

**UNIT 174  
EVENTS &  
CLASSES  
AUGUST 2022**



**Welcome to the AUGUST 2022 Unit 174 Events and Classes Newsletter.**

August is known for many things, including the dog days of summer, National Watermelon Day (August 3), and National Smile Week (August 5-11). August is named after Augustus Caesar, founder and the first emperor of the Roman Empire, who was posthumously adopted by his maternal great-uncle Gaius Julius Caesar.

**Be sure to support your local clubs F2F and online!**

Please send us your class schedules, special event news, and links by the 25th of the month. This newsletter is published on the 1st of each month.

The unique email associated with this newsletter is [unit174classandevents@gmail.com](mailto:unit174classandevents@gmail.com).

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Co-Editors

**For more information about what is happening locally, go to the Unit 174 web page [acblunit174.org](http://acblunit174.org).**

**UNIT 174 SPECIAL EVENTS**



# Houston Unit 174 Proudly Presents



Note: ACBL has increased awards by 20%

\$1 Soda



## Awesome August Sectional

### ARABIA SHRINE CENTER

10510 Harwin Dr.  
Houston, TX 77036



### Stratification

#### Stratified Open Pairs

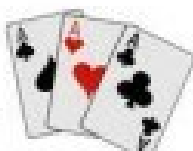
A: 3000+ X: 750-3000 Y: 0-750

#### Stratified 299'r Pairs

B: 200-300 C: 100-200 D: 0-100

#### Bracketed Swiss

Brackets of 7-9 teams



### Table Fees per Session

Thur, Fri & Sat: \$12 (\$4 more for lapsed members)

Sunday: \$14 (Sunday lunch included)

Table Fees are cashless (credit card only)

### SPRINGHILL SUITES by Marriott

5851 Rogerdale Rd, Houston, TX 77072  
(832) 300-0200 - Room Rate \$79 (AARP Discount)

### HOUSTON MARRIOTT WESTCHASE

2900 Briarpark Dr., Houston TX 77042  
(713) 978-7400 - Room Rate: \$99

### Covid Safety

See Unit 174 website (acblunit174.org)  
for latest guidelines

### Playing Schedule

#### Thursday, Friday & Saturday, Aug 11-13

Stratified Open Pairs	10 & 2:30
Stratified 299'r Pairs (single sessions)	10 & 2:30
Side Game (single sessions)	10 & 2:30
FLM 0-50 Gemini Pairs	10 & 2:30
Bracketed Swiss	10 & 2:30

#### Sunday, Aug 14

Stratified Open Pairs (single sessions)	10 & TBD
Stratified 299'r Pairs (single sessions)	10 & TBD
Bracketed Swiss	10 & TBD

### Please Be Scent-sitive

No Cologne

No Perfume

No Offensive Odors

### Tournament Chairs

#### Gregory May

greg@galvestonbridge.club  
(281) 933-1113

#### John DuBose

jd174biz@yahoo.com  
(713) 315-1755

For latest copy of flyer,  
please visit unit 174 website

<https://ACBLunit174.org>



### Guest Speakers - TBD Thursday, Friday & Saturday

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday:

## ONLINE SPECIAL EVENTS

## ESPECIALLY FOR NEWCOMERS



A new look and bringing more to our newest bridge players!

**Visit our new website!**

[www.flm174.org](http://www.flm174.org)

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

### **Future Life Masters of Unit 174**

### **Sundays at Shriners**

Once a month for a relaxed Sunday afternoon  
199er Game IN PERSON in Central Houston for ALL our area  
players **Partners provided!**

**AUGUST 28th at 2:00 PM**

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS

[www.flm174.org/games](http://www.flm174.org/games)

COVID VACCINE REQUIRED  
10510 Harwin Dr, Houston

## **CLASSES**

### **Make Plans!**



**Class starts AUG 27th:**

Online Beginning Bridge with Sam Khayatt

BBO with Bridge Club of Houston

Register: [4notrumplessons@gmail.com](mailto:4notrumplessons@gmail.com)



**REGISTRATION OPEN NOW - Class starts Sept 6th**

In-Person Beginning Bridge with Linda Sutton

Lone Star Bridge Club in Conroe

Register: [lindasutton212@gmail.com](mailto:lindasutton212@gmail.com)



**REGISTRATION OPEN NOW-Classes start wk of Aug 22**

In-Person bridge classes...Beginners to Intermediate

Dave Glandorf at Clear Lake Bridge Club

Register: [drglandorf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:drglandorf@sbcglobal.net)



**REGISTRATION OPEN NOW-Classes start Sept 9th**

In-person Beginning Bridge with Jeanne Phelps

West Houston/Katy at Embassy Suites

Register: [houstonchoolofbridge@gmail.com](mailto:houstonchoolofbridge@gmail.com)

Check our website for more information about classes and teachers:  
[www.flm174.org](http://www.flm174.org)

## Bridge Book Club

Coming in September - Beginning Bridge Book Club An online (ZOOM) weekly discussion. The first book will be: Counting at Bridge: The Easy Way to Improve Your Game by Dianne Aves

The discussions will be on consecutive Saturday morning sessions Starting September 3, 2022, from 10 am to noon.

Registration and information at:  
[houstonschoolofbridge@gmail.com](mailto:houstonschoolofbridge@gmail.com)

## Games

### FACE-to-FACE

199er Clear Lake Bridge Club  
Wednesdays at 2:00 PM

### ONLINE BBO

0-20er FLM Saturday AUG 6th at 9:00 AM  
0-49er FLM Tuesdays at 3:05 PM  
0-199er CHOOSE HOUSTON Weekdays at 9:50 AM

[www.  
flm174.org/games](http://www.flm174.org/games)

## **DISTRICT 16 GAMES FOR NEW PLAYERS**

### **District 16 Daily 0-99ers Games with Pre & Post Lessons and Analysis**

District 16 offers our 99ers a game just for them - the "99er Nite Club"! These games are offered 7 days a week at 6 pm. If you are a 99er, ask your Club if they are participating. Your Club has to "opt-in" for these games to participate. If your Club has any questions, ask them to contact Nancy Strohmer, [nastrohmer@yahoo.com](mailto:nastrohmer@yahoo.com).

District 16 wants every 99er to have the opportunity to play as much as possible and have the best experiences. There are extra perks of this game: Lynn Berg provides mini-lessons @ 5:30 pm and a postmortem at about 7:30 pm. These are bigger games offering more masterpoints!

# 199ER NITE CLUB

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

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

**7 DAYS A WEEK AT 6:05 PM CST**

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

*Clubs must be signed up to participate, just like for the 99ER NITE CLUB game.*

*Contact Nancy Strohmer for details:  
nastrohmer@yahoo.com*

*New Game in Town*



## LOCAL BRIDGE CLASSES OFFERED

Please note many teachers and clubs are taking a break from classes and teaching over the summer. If you cannot find the teacher you are interested in working with please contact them directly. For a list of teachers in the Unit 174 area check out: [Ask a Teacher \(acblunit174.org\)](http://acblunit174.org)

## BRIDGE CLUB OF HOUSTON

Classes and events

**July 4th Come celebrate America's Birthday!! Hot dogs will be provided. Please bring a favorite side dish or dessert to share. Lunch/Celebration begins at 11:00 am with the game to follow at noon.**

**We are bringing back the 0-50 game Tuesday mornings**

Julie Halperin will give a free lesson from 9:30 to 10:10. The game begins at 10:30. The game fee for 0-50 game is \$5.00. The open game is \$10.00. We will set up partnerships for those who need them. Text Julie at 713-857-8004 with questions or concerns. Lessons are open to all!

**Mentor/Mentee F2F** - July 12th at 10:30 a.m. (sign up at the club or contact Judy Cupps @ [judy\\_n\\_al@yahoo.com](mailto:judy_n_al@yahoo.com) with any questions).

**"Open Swiss Teams"** - July 26th at 10:30 a.m. (register at the club).

### **Monday Mornings with Bill**

**Bill Riley will give a series of lectures on various bridge topics. These topics are geared to the advanced beginner and intermediate player but are open to all.**

Other topics, in addition to those specified below, will include: Transfers, Interfering with the Opponent, opening 1NT, Doubles, and Nuances of 2/1, to name just a few.

Bill Riley is a Diamond Life Master, certified ACBL director, as well as an outstanding and entertaining teacher. Having taught Pediatrics for 40 years, he is now teaching bridge.

Lessons begin at 10:30. The usual cost of the lecture is \$2.00, which we will collect at the door [when we verify COVID vaccination cards for those at the club for the first time].

**Should there be enough participants, there will be a 499er game as well as an open game on those Mondays.**

July 11th - Finding the missing cards

July 25th - Minor suit transfers from the Basic to the New advanced method



# Clear Lake Bridge Club

## EVENTS & CLASSES

August 2022

### Special Events

#### Eight is Enough Team Game

Sunday, Aug 7th 1:00 Game

#### Breakfast, Bridge & Lesson

Wednesday, Aug 10th

9:00 Breakfast, 9:20 Lesson, 10:00 Game

#### Mentor Mentee Game

Wednesday, Aug 17th

1:30 Lunch, 2:00 Game

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED for M/M Game

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### Classes

Advance Registration for THIRD Trimester is open until August 7th

For more detailed information and classes and registration contact DAVE GLANDORF

Email: [drglandorf@sboglobal.net](mailto:drglandorf@sboglobal.net)

Cell phone: 713-828-0030

View Dave's 2022 Bridge Handbook at

[www.clearlakebridgeclub.org/bridge-education](http://www.clearlakebridgeclub.org/bridge-education)

3rd Trimester classes start the week of August 21st

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### Regular In-person Game Schedule

Open PAIRS	Open TEAMS	749er PAIRS	199er PAIRS
M/W/F 10:00 AM	Sunday 1:00 PM	Tu/Th 10:00 AM	Wed 2:00 PM
Sat 1:00 PM			

**Covid Vaccinations are required at Club**

#### **Beginning Bridge with Sam Khayatt**

Join us for a hands-on approach to learning bridge or solidifying your game. The course is taught primarily on BBO and Zoom but also has a face-to-face component. The \$ 130-course fee covers:

- A technology session to get you familiar with BBO and Zoom
- Twelve (12) lessons on BBO/Zoom
- Three (3) supervised play sessions on BBO/Zoom
- Three (3) supervised play sessions at the Bridge Club of Houston

Dates: August 20 - December 18

[Click here for the class flyer](#)

Questions? Email: [4notrumplessions@gmail.com](mailto:4notrumplessions@gmail.com)



**Free Beginning Bridge Lessons every Wednesday at the Embassy Suites at Park Row and I-10 for the months of June, July, and August.**

Geared towards Novices and Beginners who want to learn or improve their game of bridge. The class is free. The setting is very relaxed and social. This class will be held concurrent with the Neighbors and Newcomers of Greater Houston (NNGH) Learn to Play Bridge class.

Schedule: Wednesdays during the summer

10:00 - 11:30 am: Lesson and Play

11:30 - 12:30 pm: Lunch Buffet at Embassy Suites (\$7 includes meal, drink, and dessert). Free coffee and ice water are available.

12:30 - 2:00: Play bridge

We will follow the lesson plan in the "ACBL Series Bidding in the 21st Century". Handouts will be emailed to you every week, so you do not need to buy the book ([ACBL Bidding In The 21st Century - Baron Barclay Bridge Supply](#)), but it will be very helpful for following along and reviewing what we went over in the class that day.

**Breaking News!!! - We have been having so much fun we are also meeting every Friday (till the end of the summer) Same place and time, but just Fun Bridge with hand reviews if needed.**

### **Coming in September - Beginning Bridge Book Club**

An online weekly review of the - **Counting at Bridge: The Easy Way to Improve Your Game by Dianne Aves**. Available: on Amazon as a paperback and at Masterpoint Press Bridge Press electronically. There will be a one-time fee of \$50 payable by check or transfer via Zelle to participate.

The discussion will be on consecutive Saturday morning sessions starting September 3, 2022, from 10 am to noon. The discussion will be held using ZOOM. We will discuss the main concepts of each



chapter and work thru the problems at the end of each chapter. Slides will be prepared from the book's material to help lead the group discussion.

Quotes about the book:

*"A retired math teacher, the author has long felt that counting is the most useful skill she can instill in her bridge students, but that most books approach the subject at too high a level... No longer! This book introduces the concept of counting for newer players and helps them to begin acquiring a skill that is critical to their becoming better players." from Amazon.*

*"Bridge teachers emphasize to their students the importance of counting points, distribution, tricks, and so on. But it's hard to teach and even harder to learn, let alone assimilate to the point where counting becomes automatic as one is playing. This book introduces the concept of counting for newer players and helps them to begin acquiring a skill that is critical to their becoming better players." from Master Point Press.*

**Coming in September - Play of the Hand Classes every Friday starting September 6th at the Embassy Suites at Park Row and I-10. There will be a one-time fee of \$55 payable by check or transfer via Zelle to participate.**

We will follow the lesson plan in the "ACBL Series Play of the Hand in the 21st Century". Handouts will be emailed to you every week, so you do not need to buy the book ([Play of the Hand In The 21st Century - Baron Barclay Bridge Supply](#)), but it will be very helpful for following along and reviewing what we went over in the class that day.

If you are interested in attending either event, please email your name and phone number to Jeanne Phelps at [houstonschoolofbridge@gmail.com](mailto:houstonschoolofbridge@gmail.com).

**Please Do Not Attend if  
you do not have your Covid Vaccinations, or if you are sick.**

## **THE LONE STAR BRIDGE CLUB**

**For August, Jeff's lesson is on the first Monday of the month.** DLM Jeff Kroll teaches a lesson to benefit all levels of players.

In August, Jeff will answer questions on splinters and cover:

- When to bypass a four card major to bid notrump: modern system - Walsh System.
- Mixed raises
- Bergen raises
- Dealing with interference
- INT forcing vs. semi-forcing

## THOMAS RUSH ONLINE BRIDGE CLASSES

### Intermediate or Advanced Pairs Workshop on BBO

Scheduled according to your calendar, online  
Two-hour sessions designed for a partnership, \$100/pair/session.

I've been running these very successful sessions with a limited group and am ready to roll it out to more people. In these two-hour online sessions, we'll set up a teaching room on BBO with audio for one or two pairs, with me working as a coach to help you analyze auctions declarer play and defense at a higher level.

Because we're playing online, we can discuss a hand immediately after and replay it to see the benefit of different bids or order of play. We can also give you practice on particular conventions or types of hands - it's really up to the people in each particular class!

For more information or to register, contact Thomas Rush at 832-228-7835 or email [PlayBridgeWithThomas@gmail.com](mailto:PlayBridgeWithThomas@gmail.com).

## ASK JEFF by Jeff Kroll

The first Monday of each month before the game, at 11 am, DLM Jeff Kroll teaches a lesson to benefit all levels of players. Here is a link to a video of the July 2022 Class: <https://vimeo.com/729225209>

### Questions about 2/1

**The Questions:** Our group bought and studied the Audrey Grant 2/1 book. We play it now. Recently we had a couple of problems:

1. We asked a life master friend if we could bid 2 clubs (to make a game force) if we only had two clubs in our hand. We then asked if we could do it with three in our hand.

The answer came back that we could not do it unless we had five in our hand.

She then said that if we were going to make a 2 club game force with less than 5 in our hand, we should alert it.

When we returned to the book, it said we could bid 2 clubs (for the game force) if we had only three in our hand. It also said we should only do that in rare cases.

Your thoughts?

2. My partner opened one heart. My hand got better with that bid. It got up to opening count, so I made a 2/1 game force. The opponent complained that I could not do it that way. Your thoughts? (sorry if I asked this before)

**Answer:** Good questions.

Bidding a 2 card suit should be alerted. I would not recommend making a game force with a 2 card club suit. You should bid as naturally as possible. The book is correct. I would only make a game force with a 3 card club suit if every other call was worse. There are hands you would make a game force with a 2C bid with a 4 card club suit.

People play 2/1 with lots of variations. I recently discussed 2/1 with someone who was taught constructive raises were part of 2/1. They can be, but they don't have to be.

The parts of 2/1 that are in stone are:

A 2/1 bid is forcing to game. However, some (like me) like to turn that off when the responder rebids their suit on their second bid. Some only play 2/1 over the majors.

A 1 NT by responder shows 6-12 points and is forcing or semi-forcing based on agreement. Originally most played this as forcing now, more (especially experts like Larry Cohen) play it as semi-forcing.

Everything else is up for partnership agreement.

Good for you for upgrading your hand when you had a good fit with your partner. Good players reevaluate their hand after each bid. You could and should make a game force when you have the values. However, you should consider making the game force with a splinter (assuming you have a singleton or void and the point range you agreed upon for a splinter) or a Jacoby 2NT bid. Both of those bids are more descriptive than the 2/1 bid.

You can contact Jeff at [texas.blue.hen@gmail.com](mailto:texas.blue.hen@gmail.com).

*editors note - one of the best ways to learn a new bidding system is to get a group of people together and practice playing that system till you all get the kinks out. Also note that most bidding systems have variations that you need to work out with your partner before playing.*

## 2 Beginner Games - Results and Video by Robert Hanly's Durham DBC

Every week Robert Hanley of the Durham DBC takes hands from his beginner games and shows how he would have bid and played the hand. Please note that he uses a BBO screen to show his solution so be aware of the positions in BBO, they may or may not match the hand record. This month's example is from his July 5, 199er game.

The link to the video is: [\\_Durham DBC - Tue, Jul 5, 199er game: https://share.vidyard.com/watch/wHzQmpcjvkoH6E1ix8FBJP](https://share.vidyard.com/watch/wHzQmpcjvkoH6E1ix8FBJP)

Dir: E  
Vul: N-S

10  
17 9  
4

♠ 6  
♥ AK 5 4  
♦ AK Q J 2  
♣ 7 4 2

♠ AQJ 10 9 5 2  
♥ 7  
♦ 10 6 5  
♣ K 10

♠ 8 7 3  
♥ Q 10 2  
♦ 8  
♣ AQJ 9 8 3

♠ K 4  
♥ J 9 8 6 3  
♦ 9 7 4 3  
♣ 6 5

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**Board 2: Partner preempts with 3C. I have great support...Can we make a slam?**

Robert and his partner are sitting EW. Bidding:

N	E	S	W
	3C	P	5C
1S	2H	2S	3D
P	P	P	

lead 3D

E/W make a grand slam in clubs.

In this example, Robert discusses the logic he used when he decided to make a 5C bid instead of exploring for a slam. It all comes down to making finesse in clubs. Based on percentages, he decides the safe bet is 5C.

Contract	Lead	Result	Score		Matchpoints	
			N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
3N W	♣9	-3	150	-150	11.00	0.00
3♣ N	♥8	-1	-100	100	9.50	1.50
3♣ N	♥8	-1	-100	100	9.50	1.50
4♥ W	♠A	=	-130	130	8.00	3.00
3♥ W	♠A	+1	-170	170	6.50	4.50
4♣ E	♠K	+2	-170	170	6.50	4.50
3♥ W	♥7	+4	-190	190	5.00	6.00
3♣ N	♥8	-1	-100	100	9.50	1.50

3♣ N	♥8	-2	-200	200	2.50	8.50
3♣ N	♥8	-2	-200	200	2.50	8.50
4♣ N	♥8	-2	-200	200	2.50	8.50
5♣ E	♣4	=	-400	400	0.00	11.00

Dir: S  
Vul: None

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♠ A 7 4 3 2	♠ ----
♥ 9	♥ Q J 8 5 3
♦ Q 9 8 2	♦ A K J 10
♣ 10 8 3	♣ A K J 7
♠ 10 9 8 5	♠ K Q J 8
♥ A 10 7 6 2	♥ K 4
♦ 3	♦ 7 6 5 4
♣ Q 5 2	♣ 9 8 4

**Board 11: After his partner shows a strong hand, how does Robert show he is interested in a slam even though he has a relatively weak hand,**

Robert and his partner are sitting N/S  
Bidding:

	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>W</b>
			P	P
P		1H	P	4H
P	4S	X	5D	
			6H	

lead KS

E/W makes a Grand Slam in Hearts.

In this example, Robert wants to show his interest in a slam after his

partner shows a strong hand by bidding 5S. While there is no perfect bid he discusses the logic he used in making a cuebid of 5D even though he doesn't have the exact hand for that bid. His partner reads that as interest and takes them to 6H.

Contract	Lead	Result	Score		Matchpoints	
			N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
2♣ S	♥A	-2	-100	100	11.00	0.00
3♥ E	♣K	+4	-280	280	10.00	1.00
4♥ E	♣K	+1	-450	450	9.00	2.00
4♥ E	♣K	+2	-480	480	6.00	5.00
4♥ E	♣K	+2	-480	480	6.00	5.00
4♥ E	♣K	+2	-480	480	6.00	5.00

4♥ E	♣K	+2	-480	480	6.00	5.00
5♥ E	♣K	+1	-480	480	6.00	5.00
4♥ E	♣K	+3	-510	510	1.50	9.50
4♥ E	♣K	+3	-510	510	1.50	9.50
4♥ E	♣K	+3	-510	510	1.50	9.50
4♥ E	♣Q	+3	-510	510	1.50	9.50

***As one goes through life,  
one learns that if you  
don't paddle your own canoe, you don't move.***

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**Katherine Hepburn**

**<https://www.inspiringquotes.com/>**

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