

# Unit 176 Table Talk

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## The Nationals Are Returning to Dallas

It wasn't that long ago that Austin hosted the first Post-Covid NABCs. But District 16 is getting another chance to host, with the Spring 2027 NABCs coming to Dallas's Hyatt Regency Hotel (adjacent to Reunion Tower) in Downtown Big D.

From March 11-21, Dallas will be the center of the bridge world, hosting all of the normal NABC events – led by the Vanderbilt KO Teams and the Kay Platinum Pairs – plus the four-flighted North American Pairs, which are held once a year in the Spring. Hotel reservations will open on September 22, so make your bookings and join us for a wonderful time in Dallas next March.

Tomi Storey and Scott Nason will be co-chairing the tournament and we visited the site recently. The hotel will be a great venue, with beautiful rooms priced at \$209 a night, and lots of space for wonderful bridge, all under one roof. In addition, we are planning some fun and unusual evening activities. Hope you will join in!

We could use lots of volunteers. If you are so inclined, please contact **Judy Wood**, the Volunteers Coordinator, at [drswood2@gmail.com](mailto:drswood2@gmail.com), and let her know what you would like to do – partnerships, registration, hospitality, novice/intermediate programs, etc.

For anything else, please contact one of us at [skeeter303@yahoo.com](mailto:skeeter303@yahoo.com) or [sdnason@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sdnason@sbcglobal.net)



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## Are you slow? Tips to Speed Your Play and Minimize Your Ethical or Consequential Breaks in Tempo

Bridge is both a difficult game that frequently requires thought to figure out what to do and it is a timed game in which you are expected to maintain a reasonable pace of play. How can you best manage these competing requirements? In this article, I will provide some tips to speed things up – where possible – so you can use more time to ponder those tough hands.

Let's start with some logistics. There are several simple things you can do to avoid wasting time at the table ... and avoid annoying your partner and your opponents. These include:

1. Lead when it is your turn to lead. Before you write down the contract on your scoresheet, and/or before you enter the contract into the BridgeMate! To be writing when everyone is waiting on you is rude and a waste of everyone's time. This bookkeeping can and should wait until you have led.
2. Put the dummy down immediately when the opening lead has been faced. Everyone is anxious to see it and to begin THEIR process of planning the hand. Delaying its tabling to write down the opening lead, or whatever, is simply rude and another waste of time.
3. Keep your chitchat down to times and topics that are not interfering with the pace of the play. Short comments about something WHILE things are progressing - returning the hands to the board, writing the results, the score being entered into the BridgeMate and approved, etc.— is fine. But when everyone has (or should have) their hands out and are ready to start the next board, the chatter should cease. ....continued on page 5

### Congratulations:

- ♦ **Barbara Ferm** won the 2026 Summer NABC Wagar Women's Pairs in Minneapolis.



### 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)

Come play bridge, and visit with your bridge friends. You can register on our website at [www.bridgewebs.com/friendlyllc](http://www.bridgewebs.com/friendlyllc), or send to this email [planofriendlybridge@gmail.com](mailto: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 & Jay Gibson

**Frisco DBC** 10 Post N Paddock Frisco, Tx 75034

Monday 9:30 am by invitation only

Wednesday 9:30 am Open

Due to limited space, reservations required: email [billlosborn13@att.net](mailto:billlosborn13@att.net) or call 972-814-2133.

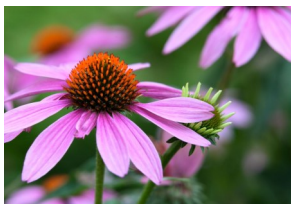
**Harp's Bridge Club:** [jimharp111@gmail.com](mailto:jimharp111@gmail.com)

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

**Lariat Bridge Club in Waxahachie:**

[miketull@sbcglobal.net](mailto:miketull@sbcglobal.net)

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



**In Memoriam**  
**Connie Burnett**  
**Robert Sukenik**

# Out & About

### McKinney Duplicate Bridge Club ~♠♥♦♣

Please join us in McKinney for 10:00 AM Games:

**Tuesdays & Thursdays, only \$7 for members.**

**Note the NEW location effective June 30, 2026:**

**Trinity Presbyterian Church, 5871 Virginia Parkway  
McKinney, TX 75071**

*Our new location is about 3.5 miles west of Central Expressway (75) on the south side of Virginia Parkway. Parking is on the west side and in the rear of the church. The playing location is in the building on the south-west corner of the church.*

Note: Visitors \$10 or join with an annual membership for \$10.

Please arrive by 9:45 am. Bring a snack or small lunch. Coffee and water provided. Reg Watt directing. No partner. No problem. Just come & we will provide a partner for you. You may get lucky and play with Reg. ~by Karen Roland

### Valley View Bridge Club ~♠♥♦♣

We offer free plays to all our winners in 5 table or larger sections. Contact Gerrie Owen or Kathy Carr to inquire about lessons for all levels.

#### Noon Games:

**Monday: Open (\$11/pp) 499er (\$11/pp)**

**Wednesday: Open (\$11/pp) & 499er (\$11/pp)**

**+Wednesday: 12:30 pm** Newby 0-20 MP -Play & Learn

**Friday: 750 game (\$11/pp)**

**Newest Game at 12:30 pm**

**Sunday: Open (\$11/pp) & 499er (\$11/pp)**

**Location:** King of Glory Lutheran Church

Basement Room LL18 6411 LBJ Dallas, Tx

We have snacks and goodies at all of our games. Please join us anytime. We have fun and good bridge here at VVBC. We are looking forward to 2026 with possible surprises in store for our players. If you need a partner, we will be happy to get you one. Please contact Gerrie Owen at 214-477-4181.

## Ft Western Regional May 11-17, 2026 Highlighting our Unit 176 winners!

Wed Open Flt X  
**Shirley Shi**  
**Mark Pan**



Thurs Gold Rush Flt AX  
**Caye Cook**  
**John Redfern**



Fri Open Flt BC & Sat  
Open Flt C **Jinrong**  
**Wang, Mark Pan**



**Thank You** to all the players who participated in the Ft Western Regional. There were **5,287.12 masterpoints** won by **446 players** at **668 tables** during this seven day tournament. The highest masterpoints won was 89.04 points. **Congratulations to the top 31 Unit 176 members** winning masterpoints as follows:

Mon Bkt Teams 1 **Mark & Sheri Bumgardner, Nancy & Stephen Kornegay**



Tues Bkt Teams 2 TIE **Dan Kahn, Rich Brandenburg, Tony Pelligrini, James Richman**



Tues Brk Teams 2 TIE **Shirley Shi, Mark Pan, N J Tripode, Nicholas Weisz**



Tues Brk Teams 3 **Charlotte Tunnell, Mary Lynn Genovesi, Walter Netschi, Bob Holliday**



Tues Brk Teams 4 **John Luebke, H P Goel, Ross Ramsey, Bhushan Sanghi**



Th Brk Teams 5 **Fran Shelton, Rose Whatley, Lorelee Berg, Belynn Whatley**



Pic to LEFT Wed Brk Teams 2  
**Mike Peiffer, Jimmy Justice, William Chan, George Morey**



Pic to RIGHT Wed Brk Teams 3  
**Carla Joiner, Chuck Mogged, Fred Seipp, Jan Mogged**



**Mark Bumgardner** 72.35  
**Kristen Onsgard** 54.45  
**Gary Bush** 45.04  
**Bob Holliday** 44.52  
**Mike Passell** 41.76  
**Rich Brandenburg** 40.41  
**Sheri Bumgardner** 38.80  
**Barry Schaffer** 37.40  
**Mark Pan** 37.03  
**Nget Carter** 35.14  
**John Schwartz** 34.59  
**Gerry McKim** 33.89  
**Lorelee Berg** 30.09  
**Fred Seipp** 28.85  
**Deborah Armstrong** 28.07  
**Allan Chernov** 26.58  
**Jean Scott** 25.73  
**Gari Martin** 25.73  
**Pawel Hanus** 25.24  
**Ari Sippola** 25.24  
**John Redfern** 24.15  
**James Richman** 23.94  
**Dan Kahn** 23.94  
**Norman Beck** 23.11  
**Mary Lynn Genovesi** 22.98  
**Jyoti Boppa** 22.49  
**Debrah Chockley** 22.43  
**Jo Shah** 22.35  
**Jim Harp** 22.29  
**Belynn & Rose Whatley** 22.08



Wed Brk Teams 5 **Loralee Berg,**  
**Rose Whatley, John**  
**Redfern, Belynn Whatley**



Thurs Brk 4 **Kamal Das,**  
**Jo Shah, Ira Nemazie,**  
**Sam Shah**

Thurs Brk 5 **Melba Lee,**  
**Sanjay Santhanam, Dee**  
**Norris, Ann Haynes**



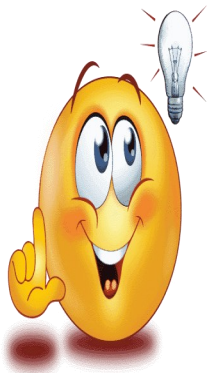
Fri Brk 2 **Mary Lynn Genovesi,**  
**Bill Driscoll, J Terrence Wolfe,**  
**Bob Holliday**

Sat Brk 2 **Heather Norville,**  
**Scott Norville, Carla Joiner,**  
**Jane Kirby**

Sat Brk 3 **Gari Martin, Nget**  
**Carter, Jean Scott, Deborah**  
**Armstrong**



### Thoughts to Ponder



1. When God solves your problems, you have faith in his abilities. When he doesn't, he has faith in yours.
2. Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles. It takes away today's peace.
3. Friendship is like a book. It takes a few seconds to burn, but years to write.
4. Prayer is not a spare wheel to be used when in trouble. It is a steering wheel that directs you to the right path throughout life.

Sun Brk 2  
**Dan Kahn,**  
**Rich**  
**Brandenburg,**  
**James**  
**Richman,**  
**Bob Holliday**

Pic to Right



5. All things in life are temporary. Enjoy them if they are going well. They will not last for ever. If they are going wrong, don't worry. They can't last long either.

*~shared by H P Goel*

## Are You Slow? ~continued from page 1

4. It is fine to chat after the last board of the round, IF YOU FINISHED EARLY. If the round has been called, or is about to be called and the next pair is at the table, ready to sit, that is not the time for prolonged discussions unless they are pertinent and necessary to the hands just played.

Now to the play. Here there are some things you can do, both to speed things up and to become a better player.

1. Think about your next bid, thinking through what you will do if RHO passes AND what you might do if RHO takes one of the common actions. This will both speed things up, and more importantly, will avoid giving away information to the opponents – which they are allowed to use – and to your partner who MAY NOT use it. Some examples: Your partner opens 1D and you hold x QJxxx xxx QJxx. You probably quickly knew that you would bid 1H if RHO passes, but what if they bid 1S or even 1NT? Over 1S it is far better to double in rhythm rather than taking 30 seconds to double, wasting time and letting everyone at the table know that you have some “flaw” in your double. Or worse, to take a long time before passing, letting partner know that you really wanted to bid. And over 1NT, think of the difference between passing in rhythm versus taking a long time before passing. Or similarly taking a long time before bidding 2H. Do as much pre-thinking as you can to avoid these breaks in tempo. Those breaks are a time-killer and can create problems for you and partner.
2. Use the thinking time when dummy hits to plan the play. If you are declarer, you probably know that this is the time to figure out how to play the hand: count your winners and losers, figure out what order to play the suits, which finesses to take, what issues you might have with entries, etc. The defense should be doing the same thing, but most important is anticipating “problems” that you might face during the play. If dummy has the K (or KQ or KJ) in a suit that you have the A, are you going to win the A when declarer leads toward dummy. If you stop to think then, you will give away the show. Or say you hold the trump A (or K) and dummy has only small trumps. If declarer leads from dummy toward her hand and plays the Q (for example), are you going to win the trick or let it hold? If declarer holds KQT, it will matter a lot whether you duck smoothly or duck after great thought. Note also that taking a long time to “duck” when you do not have the A – in order to make declarer think you do – is cheating. Or if declarer has AQJ and you take a while before not playing the K, declarer will know not to bother returning to dummy to repeat the finesse.
3. One more: Playing standard carding, you hold Qxx and Partner leads the A of the suit in which he has overcalled. Dummy has a small doubleton. You reflexively play your middle card, encouraging continuation. Then partner plays the K and you have a panic attack. If you play low, partner might well think you have a doubleton and if he has a six-card suit, he might give them a ruff and sluff. But if you play the Q, it might set up declarer’s J. So, you think for a while before playing small. Director!!! Your slow play – at the wrong time – has told partner just what you were worried about conveying. He now KNOWS that you started with Qxx. The key to preventing this serious ethical problem is to do your thinking at trick one so you won’t have to think at the inopportune second trick.

If you do all of these things, your pace will pick up, your consequential breaks in tempo will be reduced, and your opponents should cut you some slack if you have a toughie and need to take a little extra time to think things through.

~ written by **Scott Nason**

# AROUND THE TABLES

## Welcome to Unit 176

**NEW:** David Colville, Julianne Colville, Jim Finley, Jordan Kalev, Loren Shipman, Donna Walden, Diane Warden

**TRANSFERS:** Ronald Renckly

### Unit Game June 14: Host: Friendly BC

Open: 22.5 tables

A 67.76 % **Kristen Onsgard, Nancy Passell**

B 59.06 % **Rosalind Smith, Mary Lynn Genovesi**

C 58.12% **Kashi Singh, Jeff Karpeles**

### Unit Game July 19: Host: Friendly BC

Open: 18 tables

A 67.65% **Mary Jane Orock, Lorrane Little**

BC 59.30% **Linda Harley, Janet Borg**



Upcoming Unit Games: **September 20,**

**October 11, November 15,**

**December 13 Holiday Party**

### Spotlight on Unit 176's Caddy: Amy Suhr

**Amy Suhr** caddied at the Summer Nationals in Minneapolis. When asked about the experience, she responded: "My first National has been a rewarding and just awesome experience. The ACBL is a great organization to work with, and they made me feel welcome from the start. I loved seeing all the players and our directors from home and everywhere, too! Looking forward to the San Diego NABC and seeing all of you in September!"

Amy is the daughter of **Connie Scott**, Unit 176's past president.

Pic: *Connie and Amy in Minneapolis.*



**Thought for the Day** *It is far more impressive when others discover your good qualities without your help.*



## Friendly Bridge Club's 0-750 Sectional

Friendly Bridge Club had their inaugural (0-750) Intermediate/Newcomer Sectional on Thursday July 30, Friday July 31st, and Saturday August 1st. It was a great success - thank you to all 55.5 tables of players who participated.

Jay and I are so pleased that so many came out and played and had fun! We didn't know what to expect since we really just finalized the date about 4 months ago, so thank you to the unit and district for publicizing and all of you (*like Ruth Nelson*) who told everyone they knew.

We had players from outside our unit from Tyler, Denton, Flower Mound, Arlington and North Richland Hills, and some from the outer edges of our unit like Rockwall and Sherman. We even had a few first-time tournament players, and one player- **Bansi Shah** - who earned the silver points he needed to become a life master!

This 0-750 sectional included all players with 750 or less points regardless of life master status and awarded 100% silver points. We had players who were nearing that 750 mark, and some who had zero masterpoints - and everything in between. The sectional was held in Plano on Thursday and Friday. Those who attended Friday had to endure a room without a working air conditioner and being moved into the cool room once the open game concluded. They were great sports! On Saturday the tournament moved to our Dallas location, and the fun continued.



Again, **Many Thanks** to all of you who came out and played in the tournament, and the open players who played in a separate game - but cheered on the 0-750 players in the other room/part of the room. I learned a lot, and we will run an even better tournament the next time. Here's to more Intermediate/Newcomer Sectionals and events in Unit 176.

Please see pictures of this event on page 7.

~Valarie Remmers co-owner Friendly Bridge Club

## Friendly Bridge Club's O-750 Sectional : July 30 & 31 in Plano and August 1st in Dallas



Thurs AM Flt ABC  
62.50%

**Terry McComas**  
**Rick Williams**

Thurs AFT Flt AB  
70.41%

**Athena Leung**  
**Jyoti Boppna**

Fri AM Flt ABC  
63.99%

**John O'Sullivan**  
**Joanna Jewett**

Fri AFT Flt AB  
59.04%

**Larry Fritz**  
**Bansi Shah**

Sat AM & AFT AB  
66.67% & 71.13%

**Uday Chandra**  
**Bansi Shah**



### Friendly Bridge Club's O-750 Sectional ~ continued

A special shoutout of **sincere appreciation** to the following individuals and businesses that donated gift certificates, gift cards, or desserts for our players:



- 1) **Country Burger, Little Greek, and Henry's Ice Cream** all at the intersection of Parker and Independence - less than a mile from our Plano location;
- 2) **Chilangos Tacos** at Alpha & Preston near our Dallas location;
- 3) **Martin's Music Cafe** in our Dallas location;
- 4) **Unit 176** for a free play at the Dallas Regional;
- 5) **Dorsey Shaw** for her fabulous desserts.

Please frequent these great establishments in appreciation for helping us make our sectional event even more fun.

~ Valarie Remmers co-owner FBC

## Unit 176 Board Update:

### 2026 Unit 176 Board

President: **Bob Holliday**

Vice President: **Bill Higgins**

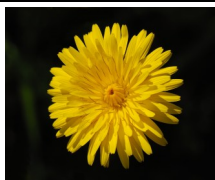
Treasurer: **Jackie Brown**

Secretary: **Paul Taylor**

Board Members: **Cheryl Brunson, Truett Cates, Mary Chaffin, , Cheryl Rider, Judy Wood**

Business Manager: **Ed Yetter**

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



### 2026 Ace of Virtual Clubs (updated 8/6/26)

0-5 **Carol Cox & John Torrisi** 0.62

5-20 **Tom Misteli** 9.51 **Frederick Baptista** 1.09

20-50 **Joyce Colbeck** 12.90 **Jairaj Hegde** 8.27

50-100 **N Dodge** 9.64 **Lawrence Brennan** 5.99

100-200 **Rhoda Frankel** 13.50 **Patricia Hutton** 11.20

200-300 **Nancy Goble** 15.85 **Gary & Terry Brown** 15.71

300-500 **Sandy Lantz** 79.22 **Paul Therriault** 27.56

500-1000 **Janet Medlin** 21.22 **B K Sloan** 19.34

1000-1500 **James Bishop** 49.22 **Susan Doe** 15.37

1500-2500 **Jerry Frankel** 45.12 **Allan Chernov** 16.54

2500-3500 **N Tripode** 120.65 **Randolph Worsham** 99.90

3500-5000 **Scott Nason** 28.67 **Jon Browne** 25.64

5000-7500 **Helene Blumenau** 15.77 **Martha Young** 11.93

7500-10,000 **Bill Osborn** 38.52 **Jack Borenstein** 26.45

Over 10,000 **Jim Johnsen** 307.45 **Marion Gebhardt** 115.77

### 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

**Valarie Remmers:** vjremmers@gmail.com

**Jack Schober:** jackschober@icloud.com

**Stefanie Scott:** stefaniescott58@gmail.com

Please contact **Mary Chaffin** if you want to be added to this list.

## Message from the President



Our next big event is our **Regional Tournament** that will be held **September 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup>**. We are happy to be returning to the **Renaissance Hotel** this year. In addition to all the expected events with pair sessions and various team formats, we have a new event this year. On Friday, there will be a Bracketed Pairs event, where you can win Gold points while only playing others in your bracket. Check it out and let us know if you like that format.

Also, this year's Regional will have more hospitality events than any prior year. Check out the flyer to see when you can take advantage of these gifts, breakfast treats, cookies, and Monday lunch. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Registration desk to let us know if you will be attending on Monday.

Dallas will be hosting the **NABC in March**. If you are interested in **being a volunteer** to help with this event, just let any board member know and we will pass that information on.

I wanted to address something that will help speed up play at the tables. I planned to mention this before I knew Scott was going to address this also in his article here. As part of the Goodwill Award that the District awards each year. One of the characteristics listed in the award regards courtesy at the table and one aspect of such courtesy deals with table actions. The proper table actions to **speed up play consist of doing four steps** in the following order: **1. Bidding, 2. Opening lead, 3. Dummy tabled**, and then and only then does anyone proceed to **step 4. Write down the contract and the lead if desired**. We often see players writing down information and making others wait for the play to begin. If we all work on doing the steps in the proper order for 26 or 27 boards, it will save a lot of time. Gently remind others at your table to delay their notes and help speed things along.

Unit 176 has an ongoing **Mentor/Mentee Program**. Generally, a Mentor has more than 750 masterpoints and the Mentee has less than 750 masterpoints. Usually, the Mentee pays the fees for both and the Mentor is responsible for after game discussions. Mentor/Mentee pairs agree to play in sanctioned games at least twice a month. Go to our website at <https://www.d16acbl.org/U176/> and click on the MM link to sign up. We will match you with an M/M partner, and you will be on your way. Please contact **Jackie Brown** with any questions at: [jacquelinehubbardmd@gmail.com](mailto:jacquelinehubbardmd@gmail.com)

There are upcoming **Unit games on Sundays at 12:30 pm on September 20 and October 11** at King of Glory Lutheran church.

As always, if you have suggestions, comments or complaints, contact any Board member or me. Thank you for your support in attending our Unit games and the various tournaments. See you at the tables. ~ Bob Holliday [jbholliday@gmail.com](mailto:jbholliday@gmail.com)



## Masterpoint Races



Congratulations to Unit 176's  
newest **Emerald Life Masters:**  
**Helene Blumenau,**  
**Nancy Stanton**

Congratulations to Unit 176's  
newest **Sapphire Life Masters:**  
**Nancy Fellman,**  
**Dale Remmer, Rosalind Smith**



Congratulations to Unit 176's newest **Gold**  
**Life Masters:**  
 **Danny Feng, Wistie Oppenlander**

Congratulations to Unit 176's newest  
**Ruby Life Masters:**  
**Lawrence Chow, James Rider**



Congratulations to Unit 176's newest  
**Silver Life Masters:**  
**Cheryl Bradford, Leonard Epstein,**  
**Gari Martin, Larry Mayo,**  
**Nancy Young**

Congratulations to Unit 176's new-  
est **Bronze Life Masters:**  
**Paulette Armstrong, Lorelee**  
**Berg, Jenise Young**



Congratulations to Unit 176's  
newest **Life Masters:**  
**Hanuman Goel, Athena Leung,**  
**Robert Neal, Jenise Young**

### Just Thinking:

- ◆ Dogs are man's best friend,  
because they wag their tails,  
not their tongues.



**A special thank you** to the following people who con-  
tributed information/pictures/statistics/names which  
were used in this edition of Table Talk: **Randy Eads, H P**  
**Goel, David Greims, Bob Holliday, Scott Nason,**  
**Valarie Remmers, and Ed Yetter.**

## 2026 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

(updated 8/6/26; includes points won at club level only)

0-5 none

5-20 **Paul Flynn** 24.74 **Carolyn Dickey** 11.21

20-50 **Michael Passons** 27.42

50-100 **Ruth Nelson** 27.93 **Belynn Whatley** 22.67

100-200 none

200-300 **Pat Friend** 27.17 **Rose Whatley** 25.45

300-500 **Robert Neal** 103.01 **Hanuman Goel** 47.38

500-1000 **Larry Mayo** 73.86 **Lorelee Berg** 69.81

1000-1500 **Jacqueline Brown** 77.20 **Gail Wingfield** 59.72

1500-2500 **Michael Chockley** 95.00 **Cheryl Brunson** 76.29

2500-3500 **Bob Holliday** 100.78 **Paul Taylor** 82.29

3500-5000 **Sheri Bumgardner** 105.26 **Florence Beaird** 86.78

5000-7500 **Bob Scallan** 140.14 **Nancy Stanton** 91.40

7500-10,000 **James Bauer** 90.55 **Suresh Agrawal** 56.85

Over 10,000 **Mark Bumgardner** 109.22 **James Thurtell** 49.39

## 2026 Mini-McKenney (updated 8/6/26)

0-5 none

5-20 **Paul Flynn** 32.82 **Gioia Folejack** 13.77

20-50 **Michael Passons** 28.01

50-100 **Belynn Whatley** 80.23 **Bhushan Sanghi** 46.99

100-200 none

200-300 **Rose Whatley** 84.35 **Stephanie Strom** 42.43

300-500 **Robert Neal** 147.26 **John Redfern** 105.79

500-1000 **Lorelee Berg** 162.03 **Larry Mayo** 118.11

1000-1500 **Jacqueline Brown** 113.52 **Jin Chu** 103.49

1500-2500 **Michael Chockley** 127.10 **Mark Pan** 112.20

2500-3500 **Bob Holliday** 192.71 **Mary Lynn Genovesi** 136.63

3500-5000 **Kristen Onsdard** 257.26 **Sheri Bumgardner** 234.14

5000-7500 **Bob Scallan** 175.62 **John Schwartz** 166.60

7500-10,000 **Norman Beck** 322.29 **Cenk Tuncok** 305.39

Over 10,000 **Jim Johnsen** 599.59 **Mike Passell** 565.30

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



**Table Talk** Editor & Publisher: **Sue Greims**

**Reporters:** Friendly's Bridge Club: **V. Remmers/J. Gibson;**

McKinney DBC: **open** Valley View BC: **Gerrie Owen** Other

**Unit Clubs:** reporter positions open, anyone interested?

# Dallas Labor Day Regional

## September 2-7, 2026

### Daily Schedule

#### Wednesday Sept. 2

- 10:00** Bracketed Swiss Teams (1<sup>st</sup> Session)  
 Stratified Open Pairs\* (1<sup>st</sup> Session)  
**GOLD RUSH PAIRS \*** (1<sup>st</sup> Session)  
 \*May play only one session.  
 299er Stratified Pairs (Single Session)
- 2:30** Bracketed Swiss Teams (2<sup>nd</sup> Session)  
 Stratified Open Pairs\* (2<sup>nd</sup> Session)  
**GOLD RUSH PAIRS\*** (2<sup>nd</sup> Session)  
 \*May play only one session.  
 299er Stratified Pairs (Single Session)

#### Thursday Sept. 3

- 10:00** Bracketed Swiss Teams (1<sup>st</sup> Session)  
 Stratified Open Pairs\* (1<sup>st</sup> Session)  
**GOLD RUSH PAIRS \*** (1<sup>st</sup> Session)  
 \*May play only one session.  
 299er Stratified Pairs (Single Session)
- 2:30** Bracketed Swiss Teams (2<sup>nd</sup> Session)  
 Stratified Open Pairs\* (2<sup>nd</sup> Session)  
**GOLD RUSH PAIRS\*** (2<sup>nd</sup> Session)  
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 299er Stratified Pairs (Single Session)

#### Friday Sept. 4

- 10:00** Bracketed Swiss Teams (1<sup>st</sup> Session)  
**BRACKETED PAIRS \*** (1<sup>st</sup> Session)  
 \*May play only one session.  
 299er Stratified Pairs (Single Session)
- 2:30** Bracketed Swiss Teams (2<sup>nd</sup> Session)  
**BRACKETED PAIRS\*** (2<sup>nd</sup> Session)  
 \*May play only one session.  
 299er Stratified Pairs (Single Session)

#### Saturday Sept. 5

- 10:00** Bracketed Swiss Teams (1<sup>st</sup> Session)  
 Stratified Open Pairs\* (1<sup>st</sup> Session)  
**GOLD RUSH PAIRS \*** (1<sup>st</sup> Session)  
 \*May play only one session.  
 299er Stratified Pairs (Single Session)
- 2:30** Bracketed Swiss Teams (2<sup>nd</sup> Session)  
 Stratified Open Pairs\* (2<sup>nd</sup> Session)  
**GOLD RUSH PAIRS\*** (2<sup>nd</sup> Session)  
 \*May play only one session.  
 299er Stratified Pairs (Single Session)

#### Sunday Sept. 6

- 10:00** Bracketed Swiss Teams (1<sup>st</sup> Session)  
 Stratified Open Pairs\* (1<sup>st</sup> Session)  
**GOLD RUSH PAIRS \*** (1<sup>st</sup> Session)  
 \*May play only one session.  
 299er Stratified Pairs (Single Session)
- 2:30** Bracketed Swiss Teams (2<sup>nd</sup> Session)  
 Stratified Open Pairs\* (2<sup>nd</sup> Session)  
**GOLD RUSH PAIRS\*** (2<sup>nd</sup> Session)  
 \*May play only one session.  
 299er Stratified Pairs (Single Session)

#### Monday Sept. 7

- 10:00** Strati-Flighted AX Swiss Teams  
 (2 Session Play-through)  
 Strati-Flighted BCD Swiss Teams  
 (2 Session Play-through)  
 Stratified Open Pairs  
 (Single Session)  
*Due to the play-through there is no afternoon pairs game.*

#### **Stratifications and Flighting**

##### **Stratified Open Pairs**

A:4000+ B:3999-1250 C:1249-0

##### **Stratified Gold Rush Pairs**

A:750-500 B:499-300 C:299-0

Stratification is by average Mps

#### **AX / BCD Swiss (Monday Only):**

A:5000 + X:0-4999 A,X Play Together

B:1500-3000 C:500-1499,

D: 0-499 B,C,D Play Together

Bracketed Swiss Teams and Bracketed Pairs will be flighted based on entries.

# World Class Hospitality!

## Wednesday

Welcome gifts at the registration desk!  
We're so glad to see you!

## Thursday

Breakfast snacks!  
Pastries, donuts, fruit!

## Friday

Cookies and other goodies during PM session!

## Saturday and Sunday

Breakfast snacks!  
Pastries, donuts, fruit!

## FREE COFFEE



Every Morning!

## FREE LUNCH MONDAY!

Selection of sandwiches, chips, iced tea, cookies!  
*Celebrate Labor Day with your Bridge friends!*

## Prizes for Winners!

If you win your event or your strat stop by our prize desk!

## Entry Fee: \$18 per Session

+ \$1 on Sat – NABC Surcharge  
+ \$4 for non ACBL members  
Guest Membership Available

## Tournament Co-Chairs:

Ed Yetter eyetter@sbcglobal.net  
Tomi Storey: skeeter303@yahoo.com

## Partnerships:

Connie Scott / Judy Wood

## Send Email to:

U176Partnership@gmail.com

After Sept 1, contact partnership desk on site.

## Director in Charge:

Kevin Perkins

## Need a partner?

Email: Unit176partnership@gmail.com

## Future Life Masters!

**Gold Rush Pairs** Wed, Thurs, Sat and Sun. **Play for Gold!**

**Bracketed Pairs** Friday – Play against a separate section of players at your level. **Win More Gold!**

**Bracketed Swiss** Wed thru Sun – Play against teams at your level.

**Single Session Limited Games** Available every session.

**Trophies for Future Life Master Winners!**



## ▶ Bracketed Teams

## ▶ New Event! - Friday! BRACKETED PAIRS

## ▶ Open & Gold Rush Pairs (except Friday)

## ▶ A-X/-B-C-D Swiss on Monday

## ▶ Single Session Pairs Available Each Session

## DON'T MISS OUR SPEAKERS! Between Sessions

**Scott Nason** – "Down 1 is Good Bridge – an Introduction to Sacrificing and Competing"

**Scott Humphrey** – "Ask the Director"

**Valarie Remmers** – "Intro to Team Game Scoring & Strategy."

**Norman Beck** "How Flashlights and Trashcans Can Improve Your Game"

**See poster on-site for final speaker roster, bio's and schedule.**

**Parking Validation \$3.00**