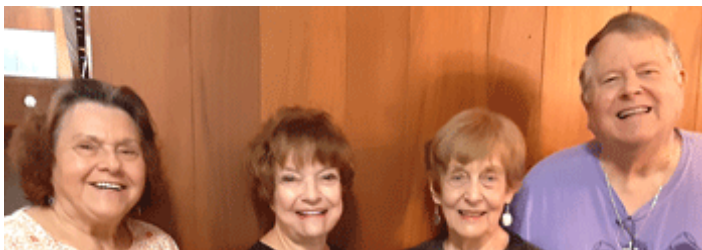
The Van Zandt DBC is happy to still be able to have games. This club is now going to be known as the

“Club of Travelers.” Nearly every month one or two of our members are off on trips. This year alone members have been to Iceland, Europe, Carlsbad Caverns, Florida, and many other places. Come join us and feel free to talk about your journeys to amazing destinations. We love to hear about all the trips.

This club is unique in that it meets at a residence next to a large pasture. There are pure bred Spanish Andalusian Horses in the pasture as well as our mascot, the famous calf known as “Bridgette.”

Nacogdoches Duplicate Bridge

By Club Manager Gay Roach



Nacogdoches Players in Top 18 at district game
Melba Lee, Ellen Hollis, Bonnie Todd & Terry Laughlin

Four players from the Nacogdoches Duplicate Bridge Club placed in the top 18 out of 152 pairs in the recent ACBL District 16 district wide STaC games. Bonnie and Terry placed 9th in A, 7th in B, and 4th in C. Melba and Ellen placed 8th in C. The district is made up of about 8,000 members and includes most of Texas and all of Mexico.

The Nacogdoches Duplicate Bridge Club meets every Monday. Anyone interested in checking it out can email Gay Roach at gayrtx@yahoo.co

Golden Age Masters

On December 4 the Nacogdoches Duplicate Bridge Club held their annual Pot Luck Christmas Party at the Bridge Studio. The club presented Nacogdoches players Carroll Schoenewolf, Bonnie Todd, Margie Berger, Olis Seaton, Gavin McGown and Max Walton with Golden Age Master Certificates for their achievements.



Golden Age Masters

The winners of the special Unit Game at Clubs were:

- 1st Mark Reynolds and Gay Roach
- 2nd Gavin McGown and Max Walton
- 3rd Bonnie Todd and Terry Laughlin.

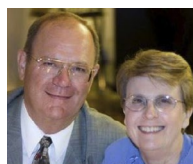
Club Life Master Advancements

- Bronze Life Master: Linda Gurasich, Arp
- Silver Life Master: Deana Drab, Kemp
- Silver Life Master: Paula Edwards, Tyler
- Platinum Life Master: Royce McCray, Caddo Mills

2023 Unit Awards

Unit 225 held its annual Christmas Lunch & Game on Saturday, December 9 in Tyler. The following people were recognized for their contributions and accomplishments:

- Life Masters: Dotsy Miller, Jackie McElherney
- Bronze Life Masters: John Gurasich, Linda Gurasich, Pud Patterson
- Silver Life Masters: Paula Edwards, Sally McAnulty, Sandra O'Bannon, Merlene Gager, JoAnn Parten
- Ruby Life Master: Martha Taft
- Gold Life Masters: Nelda Avent, Nancy Green
- Diamond Life Master: Mary Bartley



Unit 233 - Central Texas

By George & Pam Holmes

Unit 233 held their annual meeting in conjunction with a luncheon and an afternoon game. Everyone met at the

Sul Ross Senior Center in Waco and the game was hosted by the Monday Slammers Club. Lunch was provided by the unit. Officers were nominated and the slate was elected as proposed. Sue Blackwell was elected to serve as the president.

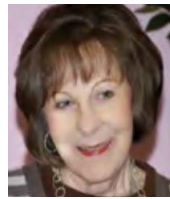


Clockwise from front left: Lennie Wilkins, Ethel Corlett, Sue Blackwell, President, Jan Hart, Melissa Baugh, Treasurer, Patti Santini, Linda Pitzer, Susan LaFountain, (np) Lynn Sykes, Secretary and George Holmes, photographer

It was great to have 10 tables playing since our clubs usually host 3-5 tables each week. The winners of the game were Trudi Lamendola and Patti Santini (N/S) and overall Ethel and Tom Corlett (E/W).



The unit's clubs continue with their games each week and they hope that everyone had a Happy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.



Unit 353 - Wichita Falls

By Marsha May

Unit 353 is proud to announce that David Hertzog received the Star Award. Margie Brown and Nell Lister received the unit's Goodwill Award. We are grateful for all that they have done for our bridge unit.

Cathy Zinn attended the Wichita, Kansas Regional Tournament and was pleased to see that Joan Paradeis was present as a director. Joan played bridge in Unit 353 for many years and we still claim her as one of our own.

Pat Robinson has started an Under 750 game on Mondays. It has been a success and those that have attended say that they are learning a lot as well as getting some points. One of the attendants, Mary Doruff, is our newest member and she recently joined ACBL. It is nice that we now have games on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Lois Roberson hosted our Christmas Party on December 9. Everyone had a great time and we had a delicious pot luck lunch. Lois decorated every nook and cranny with beautiful Christmas decorations and, of course, we played bridge!



Unit 353 wishes all our District 16 friends a Happy Holiday Season and a Blessed New Year.



Intermediate/Newcomer Resources

Games & Classes for Newer Players - Come Join us!

Zoom Spanish Lecture Series - Third Saturday of every month at 12:30 p.m.
Zoom Intermediate Lecture Series - Fourth Saturday of every month at 12:30 p.m.

0-50 masterpoint game: Every Monday at 4:00 p.m.

District 16 is offering to all 0-50 masterpoint players a 12-board game on BBO for \$3.00 every Monday at 4:00. You can ask a partner to play, or sign in at the partnership desk and pick up a new partner.

Practice, practice, practice. Your experiences at the table can be your best teacher. A director and assistants will be on hand to offer guidance during the game.

For more information email Beginner20Bridge@gmail.com

0-99 masterpoint game: Every day at 6:00 p.m. (CT)

The 99er Nite Club! games are offered seven days a week at 6:00. If you are a 99er, ask your club if they are participating. Your club must "opt in." If your club has any questions, ask them to contact Nancy Strohmer, nastrohmer@yahoo.com

One Notrump (1NT) Opening

By Ken Monzingo

The best bid in bridge is the one notrump (1NT) opening. Twofold, it describes your hand to partner and intimidates the opponents who can no longer bid at the 1-level and fear a severe penalty if entering the auction. A good 15-17 HCP* (or 16-18 if agreed between you and your partner) balanced hand with no voids or singletons may be opened with a 1NT bid.

That opening 1NT will be your power structure foundation for playing the hand in the correct suit at the correct level or in notrump. Future bidding rounds become much easier for both opener and advancer following any notrump opening. Use it, use it often.

Strong notrump ranges vary. The most common by far is 15-17. Some partnerships stick to the original 16-18 range and others have chosen to play a weaker notrump of 11-14. Notice they are mostly 3-point ranges enabling the responding partner to better reach the correct contract level by adding their HCP to opener's middle of range which will mostly be within one point of your exact combined total. Along with adding distribution points for short suits, it's simple

addition.

The acceptable opening notrump balanced hand patterns are 4-3-3-3, 4-4-3-2, and 5-3-3-2. These are the only "true" balanced distributions, other patterns are considered unbalanced. A couple tainted patterns: 2-2-4-5 (balanced, but not really – we all hate this pattern!) and some experts open 1NT with 6-card minors, provided no voids or singletons are present.

Suit Strength

Nothing has been mentioned about unstopped suits. The fact that you hold three small, or even two small, in a suit should not prevent you from opening a notrump bid (even 2NT 20-21!) if the size and shape criteria are met. However having two totally unstopped suits of less than four cards each is dangerous. I choose danger.

Since your notrump opening bid is easily the most descriptive bid you will make, look for reasons to open in notrump - not for reasons to fear it.

Using the most common 15-17 HCP notrump range how hands are described:

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BRIDGE HOUSTON

499^{er} Sectional Feb 8th – 11th, 2024

4688 Louetta Rd, Spring, TX | 281-651-6550 | thebridgeclub@sbcglobal.net
BCOH is a fragrance-free facility. No COVID vaccination required.

Partnership

Need a partner? Contact Janice Hardcastle at 832-643-1704 or janice_hardcastle@hotmail.com

Stratification*

A (300 to 499) B (100-300) C (0-100)
** Strats may be modified by director*

Entry Fees

(Cash Only)

ACBL Member (current)
\$10 per session per player
Lapsed or non ACBL Member
\$14 per session per player

Lunch / Snacks

Lunch available for \$7 on Thurs., Fri., and Sat. if ordered by 10am. No Sunday meal. Free snacks and drinks available all days.

Tournament Chair

Zane Bolen 281-813-5448
zbolen@comcast.net

Event Schedule

Thursday thru Saturday

Feb 8th - 10th

♠ 499er Pairs 10am
♠ 499er Pairs 2pm

Sunday, Feb 11th Swiss Teams

♠ 499er Swiss Team 1:30pm

Hand Review

On Sunday, Feb 11th, from 12:30 to 1:15pm, Sam Khayatt (Bridge Instructor) will answer your questions on tournament hands.

Swiss Teams

499er Sectionals are an excellent and low-stress introduction to Swiss Teams. Sign-up your team of 4

Lodging

Contact Tournament Chair for list of suggested hotels.

Come join us for some BCOH hospitality!



THE 99^{ER} NITE CLUB

**GREAT PLAY, LESSONS
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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
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199^{ER} NITE CLUB

*Ready to Graduate from
the 0 to 99 Game?*

**D16's 199^{ER} 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 99^{ER} NITE CLUB game.

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New Game in Town



1NT Opening
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- 1. Opening 1NT shows a balanced hand of 15-17 HCP, therefore . . .
- 2. By opening one of a suit and rebidding 1NT we show a balanced 12-14 HCP.
- 3. Opening one of a suit and a jump rebid of 2NT shows 18-19 HCP, too strong for 1NT opening.
- 4. An immediate 2NT opening bid is 20-21 HCP, again with balanced distribution.
- 5. For stonger hands we start with a 2♣ forcing auction – described in a later lesson.

Final Contract
We open 1NT to describe our hand. We do not necessarily intend to play the contract there. Since partner is much more aware of your hand than you are of partner's hand, partner is normally in charge of placing the contract. Trust partner. An eight card major suit fit is usually superior to playing the hand in

notrump.
By using certain tools such as the Stayman 2♣ bid and the Jacoby Transfer, the final dimension is added to find such a major fit or to play in notrump. Many experts will open 1NT (or 2NT) with a five-card major. Others do not fearing missing a major suit fit of 8-9 if the auction ends in 1NT. Your choice.
Rarely, but possibly, we play in a minor suit ... usually when partner to the 1NT is very weak but has at least six cards in their minor suit.
Next up: Responding to notrump opening bids.

**HCP is high card points, does not include distribution points.*

Ken Monzingo is in Unit 183. He is D16 first vice-president and Publications Committee chair. Ken is a past president of ACBL.



In Memoriam

- * Mary L. Anderson, Chapla
Mrs. Marie T. De Arango, Mexico City
John A. Bartholomew, Wichita Falls
- * Dorothy D. Brenneman, Midland
Virginia C. Chadwell, Fort Worth
- * David A. Clegg, Dallas
Mary Louise Dyer, Lubbock
- * Mary Lou Fowler, Houston
Mrs. Maryanne Haughton, Waxahachie
- * Bobbie R. Hill, Hart
- * L. W. Laird, Sugar Land
Nedra C. Mitchell, Denton
- * Thomas M. Miyake, Denton
- * Sibyl D. O'Banion, Lubbock
Mrs. Peggy J. Painter, Athens
Mrs. Patricia A. Patterson, Frisco
- * Gregory P. Sucec Sr., Sanger
- * Mrs. Darlene C. Shirey, Fort Worth
- * Dr. Dennis Tanner, Texas City
Mrs. Ella J. Windisman, Austin
- * Mrs. Eloise G. Wray, Azle

*Life Master

♥ Fort Western Sectional Winners ♦ Unit 183

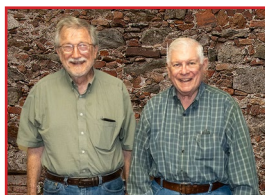
Friday, October 13 - Saturday, October 14 - Pairs



Friday AM -NLM A
Pete Clive,
Diana Clive



Friday AM - NLM C
Dianne Robbins,
Liz Furman



Friday AM - A (Tie)
George Morey,
Larz Smith



Friday AM - A (Tie)
Alan Rauch,
Gary Neisler



Friday AM - C
Jan Mogged,
Chuck Mogged



Friday PM - NLM A
Ron Renckly,
Carol Land



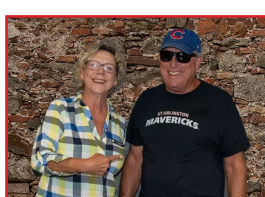
Friday PM - NLM C
Paula Pennington,
Kim Lee



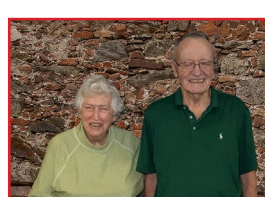
Friday PM - A
Jan Mogged,
Chuck Mogged



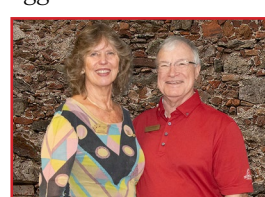
Saturday AM -
NLM A
Pam Pickrell,
Brenda Darby



Saturday AM -
NLM B
Brenda Schrader,
John Fee



Saturday AM -
A (Tie)
Mary Jane Orock,
Billy Leeper



Saturday AM - B
Jan Mogged,
Chuck Mogged



Saturday PM -
NLM A
Paula Pennington,
Kim Lee



Saturday PM - A
Nancy Kornegay,
Steve Kornegay



Saturday PM - C
David Worrall,
Karen Bell

Sunday October 15 - Bracketed Swiss Teams



Bracket 1
Kimmel Jones,
Mark Bumgardner,
Steve Kornegay,
Nancy Kornegay



Bracket 2
Chuck Mogged,
Jan Mogged,
Lynne Trigg,
Rosalee Hacker



Bracket 3
Ivan Uys,
John Fee,
MB Howard,
Alan Rauch

♥ Houston Bewiches Fall Sectional & I/N Regional Winners ♦ Unit 174

Friday, October 27 - Saturday, October 28 - Pairs



Friday - Open - A
Kerr Godfrey,
Debi Balter



Friday PM - SP - A
Bonnie Terrell,
Lucy Hoffman



Saturday - Open - A
Jack LaVigne,
Ralda St. Pierre

Saturday, October 28 - Sunday, October 29 - Bracketed Swiss Teams



Friday - Bracket 1
Buddy Hanby,
Jack LaVigne,
Sally Wheeler,
Joe Quinn



Saturday - Bracket 1
Sally Wheeler,
Shawn Quinn,
Buddy Hanby,
Joe Quinn



Saturday - Bracket 2
Louis Bockman,
Rubin Chang,
Chuck Ensor,
Wolfie Kotzen



Sunday - Bracket 1
David Goldfarb,
Mike Doyle,
Harry Elliott,
Daniel Jackson

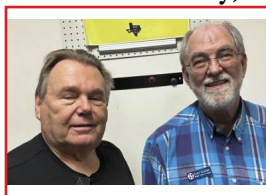


Sunday - Bracket 2
Steven Gordon,
Sarah Springer,
Donna Hrachovy,
Paddy Fiorino

♥ Austin Fall 0-50 & NLM I/N Sectionals Winners ♦ Unit 207

0-50 Sectional

Saturday, October 28 - Sunday, October 29 - Pairs



Saturday - A
Jim Brenton,
Loel Graber



Saturday - B & C
Ainge Southerland,
Mark Smith



Sunday - A, B, & C
Nancy McCourt,
Susan Hauser

NLM Sectional

Saturday, November 3 Pairs



Saturday AM - A
Sue Carter,
Susanna Busico



Saturday PM - A
Pamela Holmes,
George Holmes



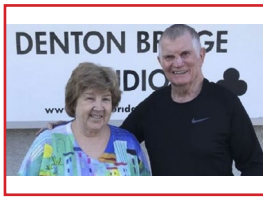
Saturday PM - B
Belva Courts, Abby
Kaighin

♥ Denton Bridge Studio Sectional Winners ♦ Unit 183

Thursday, November 2 - Saturday, November 4 - Pairs



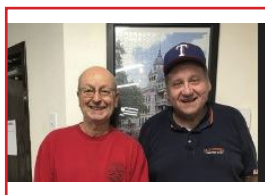
Thursday AM - A, B
Sharon Harbach,
Brian Eaton



Thursday AM - C
Beth DiTommaso,
Jerry Hollon



Thursday PM - A, B, C
Janet Medlin,
BK Sloan



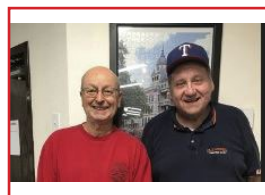
Friday AM - A
Stephen Kornegay,
Kimmel Jones



Friday AM - B
Laura Pantano,
James Summers



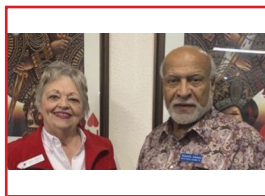
Friday AM - C
Sandra Funkhouser,
Rick Harwell



Friday PM - A
Stephen Kornegay,
Kimmel Jones



Friday PM - B, C
D Lane Mueller,
Margaret Cooley



Saturday AM - A
Carol Calkins,
Khalifa Ahmed



Saturday AM - B, C
Peter Clive,
Hassan Kasseba



Saturday PM - A
Stephen Kornegay,
Nancy Kornegay



Saturday PM - B, C
John Saylor,
Gail Wingfield

♥ Dallas Fall Sectional Winners ♦ Unit 176

Wednesday, November 15 - Thursday, November 16 - Pairs



Wednesday AM - A
Michael Murphy,
Thomas Leberman



Wednesday AM - B
Nancy Ramsey,
Heather Williams



Wednesday AM - C
David Worrall,
Karen Bell



Wednesday PM - A
Nina Huang,
Jiang Gu



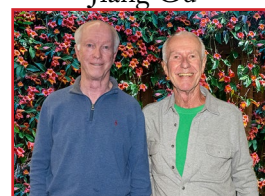
Wednesday PM - B
Larry Mayo,
Marie-Ann Johnson



Thursday AM - A
Nancy Passell,
Kitty Cooper



Thursday AM - B
Nancy Latner,
Susan Flick



Thursday PM - A
Bob Butterfield,
Ribs Lamothe

Friday, November 17 - Saturday, November 18 - Pairs



Friday AM 0-749 - B
Stephanie Strom,
Bonnie Keene



Friday AM - A
Marilyn Florin,
Preston Morrow



Friday AM - B
Nancy Ramsey,
Heather Williams



Friday PM - A
Bart Bramley,
Kitty Cooper



Friday PM -B
Gerrie Owen,
Kathleen Carr



Saturday AM 0-749 - C
Bonnie Keene,
Denise Patterson



Saturday AM - A
Nancy Felman,
Elaine Wood

Wednesday, November 15 - Saturday, November 18 - Bracketed Swiss Teams



Wednesday - Bkt 1
Steve Kornegay,
Nancy Kornegay,
Sheri Bumgardner,
Mark Bumgardner



Wednesday - Bkt 2
Chuck Mogged,
Jan Mogged,
Lynne Trigg,
Rosalee Hacker



Wednesday - Bkt 3
Dee Norris,
Sanjay Santhanam,
Ann Haynes,
Laura Kelly



Thursday - Bkt 1
Mark Bumgardner,
Sheri Bumgardner,
Nancy Kornegay,
Steve Kornegay



Thursday - Bkt 2
Randy Patterson,
Brian Gelles,
Patty Stille,
Janet Gelles



Thursday - Bkt 3
Amy Schumacher,
B. K. Sloan,
Jean Scott,
Sylvia Chavez



Thursday - Bkt 4
Louise Shanley,
Gari Martin,
Judy Bouska,
Jackie Carroll



Thursday - Bkt 5
Tim Kaufman,
Charles Tapp,
Elizebeth Farris,
Randall Gammill



Friday - Bkt 1
Nancy Passell,
Hugh Hillaker,
Mike Passell,
Michael Penick



Friday - Bkt 2
Chuck Burke,
Chuck Mogged,
Rosalee Hacker,
Jan Mogged



Friday - Bkt 3
Bob Bender,
Bill Brooks,
Walt Netschi,
Ken Melvin



Friday - Bkt 4
H.P. Goel,
Bob Deboom,
Robert Neal,
Larry Mayo



Saturday - Bkt 1
Suresh Agrawal,
Ari Sippola,
Pawel Hanus,
Bob Wilkin



Saturday - Bkt 2
Jane Kirby,
Kate Hopkins,
Bob Butterfield,
Steve Birnbaum



Saturday - Bkt 3
Ross Ramsey,
John Luebkekmann,
Mary Chaffin,
Erica Walker



Saturday - Bkt 4
Jacqueline Brown,
John Peart,
Phil Brown,
Calvin Winchester

ED RAWLINSON WINTER SECTIONAL

NAP - DISTRICT 16 FINALS



San Antonio Shrine Auditorium

Playing Site

901 North Loop 1604 West
210-496-6334

January 11-14, 2024
San Antonio, Texas

Nearby Hotels

Homewood Suites by Hilton – 125 N Loop 1604 W – (210) 497-8200

Residence Inn by Marriott – 1115 N Loop 1604 E – (210) 490-1333

Drury Inn & Suites – 801 N Loop 1604 E – (210) 404-1600

Drury Plaza – 823 N loop 1604 E – (210) 404-1600

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott – 80 Trailcrest St – (210) 491-9595

Sectional Information

Stratifications:

Flight A 2500+

Flight B 750 - 2500

Flight C 0 - 750

All events will be stratified based on Average Master Points.

Strats may change at the discretion of the DIC.

Card Fees:

\$14 per person per session

Sunday Swiss \$136 per team (includes lunch)

Additional \$4 per session for unpaid members

NAP Information

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

Card Fees: Sat \$14 per person per session

Sun \$18 per person per session (includes lunch)



Flight A: Open to any player



Flight B: Players with fewer than 2500 MPs as of June 2023 MP cycle



Flight C: Non-life master fewer than 500 MPs as of June 2023 MP cycle



Thursday, January 11, 2024

10:00 am Stratified Pairs

3:00 pm Stratified Pairs

Friday, January 12, 2024

10:00 am Stratified Pairs

3:00 pm Stratified Pairs

Saturday, January 13, 2024

10:00 am Stratified Pairs

10:00 am **NAP Qualifying (1st Session)**

3:00 pm ***NAP Qualifying (2nd Session)***

3:00 pm Stratified Pairs

Sunday, January 14, 2024

10:00 am **NAP Finals (1st session)**

10:00 & TBA Stratified Swiss Teams

TBA **NAP Finals (2nd Session)**

Meal served between Sunday session

NAP If there are 16 or fewer pairs entered in any given flight, such flight will have a two-session final on Saturday

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

Partnership Chair: Sharon Evans, 832-421-4034, sbolen2002@yahoo.com
Director in Charge: Kevin Perkins

2024

Texas Capital Bridge Unit 207

January Sectional



JANUARY 4-7, 2024



Bridge Center of Austin ♠ 6700 Middle Fiskville Rd.

Free Coffee & Snacks

Stratifications

(Pair and team games based on average MPs)

Open Pairs & Stratified Swiss

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

299er Pairs:

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

Sunday AX & Bracketed Swiss:

7 teams/bracket

Director has discretion on the A/X break

ENTRY FEES

\$14/session

(\$16 unpaid members, ACBL req)

\$140/Sunday Swiss Teams &
includes meal

Thursday, January 4

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

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

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

Friday, January 5

Two-session Bracketed Swiss Teams 10am, 2:30pm

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

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

Saturday, January 6

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

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

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

Sunday, January 7

Strati-flighted A/(X=0-3000) Swiss Teams 10am & TBD

Bracketed Swiss Teams (0-2000) 10am & TBD

**Box lunch served between morning &
afternoon sessions on Sunday**

**Pictures of Section Winners Posted Daily
at austinbridge.org**

This is a Fragrance-Free Tournament

Chairpersons:

Barbara Clements, bsclements69@gmail.com, 703-501-1949

Sharon Hoyer, skhoyer@att.net, 512-284-4600

Partnerships: Pat Berry, ppatberry@aol.com

Director in Charge: Melody Euler

COVID PROTOCOLS

Please note: Proof of Covid
Vaccination no longer
required to play at the BCA.
Masks are optional



♥ Puerto Vallarta Regional Winners ♦ Unit 205

Monday, October 30 - Sunday, November 5 - Pairs



Monday PM - A
Dolores Aquino,
Chris Compton



Overall - PM -
Side Game
Aida Jansma,
Jan Jansma



Wednesday - A
Jeff McKee,
Rosemary Kelley



Thursday - Choice - A
Kathie Macnab,
Bill Halliday



Saturday - Choice - B
Sandra Sarnow,
Ariel Smid

Monday, October 30 - Sunday, November 5 - Teams



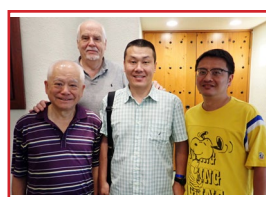
Monday-Tuesday KO 1
Jonathan Steinberg,
Alex Hudson,
Hendrik Sharples,
Gerry Marshall



Monday - Tuesday KO 2
Kevin Strangway,
Robert Pratt,
Daniel Bertrand,
Bernie Lambert



Tuesday - B/C/D Swiss
Mary Ann White,
Martin Wewerka,
Nicci Beninger,
Patricia Herrera



Friday - Saturday KO
Richard Chan,
Keith Heckley,
Edward Xu,
Ming Sheng



Sunday - A/X/Y Swiss
Richard Chan,
Keith Heckley,
Edward Xu,
Ming Sheng

Tournament Directors



Jorge Rosen, Scott Humphrey &
Michael Farebrother

**New
Life Master**



Bernita Cooper, Nicolas de Ibar

Ajijic Valentine Sectional

February 8-11, 2024

Hotel Boutique Sol y Luna

Rio Bravo 10A, Ajijic, Jalisco, Mexico 45920

**Hospitality!
Prizes!**



**Fragrance
Free!**

Schedule

Thursday, February 8

7:00 pm: Open Pairs Stratified

Saturday, February 10

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)

Friday, February 9

10:00 am: Open Pairs Stratified

299r Pairs Stratified

3:00 pm: Open Pairs Stratified

Sunday, February 11

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

Lunch Between Sessions (finish by 5:00)

Stratifications

Open Pairs: A: 2000+ B: 750–2000 C: 0–750

Swiss Teams: A: 2000+ B: 1000–2000 C: 0–1000

299r Pairs Stratified Based on Field (no player over 299)

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:

Nicci Beninger +52 376-106-1245 or +52 332-507-9324 (WhatsApp)

niccimjb@gmail.com

Partnership:

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

Host Hotel:

Hotel Boutique Sol y Luna
Rio Bravo 10A, Ajijic 45920

www.hotelsolylunaspa.com

Bridge Rate: \$2264 MXN Th-Sat, \$1755 Sun
(incl. breakfast & taxes)

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+52 333 232 6888

Nearby Hotel:

Hotel Danza del Sol
Calle Zaragoza 165, Ajijic, 45920

www.hoteldanzadelsol.com

+52 333 641 9100

Book directly on their website or through
hotels.com or booking.com



Events

Friday & Saturday, Feb 9-10

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

Sunday, Feb 11:

Strati-Flighted Teams 10:00 AM & **ASAP** PM
 (2 sessions)

Reservations

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

Location

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

Contacts

Tournament chair:

- Randy Eads 682-701-4813
eadswr@icloud.com

Director in Charge:

- Carolyn Pinto

Partnership Chair:

- Gloria Fields 817-266-2095
partners183@outlook.com

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

Strati-Flighted Teams:

AX teams play together
 BCD teams play together
 Strats within events based on Team
 Average MP.

A: 5000+
 X: 3000 - 5000
 B: 1500 - 3000
 C: 750 - 1500
 D: 0-750

Fees

- You can Pre-Register Online with Entry Express
 - <https://members.acbl.org/tournaments>
- Or Buy Entry Prior to Game
- Credit Cards or Electronic Xfer Only
- Friday & Saturday: \$13 per Person per Session
- Sunday: \$120 per Team for both Sessions & Lunch
- Unpaid ACBL Members \$4 Extra

Covid

Neither COVID Vaccination nor
 Masking required per ACBL guidance

Dallas Winter Sectional February 21-24, 2024

Lovers Lane United Methodist Church
9200 Inwood Rd.
Dallas, TX 75229

Wednesday, February 21

Stratified Open and 749er Pairs (Single Sessions)	10:00 am & 2:30 pm
Open Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)	10:00 am & 2:30 pm

Thursday, February 22

Stratified Open and 749er Pairs (Single Sessions)	10:00 am & 2:30 pm
Open Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)	10:00 am & 2:30 pm

Friday, February 23

Stratified Open and 749er Pairs (Single Sessions)	10:00 am & 2:30 pm
Open Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)	10:00 am & 2:30 pm

Saturday, February 24

Stratified Open and 749er Pairs (Single Sessions)	10:00 am & 2:30 pm
Open Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)	10:00 am & 2:30 pm

Stratifications:

Open Pairs: A: 4000+, B: 1500-4000, C: 0-1500 (By average masterpoints)

749er Events: A:500-749, B:300-499, C: 0-299 (By average masterpoints)

NOTE: Stratifications may be adjusted by director based on attendance.

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

Tournament Chairperson: Connie Scott connievanpatter@yahoo.com

Partnerships: TBD (email: PartnershipU176@gmail.com)

Tournament Director in Charge: Kevin Perkins

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

Phone: 214-357-4500 Rate: King Suite - \$164. Double Suites - \$169. Reserve by January 31 to get bridge rate..

Snacks and Drinks Every Day!

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