



Joan Jackson Earns Grand Life Master

Joan Jackson has been playing bridge for about fifty years, culminating on Saturday, August 31 by earning the ACBL's highest rank: Grand Life Master. In order to be a GLM, one must win a National Championship in an unrestricted NABC+ event; she has won four. One also needs 10,000 masterpoints. Joan came into the Dallas Labor Day Regional tournament needing nine points and earned them on Saturday, when her team – which included long-time GLM Bob Hamman, ACBL Executive Director Bronia Jenkins, and Cenk Tuncok – finished third in Bracket 1.

In addition to her NABC wins, Joan has a world championship to her credit. A bit Congrats to Dallas's newest Grand Life Master.



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A Special Remembrance of Tina Epstein's life



A group of Tina's friends celebrated her life at the Dallas Labor Day Regional. Tina passed away six months ago of Parkinson's disease. Her friends are a great reminder to us all to surround yourself with friends who will laugh often, long, and loud. Life is a journey.....enjoy it while you can.



MDBC Celebrates 12 Years!

In 2012 few bridge players would have believed that they would soon have a sanctioned, popular, semi-weekly duplicate game in McKinney, Texas. The club was the brainchild of a handful of avid duplicate players looking for a game in the North Dallas area. It took an act of faith for those founders to start a new club with no money, no director, no location, and no supplies. They contacted fellow bridge players and soon had enough generous donations to get started.

With the help of Dorsey Shaw who donated supplies and became the fledgling club's first director, the founders discovered an ideal location for holding games *continued on p 5*

Out & About

Friendly Bridge Club ~♠♥♦♣

Our regular games are: **Monday, Thursday, and Friday at 10:30am** at Disciples Christian Church - 2001 Independence Pkwy, Plano (NW corner of Park & Independence).

Our **Saturday** game is 1:00 pm, open & 499er at King of Glory Lutheran Church in Dallas (6411 LBJ Frwy)

NOTE: Tuesday game (varies see FBC website)

Come play bridge, and visit with your bridge friends. You can register on our website at www.bridgewebs.com/friendlyllc, or send to this email planofriendlybridge@gmail.com with your reservation information, or call or text me at 972-814-8801. We look forward to seeing you, and having some fun playing in person bridge in a safe environment.

~shared by Valarie Remmers, Mike Davis, & Jay Gibson

Harp's Bridge Club: jimharpiiii@gmail.com

Rockwall Community Center 108 E. Washington St
Tues 10:30 am Open

Lariat Bridge Club in Waxahachie:

1st United Methodist Church, 505 W Marvin Ave
Tuesday 6:30 pm Open, please arrive by 6:15 pm.
miketull@sbcglobal.net

BAND at Frisco 10 Post N Paddock

Monday 9:30 am Open

Wednesday 9:30 am Open

Due to limited space, reservations required: email billosborn13@att.net or call 972-814-2133.

K-S Bridge Studio (BAND) 3030 LBJ Fwy, Ste #300,
Dallas

Friday 1:00 pm, 0-20 MP

Sunday 1:00 pm 299er, preceded by 12:40 pm
free mini lesson by Kristen Onsgard

Reservations requested, email

stef4bridge@gmail.com (Stephanie Scott).

Random Thoughts:

- * Anyone who calls a rose by any other name was no doubt pruning without a good pair of gloves.
- * A nice thing about gardening is that if you put it off long enough it eventually will be too late.
- * If you sow kindness, you will reap a crop of friends.

McKinney Duplicate Bridge Club ~♠♥♦♣

Please join us in McKinney for **10:00 AM Games: Tuesdays & Thursdays**, only \$8 in the Salvation Army gym, 600 Wilson Creek Parkway. Please arrive by 9:45 and park in the rear of building. Bring a snack or small lunch. Coffee and water provided, Reg Watt directing. No partner. No problem. Just come and we will provide a partner for you. You may get lucky and play with Reg.

~shared by Karen Roland

Valley View Bridge Club ~♠♥♦♣

Newby Play & Learn at 12:30pm every Wednesday at The King of Glory Church. Criteria: Must have less than 20 MP's to play; Can ask questions of the Director; Will earn MP's as you play; Players play for \$10/pp. Great opportunity to practice what you have learned.

Gerrie and Kathy also offer continuing classes for all levels of players with emphasis on different areas and topics like Defense, Play of the Hand, etc. The next round of Beginner Bridge Classes (in afternoon and evening) begins on Tuesday, Feb 6. Call Kathy with any questions.

Noon Games:

Monday: Open (\$10/pp) **499er** (\$10/pp)

Wednesday: Open (\$10/pp) & **499er** (\$10/pp)

Free Play for top overall winners in each event
+Wednesday: 12:30 pm Newby 0-20 MP -Play & Learn

Newest Game at 12:30 pm

Sunday: Open (\$10/pp) & **499er** (\$10/pp)

Location: King of Glory Lutheran Church

Basement Room LL18 6411 LBJ Dallas, Tx

We have snacks and goodies at all of our games. Hope to see you soon. If you need a partner, we will be happy to get you one. Please contact Kathy Carr at 214-799-7401 or kathy.dbc@gmail.com.

~ shared by Gerrie Owen, Valley View BC



Dallas Labor Day Regional Aug. 27– Sept. 1, 2024 *Congratulations to all the Winners!*

Tues Open Flt B
Kathleen Carr
James Richman



Tues Gold Rush Flt AB
Patty Degenhardt
Eldon Joersz



Wed Open Flt AB
Burton Shepherd
Norman Beck



Thurs Open Flt A
John Bromberg
Barry Schaffer



Thurs Open Flt B
Jim Harp
Mary McGinnis



Thurs Open Flt C
Cheryl Brunson
Loralea Berg



Th & Fri Gold Rush Flt ABC
Caya Cook
John Redfern



Sat Open Flt C
Heather & H. Scott
Norville



Sat Gold Rush Flt A
Linda Gurasich
Linda Harley



Sun Open AM&Aft Flt A
Bob Scallan
Suresh Agrawal



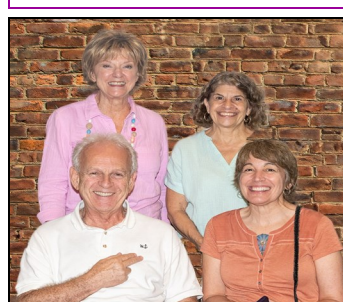
Tues Teams Bkt 2 **Kari Smith, Jacqueline Brown, Mary Chaffin, Erica Walker**



Tues Teams Bkt 5 **Louise Shanley, Gari Martin, Marcia Messinger, Margie Portela**



Wed & Th Teams Bkt 2
Rosalind Smith, Mary Lynn Genovesi, Martyn Cooper, Cara-Lyn Lappen



Wed Teams Bkt 6 **Jenise Young, Paulette Armstrong, Frances Coleman, Allan Chernov**



Wed Teams Bkt 7 **Kathy Russler, John Peart, Philip Brown, Kent Baxter**



Thurs Teams Bkt 2 **Ed Yetter, Tony Arthur, Bonnie Yetter, Carol Arthur**



Thurs Teams Bkt 3 **Bob Clarke, Alma Farley, Larz & Anne Smith**



Thurs Teams Bkt 4 **Laura Onsgard, Cheryl Rider, John Ellis, James Rider**



Thank You!

To all the players who participated in the Dallas Labor Day Regional.
There were **6,166.40 points** won by **574 players** at **932 tables** during this six day tournament.



Thurs Teams Bkt 8 **Louise Shanley, Gari Marti, Marsha McNatt, Jean Debnam**



Fri Teams Bkt 3 **Allan Chernov, John Luebkmann, Nancy Young, Sharon Tomnitz**



Fri Teams Bkt 5 **Leonard Epstein, Alan Josephson, Stuart Litwin, Susan Moss**



Sat Teams Bkt 3 **Jianbo Chen, Tiger King, Stuart Litwin, Kaylan VenKet**



Sat Teams Bkt 5 **Karim Abuhamad, Paramjett Ahluwalia, Paulette Armstrong, Allan Chernov**



Sat Teams Bkt 6 **Chuck Thomas, Amy Anderson, Cheryl Bradford, Judy Wood**



Sat Teams Bkt 8 **J. Debnam, Mary Earley, Marsha McNatt, Sandy Lansing**



Top 14 Unit 176 members winning masterpoints were:

- Mike Passell 124.56**
- Barry Schaffer 61.52**
- Burton Shepherd 45.78**
- Mark Bumgardner 37.39**
- Mary Chaffin 33.90,**
- Danny Feng & Hanchang Wang 32.25**
- Gary Bush 29.34,**
- Jim Harp 28.91**
- Erica Walker 28.23**
- Mary Lynn Genovesi 26.83**
- Kathleen Carr 26.66**
- Rosalind Smith 26.33**
- Leonard Epstein 26.07**

Sun Swiss Teams X **Eric Diamond, Scott Nason, Ari Sippola, Pawel Hanus**



Sun Swiss Teams BC **Leonardo Epstein, Alan Josephson, Randy Patterson, Stuart Litwin**



New Life Master **Robert "DocBug" Bugbee**



Unit Game Sept 15 results: Hosted by Valley View
Open: 19 tables

A 64.81% **Ari Sippola, Pawel Hanus**
B 62.50% **Kash Singh, R. Sreekrishnan**
499: 3 tables
A 60.00% **Jane Mueller, Alice Collerain**

Unit Game October 6 results: Hosted by Valley View
Open: 15 tables

A 66.14% **Ari Sippola, Pawel Hanus**
B 58.33% **Tiger King, Jianbo Chen**
C 55.91% **Frank & Sue Mazzucco**

Unit 176 Royal STaC Sept 30–Oct 6

Mon Sept 30 AFT 499: 4 tables

AB 56.71% **Mimi Drew, Laura Lang, VV BC**

Wed Oct 2 AFT Open: 55 tables (based on 52)

A 72.12% **Petra Hamman, Kristen Onsgard, VV BC**

Wed Oct 2 AFT 499: 11 tables

AB 65.38% **Cheri Gross, Sharon Lux, VV BC**

C 54.56% **Jose Portela, Sarah Warnecke, VV BC**

Sat Oct 5 AFT Open 77 tables (based on 74.5 tables)

B 61.83% **Cheryl Brunson, Feza Buyukdura, FBC**

Sun Oct 6 AFT Open 21.5 tables

A 66.14% **Pawel Hanus, Ari Sippola, VV BC**



MDBC's 12th Anniversary continued from page 1

at the south McKinney Salvation Army facility with ample parking, conveniently located just a mile east of Central Expressway. At the outset the small number of players were almost overwhelmed by the size of the gymnasium where they played, but today attendance can reach as high as 16 tables and the airy venue is ideal with plenty of room to maneuver.

Currently the McKinney Duplicate Club averages 12 tables or more every Tuesday and Thursday beginning at 10 a.m. Annual membership dues are \$10. Director extraordinaire is Reg Watt. The club has bylaws and a board consisting of directors and officers, meeting all ACBL requirements. The players are a wonderful variety of individuals including doctors, lawyers, engineers, IT specialists, retired military officers, homemakers, teachers, and professors, to name just a few of their backgrounds. (One table recently boasted four players with a total of 5 doctorates!)



This dynamic and friendly group includes members from India, England, France, Hong Kong, a variety of states--and even a few native Texans! The bridge expertise in the group ranges from a few beginners to Platinum Life Masters. One person quipped, "Playing here is like having a free lesson with every game." Yet the atmosphere is warm and congenial—a real community of friends who love the game of bridge and welcome new players.



The 12th anniversary celebration included 20 tables. The usual fee of \$8 per member and \$10 for nonmembers, was ear-marked for a \$1000 donation to the Salvation Army for the purchase of new chairs. A buffet lunch was served. Several door prizes were awarded including 12 free-play vouchers and a floral bouquet won by **Charlotte Tunnell** pictured to the left. Participants acknowledged the privilege of being part of this wonderful bridge family. If you haven't played in McKinney yet, it's worth making the trip. Come join us as we kick off our 13th year!

~Submitted by **Nancy Connors**, Secretary McKinney Duplicate Bridge Club

Happy Birthday from Friendly Bridge

Do you have a birthday (or a holiday) to celebrate? Friendly Bridge would like to celebrate with you. We celebrated **Elaine Lagerstrom's 100th birthday** on Monday September 16. A group of fellow bridge players led by Nancy O'Fallon, Deborah Armstrong, and Nget Carter made sure Elaine had a partner to play with, transportation to the bridge club, and a fabulous lunch after the bridge game at a local restaurant with about 20 in attendance.



Coming up on Friday November 1st, you are invited to celebrate **Dorsey Shaw's 91st birthday** with a game of bridge – one of her favorite past times. Dorsey has built up and supported the bridge community in the Dallas area for many years – here's your chance to celebrate with her. Come to Friendly Bridge Club in Plano for our 10:30am bridge game – complete with lunch and a chance to wish Dorsey a happy birthday.

In December, we will celebrate the holiday season on **Friday December 13th** for our annual Holiday Party. Lunch with fabulous holiday desserts will be included with your entry fee. The game will start at 10:30am and due to space limitations is limited to 22 tables. Reservations for any of our games can be made at www.bridgewebs.com/friendlyllc.

Thank you for sharing milestone occasions with your friends at Friendly Bridge Club. We are truly blessed to share these celebrations with all of you. ~**Valarie, Mike, and Jay**, Friendly Bridge Club

“Alone and Together” Solo Art Exhibition
by Nancy Fisher Fellman



On Sunday, Oct 6, Nancy Fellman, a Unit 176 bridge player opened her first Solo Art Exhibition at the downtown Dallas Public Library. Her work was on display through the end of October. If you missed seeing the exhibition, you may view her paintings at: Nancyfellman.com

Artist Statement: The canvas becomes a sanctuary for the mind---a place where aloneness is not loneliness but rather a fertile ground for growth. Through this exhibition, I invite you to join me in exploring the richness of aloneness and the transformative power of togetherness. Contemplate, reflect, and discover the beauty that lies within the harmony of being alone and together.

Artist Bio: Nancy was born and raised in Miami Beach and moved to Dallas in 1978. Her passion for painting started at age eleven and continued through college. Life intervened--- Tulane Law School, practicing law, marriage, and raising 3 girls. After a 30-year hiatus, she returned to art in 2005 by taking painting classes from Rita Mallett Blasser at Brookhaven College. She encouraged Nancy to take fine arts classes, in various mediums, to advance her work. Rita suggested that she try print-making and thus the passion grew.

Brookhaven College (now Dallas College) has a collection of Nancy’s paintings and prints and her work has been accepted into numerous juried art shows. Acknowledgment to her teachers at Brookhaven: Chong Chu, David Newman, Don Taylor, Marla Ziegler.



Pictured L to R with Nancy are Melissa, Ronnie, & Rebecca

Family: Nancy and her husband, Ronnie, have three daughters. Two were able to attend their mother’s art show. Melissa is a neurologist while Rebecca is a lawyer and web designer. Their third daughter, Katie, is a composer and professor. She and her husband, Andrew, just had their first child, Michael---Nancy and Ronnie's first grandchild.

Masterpoint Race: Ace of Virtual Clubs

<u>0-5</u> Gilbert & Linda Brown 6.96	<u>5-20</u> Priscilla Mowinkel 5.96, Sidney Snively 3.08
<u>20-50</u> Donna Stames 8.55, Bill Stames 6.67	<u>50-100</u> Sandy Lantz 42.41, Carey Carter 13.54
<u>100-200</u> Susan Thompson 34.68, Anita Motard 33.99	<u>200-300</u> Gloria Pierce 32.24, Doug Pierce 26.64
<u>300-500</u> Susan Henchal 64.85, Susan Day 56.52	<u>500-1000</u> James Bishop 93.55, Dan Kahn 84.79
<u>1000-1500</u> Jean Scott 87.68, Deborah Armstrong 39.38	<u>1500-2500</u> N. Tripode 199.26, Kristen Onsgard 60.69
<u>2500-3500</u> Randolph Worsham 194.20, Rosalind Smith 27.95	<u>3500-5000</u> Scott Nason 59.57, Sidney Perutz 41.11
<u>5000-7500</u> Jack Borenstein 128.06, Tomi Storey 81.67	<u>7500-10,000</u> Milton Neher 180.95, Bill Osborn 154.14
<u>Over 10,000</u> Marion Gebhardt 253.28, Michael Schreiber 46.11	



Dallas Fall Sectional & I/N Regional

November 6-9, 2024



Holiday Inn and Conference Center
1655 N Central Expwy. Richardson, TX 75080

Bridge Rate: \$99 per night with free breakfast! 972-238-1900 Ask for Bridge Rate
Cashless Payments Only!

FALL SECTIONAL SCHEDULE

Wednesday, November 6

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

Thursday, November 7

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

Friday, November 8

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

Saturday, November 9

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

I/N REGIONAL SCHEDULE

Open to all Non-Life Masters with under 750 Masterpoints

Wednesday, November 6

GOLD RUSH PAIRS (Two sessions – single session available)	10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
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Thursday, November 7

GOLD RUSH PAIRS (Two sessions – single session available)	10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
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Friday, November 8

GOLD RUSH PAIRS (Two sessions – single session available)	10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
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Saturday, November 9

NLM Bracketed Swiss (Two sessions)	10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
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Stratifications:

Open Pairs: A: 4000+, B: 1500-4000, C: 0-1500 (By average masterpoints)
Gold Rush Pairs A: 500-749, B: 200-499, C: 0-199 (By average masterpoints)
NOTE: Stratifications may be adjusted by director based on attendance.

Entry Fees: ACBL members \$15 per session; Non-members \$19
Tournament Chairpersons: Cheryl and Jim Rider ridercheryl@gmail.com
Partnerships: Bill Driscoll (email: PartnershipU176@gmail.com)
Tournament Director in Charge: Carolyn Pinto
Hotel Info: Bridge Rate at Holiday Inn \$99 with free breakfast buffet

Unit 176 Board Update:

2024 Unit 176 Board

President: **Connie Scott**

Vice President: **Bill Higgins**

Treasurer: **Bob Holliday**

Secretary: **Paul Taylor**

Board Members: **Truett Cates, Mary Chaffin,
Bill Driscoll, Milt Neher, Cheryl Rider**

Business Manager: **Ed Yetter**

*The Unit 176 Board serves the members of Unit 176.
If you have any ideas, please let us know.*



Welcome to Unit 176

NEW: Rozlyn Ackermann, Alan Chamison,
Gary Condensa, Jean Ann Cox, Johanna
Graham, Connie Hardy, Nancy Miller, Donna
Parker, Carla Swenson, Diane Wilcox

TRANSFERS: Nancy Hewson, Mel
Jackson, Karen Mannis, Mrs. Manouche
Ragsdale, Kashi Singh, Mary Winchester,
Mrs M L Wolf

Looking for a Bridge Instructor

Unit 176 has several bridge instructors
for hire. Here is an alphabetical list of
those who requested to be included:



Susan Bates: susanbates6630@gmail.com

Mark Bumgardner: Bumgardner.mark@gmail.com

Jay Gibson: Jgib181@outlook.com

Preston Morrow: Prjr17@gmail.com

Kristen Onsgard: onsgardk@gmail.com

Bill Osborn: BillOsborn13@att.net

Gerrie Owen: gerrieowen@sbcglobal.net

Randy Patterson: hellorandyman@gmail.com

Jack Schober: jackschober@icloud.com

Stefanie Scott: stefaniescott58@gmail.com

Please contact **Connie Scott** if you want to
be added to this list.



In Memoriam Sarah Paschal Robin

Message from the President



Please join us for the Dallas Fall Sectional and
I/N Regional **November 6-9 at the Holiday Inn, Richardson!**
This is our final tournament of the year and includes both
our usual Open Pairs and Bracketed Swiss Sectional and a
Regional event for our new and advancing players! This
means if you are a non-life master with less than 750 mp,
come play for GOLD every day!

Thank you to all who supported our Dallas Labor Day
Regional at the Marriot in Allen. Thank you to our many
volunteers! Thank you, **Tomi Storey** and **Ed Yetter**, Chair-
persons and **Debor Cassen**, Partnership Chairperson. Thank
you to all my helpers at the Hospitality Desk. Thank you,
Scott Nason, Daily Bulletin Editor and **Randy Eads**, Photog-
rapher. And thanks to **Chuck Eastin**, Equipment Manager.

A special thanks to **Leonard Epstein** for his sound
counsel regarding the April trailer theft from Public Storage.
The trailer has been recovered but not all the supplies. We
have replaced the supplies and moved the trailer and all
our supplies to a more secure facility. We continue to pur-
sue a fair settlement with Public Storage.

2024 has been a challenging year for the Unit. With
decreased attendance at our Regional and Sectionals and
increased costs, our current revenue levels are not sustain-
able, so we need to make some changes.

Effective immediately:

- ◆ *Entry fees for all our tournaments will be increased by \$1.00 per session.*
- ◆ *The Unit will no longer provide a box lunch on the last day of Sectionals.*
- ◆ *The hospitality at Sectionals will be donuts in the morning and cookies in the afternoon with coffee, water, and soft drinks. Please plan accordingly.*
- ◆ *The Unit will no longer pay the STaC fees for the local clubs.*
- ◆ *The clubs may charge extra for STaC games.*

We appreciate your understanding as we work to secure
a solid financial future for bridge in Dallas.

We need your support so we can continue to provide out-
standing opportunities to play bridge in Dallas. We look forward
to seeing you at our Fall Sectional and I/N Regional! We welcome
all suggestions. ~ **Connie Scott** at connievanpatter@yahoo.com

More News From Connie Scott, Unit 176 President:

Our **2025 tournament schedule** includes 3 sectional tournaments and the Labor Day Regional:

- ◇ Winter Sectional - Jan 29-Feb 1
- ◇ Spring Sectional - April 30-May 3
- ◇ Labor Day Regional – Aug 26-Aug 31
- ◇ Fall Sectional – Oct 29-Nov 1

The Sectional tournaments will all be held at Lover's Lane United Methodist Church, 9200 Inwood Rd., Dallas TX 75220. The Regional will once again be at the Marriott Courtyard-Dallas, Allen at 2110 Stacy Rd, Allen, TX 75002.



Pic taken at Unit 176 Bridge Party in Dec, 2023: Eileen Davidoff, Sharon Tomnitz, Nancy Young

A Christmas Poem for Bridge Players

author unknown

'Twas the Duplicate Christmas party and needless to say,
The punch and the season made us quite gay.
"Find your seats and shuffle" the Director had said,
As visions of first place danced in my head.
When I checked our position I got dry in the mouth,
We'd been assigned "Table #1 North-South".
Just little ole novices my partner and me,
We'd placed fourth once but never three
Had fate decided to put to the test
With two Life Masters sitting East-West?

We took our positions and said not a word,
But I'm certain our heartbeats could surely be heard.
He shuffled the cards without blinking an eye,
I dopped one on the floor and thought I would die.
As North I was dealer and though I was green,
I knew to open you must have thirteen.
I spread my hand and counted but alas -
With only ten points I had to pass.
And frankly I thought this was a shame,
I'd never before had thirteen spades in a game.

My left hand opponent, East by name,
Opened "Two Diamonds" and I thought What a
Shame!

My partner, South, was trembling with fear,
And the bid of "Two Hearts" came across to my ear.
My right hand opponent sat straight in his chair,
"Three Hearts" was the bid he chose to declare.

Now I had a good suit, but alas -
With no help in Hearts, I had to pass.
My left hand opponent now bid "Three Spades,"
You can imagine how I was amazed.



My partner, South, bid "Four Hearts" and shoot,
If they take the bid I couldn't lead her best suit.
My right hand opponent studied his hand,
And soon "Seven No Trump" was his command.
It was my time to bid and just to save face,
I doubled 'cause I knew they were missing the Spade
Ace.

The next three bids were Pass, Pass, Pass
So I was ready to lead a Spade, but alas -
My partner was nervous and she led the Heart King.
A lead out of turn — what a damnable thing

The Director was called and I can still hear his voice,
As he told the Declarer he could make his own choice.
With a singleton Heart, you must understand,
This could be the only entry to his hand;
So he turned to me and looking real smart,
He said, "Lead any suit, but don't lead a Heart."
So of course, I led my fourth best Spade,
I guess it was the best lead I ever made.
Cause in this hand I never lost the lead,
And our opponents (Life Masters) had to concede.

Thirteen tricks we took right off the top,
When we won the Board I thought I would pop.
Now, I ask you with a Board like this,
The rest of the game—well how could we miss?
And I overheard the Director say: "Who was the lass
Who had thirteen Spades and cleverly passed?
After winning first place and still full of fright,
"Merry Christmas" we called and they all said
"Good Night!"

~Thanks to Dorsey Shaw for sharing this poem.



Masterpoint Races

Congratulations to Unit 176's newest **Grand Life Master:**
Joan Jackson



Congratulations to Unit 176's newest **Sapphire Life Masters:** **Jane Kirby, Natalie Rollier**

Congratulations to Unit 176's newest **Gold Life Masters:** **Kate Hopkins, Dale Remmers**



Congratulations to Unit 176's newest **Ruby Life Masters:** **Anne Goodman, William Higgins, Fred Seipp**

Congratulations to Unit 176's newest **Silver Life Masters:** **Charlotte Tunnell, Linda Walton**



Congratulations to Unit 176's newest **Bronze Life Masters:** **Cheryl Bradford, Susan Kroney, John Milligan, Walter Netschi, Randy Patterson**

Congratulations to Unit 176's newest **Life Masters:** **Amy Anderson, Robert Bugbee, Judy Duval, Robert Frisch, John Milligan**



Looking for a partner for a Unit Game or a Unit 176 Tournament? Our online Partnership Desk is available for you!
Send an email to: PartnershipU176@gmail.com

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2024 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

(updated 10/6/24; includes points won at club level only)

0-5 **Laura Lang** 16.18 **James Williams** 10.73
5-20 **Raymond Hamilton** 19.47
20-50 **Elliott Orr** 37.17 **Jose Portela** 23.83
50-100 **Doris Sivernell** 41.33 **Richard Eshelbrenner** 34.49
100-200 **Hanuman Goel** 93.54 **Robert Neal** 85.09
200-300 **Loralee Berg** 33.12 **June Kiley** 31.91
300-500 **Walter Netschi** 117.13 **Hassan Kasseba** 61.31
500-1000 **Patricia Stille** 97.50 **Larry Mayo** 77.39
1000-1500 **Michael Chockley** 80.97 **Burton Shepherd** 66.89
1500-2500 **Robert Holliday** 154.94 **Robert Bender** 107.81
2500-3500 **Sheri Bumgardner** 85.96 **Janet Gelles** 82.16
3500-5000 **Bob Scallan** 108.09 **Florence Beaird** 87.88
5000-7500 **William Chan** 102.11 **Martha Young** 99.80
7500-10,000 **Milt Neher** 148.37 **James Bauer** 113.49
Over 10,000 **Mark Bumgardner** 84.86 **James Thurtell** 81.44

2024 Mini-McKenney (updated 10/6/24)

0-5 **Laura Lang** 21.71 **Linda Brown** 14.81
5-20 **Raymond Hamilton** 20.82
20-50 **Elliott Orr** 42.08 **Jose Portela** 37.47
50-100 **Doris Sivernell** 77.34 **Stephanie Strom** 69.17
100-200 **Hanuman Goel** 150.15 **Robert Neal** 121.66
200-300 **Louise Shanley** 76.60 **Loralee Berg** 73.22
300-500 **Walter Netschi** 184.35 **Gari Martin** 111.89
500-1000 **Jin Chu** 231.53 **Gail Wingfield** 149.45
1000-1500 **Burton Shephard** 196.68 **Jean Scott** 163.65
1500-2500 **Kristen Onsgard** 370.62 **Bob Holliday** 303.63
2500-3500 **Sheri Bumgardner** 228.71 **Randolph Worsham** 200.29
3500-5000 **Jeffrey Juster** 180.23 **Gary Bush** 172.52
5000-7500 **Norman Beck** 397.61 **Tomi Storey** 249.00
7500-10,000 **Milton Neher** 467.66 **Bill Osborn** 209.20
Over 10,000 **MiKe Passell** 865.36 **Eric Greco** 612.66

Just Thinking: *If you don't grow vegetables, it helps to praise your neighbor's garden.*



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