Unit176 Table Talk

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Upcoming GNT Dates

The GNT tournament dates are set. The Open Championship and B flights will be run on January 15-16, 2027 in Dallas at our sectional. The Flight A and C GNTs will be held in Houston on April 3-4, 2027 in conjunction with their sectional.

Open Championship Flight is unlimited, Flight A is 0 - 6000, Flight B is 0 - 3000, Flight C is non-life master with less than 750 masterpoints. The September masterpoint cycle produced on August 6, 2026 marks the cutoff date for flight eligibility. Masterpoints won after this cycle will not impact flight eligibility for these events.

To register, send an email to Bob Holliday, the District 16 GNT coordinator, at jbholliday@gmail.com and provide your flight and your team members.

Unit Game August 16: Host: Friendly BC
Open: 23 tables

A 69.14 % ***Pawel Hanus, Ari Sippola***
B 64.19 % ***Allan Duby, Nancy Fellman***
C 56.87 % ***Debrah & Michael Chockley***

Unit Game September 20: Host: Valley View BC
Open: 20 tables

A 67.16 % ***Sheri & Mark Bumgardner***
B 58.63 % ***Alma Farley, Robert Clarke***
C 53.70 % ***Walter Netschi, Jyoti Boppana***

Unit Game October 11: Host: Valley View BC
Open: 21 tables

A 68.49 % ***Pawel Hanus, Ari Sippola***
B 64.09 % ***Christian Stevens, Peter Hudson***
C 56.25 % ***Jairaj Hegde, Jose Portela***

'Twas the night be-fore.....

I'm giving up bridge- Tonight's my last night

It's amen to Staymen, I give up the fight.

The insults and muddles are giving me troubles

And I can't sleep at night for thinking of doubles.

My cards are all rotten and I have forgotten

Who's played and what's trumps and what's gone on my right!

So for now it's all over- I'm off to the back wood

I'm bidding good-bye to Gerber and Blackwood

I can't stand the hassle, I can't stand the pain

I'm getting those bad cards again and again.

So I'm giving up bridge- Tonight's a bad night.

Declarer is horrid and nothing's going right.

~continued in the right column

My partner's a dope and I'm losing all hope.

And when s/he says "double" I know we're in trouble.

My points are not high and I'm wondering why

S/he kept on bidding right up to the sky.

We're in seven spades and all my hope fades

When surprise, surprise, the high bidding pays!

We're winning all tricks, the defenders feel sick,

And I have to admit my partner's a brick.

But I'm giving up bridge- Tonight's my last night !

Farewell to conventions- I'll give up the fight?

So I leave with few words but some that are true,

Bridge is a game- not for me but for you.

So be kind to your partners and don't mind their cheek.

For it's only a game- Oh! Yes. I'll see you next week.

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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)

Come play bridge, and visit with your bridge friends.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 & 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 billosborn13@att.net or call 972-814-2133.

Harp's Bridge Club: jimharpiii@gmail.com
Rockwall Community Center 108 E. Washington St
Tues 10:30 am Open

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

In Memoriam

Alice Bogdan Anita Everhart

Carol King Michael Lowenkron
Marian Maley John Milligan
Denise Patterson
Jo Ann Truitt Lou Waddle

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 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.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.

12:30 PM 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.

Dallas Labor Day Regional Sept 2 - 7, 2026 *highlighting Unit 176 players*



Th Gold Rush Flt A
Nancie Wagner
Valerie Lawlor



Sat Open Flt A
Steve Mazzucco
Frank Mazzucco



Life Master
Jyoti Boppana



Life Master
Kenneth Melvin



Bronze Life Master
Judy Wood



Wed Brk Teams 1 ***Jay Gibson, Martha Young, Gerry McKim, Jerry Derby***



Wed Brk Teams 4 ***Susan Moss, Stuart Litwin, Leonard Epstein, Alan Josephson***



Wed Brk Teams 5 ***Judy Duval, Burton Shepherd, Sandra Fedro, Linda Harley***



Wed Brk Teams 7 ***Marsha McNatt, Sandy Lansing, Gari Martin, Gary Hill***



Th Brk Teams 2 ***Mary Lynn Genovesi, Bill Driscoll, Terry Wolfe, Bob Holliday***



Th Brk Teams 3 ***Preston Morrow, Leonard Epstein, Alan Josephson, Stuart Litwin***



Th Brk Teams 4 ***Jean Scott, Gari Martin, Deborah Armstrong, Bill Keys***



Th Brk Teams 5 ***Jacqueline Brown, Jane Canning, Philip Brown, Nancy Morse***



Th Brk Teams 6 ***Charlotte Tunnell, Larry Mayo, Walter Netschi, Robert Neal***

Th Brk Teams 8 ***Eileen Thompson, Mooki Harris, Sandy Lantz, Louise O'Brien***



Thank You *to all the players who participated in the Dallas Labor Day Regional. There were* ***6,755.42 masterpoints*** *won by* ***593 players*** *at* ***948 tables*** *during this six day tournament.*

Dallas Labor Day Regional Sept 2 - 7 *continued*



Fri Brk Teams 4 ***Shyanne Merritt, Bonnie Arnold, Linda Jimmerson, Sandra Fedro***



Fri Brk Teams 6 ***John Peart, Judy Wood, Chuck Thomas, Kent Baxter***



Fri Brk Teams 7 ***Loralee Berg, Fran Shelton, Belynn Whatley, Rose Whatley***



Sat Brk Teams 4 ***Shelley Early, Marcia Messinger, Margie Portela, Linda Scott***



Sat Brk Teams 5 ***Mike Davis, Lyn Davis, Callie Weller, Judy Matlock***



Sun Brk Teams 3 ***Mary Chaffin, Rebekah, Erica Walker, David Salem***



Mon B Swiss ***Mary Chaffin, Jacqueline Brown, Kari Smith, Erica Walker***



Mon C Swiss ***John Ellis, Denise Strueber, Cheryl Brunson, Fran Shelton***



Mon D Swiss ***Loralee Berg, John Redfern, Belynn Whatley, Rose Whatley***



About 280 Unit 176 members earned masterpoints. The top masterpoints earned was 98.84.

Congratulations to the top 17 Unit 176 players winning masterpoints: John Schwartz 78.29 Mark Bumgardner 63.24 S Kohen 60.74 Barry Schaffer 54.47 Sheri Bumgardner 50.19 Bob Holliday 44.02 Gerry McKim 42.75 Gary Bush 40.44 Bob Friz 37.69 Bill Driscoll 33.74 Eileen Davidoff 32.99 Stephen Birnbaum & Bob Butterfield 32.15 Pawel Hanus & Ari Sippola 31.53 James McCommons 31.24 Bryan Storey 31.23

AROUND THE TABLES

Welcome to Unit 176

NEW: *Mary Ann Block, Nicole Doyle, Bertha Duchouquette, Molly Engelhardt, Sebastian Lee, Eileen Thompson, Jerry Young*

TRANSFERS: *Paula Fickel, R Randall Smith, Jimmy Wright*

Do Opposites Really Mesh ?

The English language can put two completely opposite words together and still convince us that they make perfect sense. Sample these :

1. Found Missing
2. Open Secret
3. Act Naturally
4. Fully Empty
5. Pretty Ugly
6. Original Copies
7. Exact Estimate
8. Small Crowd
9. Seriously Funny
10. Liquid Gas

And the undisputed champion of all - Happily Married

Laughingly shared by ***H P Goel***

Congratulations to all the **Dallas Fall Sectional Masterpoint winners**. There were **1,676.75 masterpoints** won by **285 players** at **330 tables** over the course of this four day tournament. The top winner, ***John Schwartz*** of Unit 176, earned 38.87 masterpoints. The next 21 Unit 176 masterpoint winners were: ***Gerry McKim*** *38.29* ***Mark Bumgardner*** *31.58* ***Jeff Karpeles*** *26.98* ***Gary Bush & Barry Schaffer*** *23.42* ***Jacqueline Brown*** *17.91* ***Jerry Derby*** *17.41* ***Athena Leung*** *17.38* ***Patricia Stille*** *16.61* ***Jay Gibson & Martha Young*** *16.51* ***Dale Remmers*** *15.82* ***Jyoti Boppana*** *15.71* ***Susan Moss*** *15.09* ***Leonard Epstein & Alan Josephson*** *14.88* ***Jane Kirby*** *13.93* ***Scott Nason*** *13.89* ***; Philip Brown & Jane Canning*** *13.86* ***Mary Chaffin*** *13.64*

STaC Week 100% Silver Mon 8/17-8/23

Wed Aft Aug 19 Open 88.5 based on 85.5 table

A 71.53 % ***Jerry Derby, Bill Driscoll***, VVBC

Wed Aft Aug 19 499er based on 12.5 tables

AB 62.20 % ***Bev & Bruce Bowman***, VVBC

C 53.27 % ***Paul Flynn, Diane Warden***, VVBC

Th AM Aug 20 Open: 82 based on 79.5 tables

A 68.89 % ***Scott Nason, Bill Staats***, FBC

B 65.56 % ***Nancy Fellman, Susan Henchal,*** FBC

C 61.30 % ***Patty Degenhardt, Gari Martin***, MDBC

Royal STaC Week Mon 10/19-10/25

Mon AM Oct 19 Open: 94 based on 93.5 table

TIE **B** 63.19% ***R Randall Smith, J Terrence Wolfe,*** FBC

Mon AFT Oct 19 499: 9.5 based on 9 tables

ABC 65.25% ***Martha Jackson, Tina Macdonald,*** VVBC

Wed AFT Oct 21 Open: 75 tables

A 74.40% ***Gary Bush, Michael Penick,*** VVBC

Wed AFT Oct 21 499: 5 tables

AB 66.00% ***Bev & Bruce Bowman***, VVBC

Th AM Oct 22 Open: 60.5 tables

BC 64.81% ***Loralee Berg, John Redfern***, FBC

Sun AFT Oct 25 499: 5 tables

AB 59.50% ***Laura Lang, Mercy Page***, VVBC

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

Dallas Fall Sectional November 4 - 7, 2026 *highlighting Unit 176 players*



Wed AM Open Flt A
Jeff Karpeles
Michael Murphy



Wed AM Open Flt BC
Kenneth Dingler
Cheryl Brunson



Wed AM 0-500 Flt ABC
Rick James Williams
Terry McComas



Wed AFT Open Flt A
James Thurtell
John Schwartz



Wed AFT Open Flt C
Hanuman Goel
Kenneth Melvin



Wed & Fri AFT 0-500 Flt AB
Marilee Smelzer
Francey Parnell



Th AM Open Flt A
Bob Friz
John Schwartz



Th AM Open Flt B
Paul Taylor
Robert Scrimale



Th AM & AFT Open Flt C
Lucy Buchanan
Valarie Remmers



Th AFT Open Flt AB
Cheryl Brunson
Feza Buyukdura



Fri AM Open Flt A
Norman Beck
Burton Shepherd



Fri AM Open Flt BC
Rodger Gruenwald
Larica Taylor



Fri AFT Open
Allan Duby
Elaine Wood



Sat AM Open Flt A
Cenk Tuncok
Dale Remmers



Sat AFT Open Flt AB
Jeff Karpeles
Feza Buyukdura



Sat AFT Open Flt C
Linda Schubert
Burton Shepherd

Dallas Fall Sectional Nov 4-7 *continued*

Wed Swiss A & Th Teams Brk 1 ***Nancy Kornegay, Mark Bumgardner, Stephen Kornegay, Kimmel Jones***

Wed Swiss B ***Mary Chaffin, Jackie Brown, Erica Walker, Kari Smith***

Wed Swiss C ***Darlene Campbell, Judy Wood, Cheryl Bradford, Chuck Thomas***

Th Teams Brk 2 ***Amy Schumacher, Athena Leung, Patricia Stille, Reg Watt***






Th Teams Brk 3 Leonard Epstein, Susan Moss, Alan Josephson, Daniel Butler

Th Teams Brk 4 Peggy Degenhardt, Jyoti Boppana, Jim Porter, Hanuman Goel

Fri Swiss A Gary Bush, Barry Schaffer, John Schwartz, Gerry McKim

Fri Swiss B Dale Remmers, Mary Lynn Genovesi, J Terrence Wolfe, Bill Driscoll







Fri Swiss C Leonard Epstein, Alan Josephson, Mark Meiches, Susan Moss

Sat Teams Brk 1 TIE Ari Sippola, Pawel Hanus, John Schwartz, Gerry McKim

Sat Teams Brk 1 TIE Mark Pan, Shangyon Nie, Jin Chu, Jianbo Chen

Sat Teams Brk 2 Jane Kirby, Carla Joiner, Karim Abuhamad, Paramjeet Ahluwalia








Sat Teams Brk 3 Karen Roland, Athena Leung, Connie Scott, Jyoti Boppana

Sat Teams Brk 4 Patty Degenhardt, Bhushan Sanghi, Peter Hudson, Christian Stevens



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 11/7/26)

0-5 **Jordan Kalev** *0.75* ***Lindy Vineyard & Reggie Beuttenmuller*** *0.67*
5-20 ***Tom Misteli*** *9.51* ***Frederick Baptista*** *1.45*
20-50 ***Joyce Colbeck*** *25.93* ***Jairaj Hegde*** *13.39*
50-100 ***Lawrence Brennan*** 6.27 ***Kay Irwin*** *4.94*
100-200 ***Rhoda Frankel*** *23.16* ***Mollye Morris*** *16.89*
200-300 ***Eleanor Shafir*** *22.84* ***Camille Kemp*** *21.92*
300-500 ***Sandy Lantz*** *124.58* ***Paul Therriault*** *40.04*
500-1000 ***Michael Durham*** *33.79* ***Susan Henchal*** *27.76*
1000-1500 ***James Bishop*** *78.82* ***Dan Kahn*** *28.71*
1500-2500 ***Jerry Frankel*** *70.33* ***Allan Chernov*** *27.86*
2500-3500 ***N Tripode*** *208.35* ***Randolph Worsham*** *160.64*
3500-5000 ***Jon Browne*** *39.72* ***Scott Nason*** *30.36*
5000-7500 ***Helene Blumenau*** *28.51* ***Martha Young*** *18.39*
7500-10,000 ***Bill Osborn*** *112.28* ***Jack Borenstein*** *86.00*
Over 10,000 ***Jim Johnsen*** *529.12* ***Marion Gebhardt*** *179.98*

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
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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

Congratulations to all our winners at our Sectional tournament held November 4-7 and thank you to all our participants. Thanks to our Tournament Director **Cheryl Rider**, Partnership Desk by **Jackie Brown**, photographer **Randy Eads**, and Hospitality treats from **Mary Lynn Genovesi** and **Roz Smith**. We had a successful tournament with 330 tables versus 318 tables last year. We heard some favorable feedback so we will have a similar format for our next Sectional set for January 13-16. The GNT for the Open Championship and B flights will be held then also. See the GNT article elsewhere in this newsletter.

Election time is coming. The Board of Directors for Unit 176 will be holding the **annual election** for three new members. Check out the bios for the candidates on page 11 and get ready to **cast your ballot beginning December 21st.**

We have the November Unit Game coming up on the 15th and the **December Unit Game is on the 13th,** with both at King of Glory Lutheran church.

Some other items to remember, **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. Also, our Mentor/Mentee program continues. We are always looking for more participants, so contact a board member if you are interested,

Another reminder involves the effort to speed up our games, as was mentioned in the last Table Talk. A part of **ongoing goodwill at the table means the proper order of these steps**: 1. Bidding Ends. 2. Opening lead is faced. 3. Dummy is tabled. Finally, Step 4. Make your written notes of the contract and the lead, if desired. I may bring a reminder to put on the tables and see if that helps players remember the proper order of these steps.

As always, if you have suggestions, comments, or complaints, contact me or any Board member. Thank you for your support in attending all our bridge activities. See you at the tables. Bob Holliday jbholliday@gmail.com

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- **Emma Kolesnik** on winning the World Mixed Teams at the 2026 World Bridge Series
- **Adam Grossack** on how an underdog team won the Open Trials and a Bermuda Bowl spot
- **Adam Parrish** on leveling up, writing bridge books, and winning at the Nationals
- **Alessandro Calmanovici** on building Bridge Tricks to make bridge as popular as chess

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Masterpoint Races



Congratulations to Unit 176's newest
Diamond Master: Gary Bush



Congratulations to Unit 176's newest ***Sapphire Life Master: Eileen Davidoff***



Congratulations to Unit 176's newest ***Gold Life Master: Truett Cates***



Congratulations to Unit 176's newest ***Ruby Life Master: Linda Scott***



Congratulations to Unit 176's newest ***Silver Life Masters***: ***Jane Canning, Linda Lindley, Leah Margerison, Rick Margerison, Barbara Taylor***



Congratulations to Unit 176's newest ***Bronze Life Masters: Judy Duval, Charles Golenternek, D Lane Mueller, John Peart, Judy Wood***



Congratulations to Unit 176's newest ***Life Masters: Jyoti Boppana, Rebecca Evans, Kenneth Melvin***

Just Pondering

**** Tact is the ability to close your mouth before somebody else wants you to do so.***
**** Nothing is impossible except dribbling a football.***

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

2026 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

(updated 11/7/26; includes points won at club level only)

0-5 ***Jordan Kalev*** *18.80* ***Tom Rogers*** *8.02*
5-20 ***Paul Flynn*** *41.84* ***Gayle Page*** *13.85*
20-50 ***Michael Passons*** *34.13* ***Joseph Williams*** *25.71*
50-100 ***Ruth Nelson*** *50.96* ***Bhushan Sanghi*** *46.29*
100-200 ***Richard Eshelbrenner*** *46.39* ***Allan Duby*** *44.58*
200-300 ***Rose Whatley*** *46.72* ***Pat Friend*** *36.06*
300-500 ***Robert Neal*** *143.13* ***Hanuman Goel*** *113.21*
500-1000 ***Loralee Berg*** *116.14* ***Larry Mayo*** *112.14*
1000-1500 ***Jacqueline Brown*** *132.05* ***Gail Wingfield*** *105.00*
1500-2500 ***Michael Chockley*** *130.38* ***Erica Walker*** *109.85*
2500-3500 ***Bob Holliday*** *174.54* ***Paul Taylor*** *116.09*
3500-5000 ***Sheri Bumgardner*** *173.51* ***Florence Beaird*** *115.04*
5000-7500 ***Bob Scallan*** *210.92* ***Marilyn Florin*** *120.21*
7500-10,000 ***James Bauer*** *155.05* ***Suresh Agrawal*** *112.86*
Over 10,000 ***Mark Bumgardner*** *177.47* ***James Thurtell*** *98.11*

2026 Mini-McKenney (updated 11/7/26)

0-5 ***Jordan Kalev*** *38.22* ***Lynn Fisher*** *13.75*
5-20 ***Paul Flynn*** *54.79* ***Gayle Page*** *22.13*
20-50 ***Jairaj Hegde*** *37.44* ***Michael Passions*** *36.83*
50-100 ***Belynn Whatley*** *156.91* ***Laura Lang*** *75.19*
100-200 ***Allan Duby*** *79.66* ***Jose Portela*** *47.37*
200-300 ***Rose Whatley*** *151.24* ***Stephanie Strom*** *71.12*
300-500 ***Robert Neal*** *223.08* ***John Redfern*** *177.68*
500-1000 ***oralee Berg*** *281.46* ***Larry Mayo*** *184.93*
1000-1500 ***Jacqueline Brown*** *218.51* ***Gail Wingfield*** *157.27*
1500-2500 ***Michael Chockley*** *191.05* ***Mark Pan*** *182.72*
2500-3500 ***Bob Holliday*** *317.08* ***N Tripode*** *230.15*
3500-5000 ***Sheri Bumgardner*** *430.53* ***Kristen Onsgard*** *379.25*
5000-7500 ***John Schwartz*** *336.72* ***Bob Scallan*** *291.92*
7500-10,000 ***Norman Beck*** *532.88* ***Cenk Tuncok*** *418.29*
Over 10,000 ***Jim Johnsen*** *1005.74* ***MiKe Passell*** *5438.36*

A Fond Farewell

Microsoft has disabled the publisher program I have used the last 15 years to produce Table Talk. The Affinity program which I am using to create this issue is too tech fancy for my patience level. When a task I have enjoyed so much becomes such a frustrating chore, I realize that I have finally reached the end of my Table Talk journey. I will miss this project, but it is time to let someone else enjoy this opportunity. Please contact Bob Holliday if you are interested in publishing Table Talk. ***Cordially, Sue Greims***

Table Talk Editor & Publisher: ***Sue Greims 2012-2026***
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 UNIT 176 NOMINATES SIX CANDIDATES

The Dallas Bridge Association, ACBL Unit 176, announces it's slate of candidates for election to the Unit Board of Directors. The election will be held via electronic ballot from December 21, 2026 to January 18, 2027.



Jyoti Boppana

After working in the telecommunications industry for 40 years, I retired in 2019 and decided to learn bridge to keep my mind active. I began taking classes at community college right before the pandemic hit.

When in-person classes were canceled, I transitioned online to continue my bridge education during lockdown. I remain a perpetual student of the game, dedicated to studying and improving every day.

I started playing duplicate bridge at the McKinney Club and quickly fell in love with both the game and its welcoming community. For the past four years, I have served in various roles on the McKinney Bridge Club Board.

I am running for the Dallas Bridge Association (Unit 176) Board to help promote bridge across our area and serve our community in whatever capacity I can.



Mary Chaffin

I grew up in a small town in central Texas, where I learned to play bridge in junior high school. I loved the game and played it constantly through high school, memorizing Goren's Bridge Complete.

When I retired in 2010, I planned to travel. In 2012, I agreed to play bridge with friends once a week to improve our game. I had to relearn bridge and ordered all of Audrey Grant's books to learn about the new systems. I slowly got back into the game.

I love bridge and am very thankful to those who are giving us the opportunity to play in Dallas. I have enjoyed serving on the board for the past three years and, if elected, will continue to do my best to serve our bridge community.



John Ellis

About 15 years ago, a friend asked if I knew how to play bridge. After responding negatively, she added that I should learn. I thought, "Ok!" So, I started the lessons at BAND and quickly got hooked on the game. There's the challenge of the game, the striving for improvement and, certainly, the camaraderie with partners, teammates and sometimes even opponents.

Since retiring after 39 years as a CPA, I have served as Treasurer for three non-profit organizations and have advised several others on tax and financial matters. I hope that this background will be of value to our organization and would consider it an honor to serve on the Board.



Laura Lang

I am an artist and was a stay at home mom to three boys. I cook, sew, knit, make jewelry, and can fix anything around the house.

I grew up playing games but did not learn bridge until after college. I played in a small duplicate group of friends for 35 years, once a month. I started playing In the studio and at tournaments 3 years ago.

I would love to help in any way I can..



Farrell Ray

Growing up in Dallas, I enjoyed playing hearts, spades, poker, etc. Bridge was introduced to me by my fraternity brothers in 1970. Needless to say, my foundation was rather shaky.
A few years later my mother, an exceptional player, instructed me in a more thorough way about the fundamentals.

After many years of party bridge, I was invited to join a group lesson led by Gerrie Owen. The teaching was great and my game really improved. Gerrie encouraged us to start playing duplicate. That was the beginning of a fun and challenging adventure. I have really enjoyed the F2F games as well as the online games. Making wonderful new friends has been an additional bonus!

If elected, I would be honored to serve on the Unit 176 Board.

Dallas Winter Sectional
January 13-16,2027

Lovers Lane United Methodist Church
9200 Inwood Rd.
Dallas, TX 75220

Will run concurrently with the District 16 GNT Finals for Flight B and Championship Flight on Friday and Saturday

Wednesday, January 13

Stratified Open and 499er Pairs (Single Sessions)	10:00 am & 2:30 pm
Open Stratified Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)	10:00 am & 2:30 pm

Thursday, January 14

Stratified Open and 499er Pairs (Single Sessions)	10:00 am & 2:30 pm
Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)	10:00 am & 2:30 pm

Friday, January 15

Stratified Open and 499er Pairs (Single Sessions)	10:00 am & 2:30 pm
Open Stratified Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)	10:00 am & 2:30 pm

Saturday, January 16

Stratified Open and 499er Pairs (Single Sessions)	10:00 am & 2:30 pm
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)

Open Swiss A: 3000+, B: 1000-2999, C: 0-999
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499er Events: A:300-499, B:150-299, C: 0-149 (By average masterpoints)

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

Entry: $16 per session.

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