

District 16 Scorecard



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President's Message



By Jack LaVigne
President District 16

Ken Monzingo and his Publications Committee have been busy upgrading the new District 16 website. The website now features Daily Bulletins from regional tournaments. Also, results of the June District 16 STaC are listed there.

If you missed the Dallas/Fort Worth, Fort Western Regional in May, be sure to check out the Austin Firecracker Regional in early July.

Ken MacMorran and Evvie Gilbert, members of the Publications Committee, have been diligently helping units without webmasters by gathering information from the units so that the District 16 webmaster was able to create up-to-date websites for them. Make sure to check out the new sites for units [173](#), [197](#), [204](#), [237](#) and [353](#).

Membership

Membership growth is our top priority. Patty Tucker is contributing by developing the Jump Start Bridge program, which includes setting up bridge exhibits and booths at State Gifted Student conferences nationwide. Our own Sally Sassen will host the exhibit in San Antonio in early December. The D16 Board

of Directors has voted to donate \$1,000 to this worthy cause. We wish Sally the best of luck and greatly appreciate her efforts.

To further assist our units recovering from COVID, the board of directors has voted to extend the policy allowing advertisements for sectional tournaments to be added to *Scorecard* at no charge.

Personnel Changes

There have been several personnel changes.

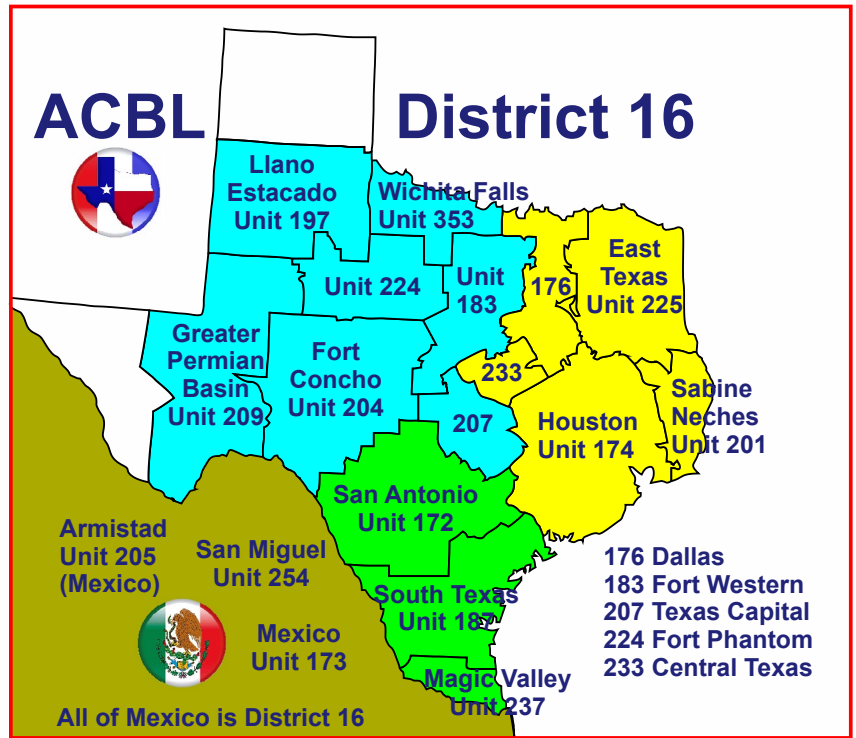
- Lauri Laufman, Houston, stepped down as the I/N Newsletter editor. The board would like to thank her for her service.
- Carol Jewett, Houston, has taken over the I/N Newsletter position.
- Dolores Aquino, Houston, is the coordinator for the Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture Series.

"Let us not despair but act. Let us not seek the Republican answer or the Democratic answer, but the right answer. Let us not seek to fix the blame for the past – let us accept our own responsibility for the future."

– John F. Kennedy 14 June 1956

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- [July 1-7 Austin Firecracker Regional](#)
- [August 3-4 Austin Summer 0-200 Sectional](#)
- [August 8-11 Houston Awesome Summer Sectional](#)
- [August 15-17 Beaumont 0-499er/Non Life Master Sectional](#)
- [August 22-24 Tyler Tournament of Roses Sectional and NLM Regional](#)
- [August 27- September 1 Dallas Labor Day Regional](#)
- September 5-8 New Braunfels Sectional
- September 19-22 BCOH 499er Sectional
- September 19-22 Austin Fall Sectional
- September 24-29 Ajijic Tequila Land Regional
- September 26-28 Beaumont Sabine Neches Fall Sectional
- September 30-October 6 D16 STaC
- October 11-13 Fort Western Sectional
- October 16-19 San Antonio Diane Olson Electional Sectional
- October 25-27 Galveston Halloween Sectional and I/N Regional
- October 31-November 2 Denton Local Fall Sectional
- November 2-3 Austin Fall NLM Sectional
- November 4-10 Puerto Vallarta Regional

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Regional Director's Update

By Paul Cuneo
District 15, 16 Regional Director

Congratulations to Rebecca Brown, Lakeway, on her election as Region 9 Director effective January 1, 2025! I know that Rebecca will be a great representative and ACBL Board member.

Finances

Overall ACBL is doing well in 2024. Net income through April was above budget, the Louisville NABC met its room night commitments and rooms have been added for the Toronto and Las Vegas NABCs. My hope is that NABC attendance will continue strong and that we avoid attrition charges for all the contracts signed before 2023.

Membership

Membership has continued to decline and stands at 2.8% lower than last year with 129,135 active members. Thus far we have not seen the type of increase in the spring that we had the past two years.

EDGAR

A major focus has been on cleaning up the online game. Nearly 13,000 members have been checked using the EDGAR system and only 1.5% of those

have been reported by the system as having cheated. We had a lot of speculation about how many members were cheating and predictions ran from 2% to 5% so I am very pleased that there are fewer players to be disciplined than expected.

Bridge Base Online (BBO)

The BBO contract expires June 30, 2025 and I am involved in that as a member of the Board's Online Provider Task Force. We met with BBO beginning in Louisville about the terms of a future contract and have told BBO that ACBL needs to be able to award masterpoints on other platforms as well as the current platforms to help new members begin their journey and to stimulate innovation in the online world. BBO has accepted these principles and discussions are continuing.

I hope you have an enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing many of you at the district's upcoming regional tournaments.



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The Most Beautiful Game in the World ♠

By Patricia Herrera

D16 Education Coordinator



Bridge is by far and away, still the most beautiful game in the world. I know you already know this because you are reading my column. Beyond all benefits demonstrated by studies, we know it keeps us entertained, allows us to

meet people from all ages and walks of life. Having said that, we haven't done a great job with promoting our game. One would think that once you find the secret to eternal youth the next step would be to share it. And yes, many of us try and keep trying but we haven't nailed down how to do it best yet. And we need to work together and make it happen.

Decide to do more with bridge than just playing may not sound obvious but I think it is crucial and beneficial for many reasons. To begin with, you will find yourself being even more entertained and with a larger network of friends. I cannot think of a more win-win situation.

So here is a list of what we can do:

- **Attend Bridge Tournaments and Events:**

Seems so obvious yet we need to do it more. Go and play F2F. Nothing is better than that. You will meet expert players, can attend educational seminars and social gatherings that provide opportunities to network and learn from others. Look for local bridge clubs, sectional, regional and national tournaments to get started. The ACBL has this fantastic tool called [ACBL Tournament Finder](#). Check it out and plan your next trip!

- **Become a Volunteer:** Consider teaching bridge classes, organizing tournaments, or helping with bridge-related charity events. It's a fun way of giving back and learn more about the game

- **Take Bridge Lessons or Workshops:** Refining your game and staying competitive is one of the best ways to contribute to bridge. Why? Because no game or sport has ever benefited from getting old instead of staying up to date and on top of the latest trends. Have you seen tennis matches recently played with wooden rackets?

- **Hire a Pro if You Can:** As opposed to other sports, bridge gives us the beauty of being able to play with the best and directly learn from them. Can't get better than that.

- **Share Your Experience:** Consider sharing your bridge experience with others by talking about it, posting about it on social media, or even teaching bridge. This not only helps to spread the joy of bridge but also provides a sense of fulfillment and personal growth.

- **Donate:** Yes. Donations are so crucial and necessary. Did you know that the ACBL is a nonprofit? And that there is an [ACBL Educational Foundation](#)? They both need us and actually now there is an online auction called [Spark](#) where you can bid on an amazing array of world champions, bridge celebrities, and authors while you contribute to the Junior Fund!

As you can see, there are many ways to get involved in bridge activities beyond just playing the game. Deepen your connection to the bridge community and stay engaged with the most beautiful game in the world. If you need even more ideas, feel free to email me.

Patricia Herrera is a Mexican bridge teacher and player and the Education Coordinator for the ACBL's District 16. She is also the President of the Mexican Bridge Federation. When she is not playing bridge, she runs a nonprofit consulting firm based in Mexico City. You can reach her at: herrerapatricia@gmail.com





2024 Grand National Teams District 16 (D16) Finals ♠

By Scott Nason

D16 GNT Coordinator



The Grand National Teams (GNT) is a grass roots event in which each ACBL district holds its own competition, with the winners earning the right to compete in the NABC finals each summer, supported by a substantial expense stipend from the

district, and even enhanced by some units. So, forgive me if I express a bit of disappointment that it is not more widely attended.

Sixteen teams competed in the D16 GNT Finals for the four coveted spots at the Nationals in Toronto this July. In the top Championship Flight, there were only two teams in Houston in April, with the team of Hua Yang and Yan Song (Plano), Danny Feng (Frisco) and Steve Chen (Austin) emerging victorious.

Flight A was competed in Dallas in May with six teams entered. The winners were the Dallas area team of Tiger King (Plano), Ming Kung Yen (Dallas), and Bill and Donna Garrard (Irving).



The winning Flight A team of Ming Kung Yen, Tiger King, Donna Garrard and Bill Garrard.

Flight B, in Houston in April, also had six entries. The mostly Sugar Land team of Hua and Kyo Chen, Jessie Lee, Weijun Zhu, Hao Deng and Mark Pan (The Woodlands) won the event and a ticket to Toronto.



The winning Flight B team of Weijun Zhu, Hao Deng, Mark Pan, Hua Chen, Kyo Chen and Jessie Lee

Finally, Flight C had two entries in Dallas in May, with the team of Chris Steele (Pflugerville), Nora Fallon (Austin), Nathan Yee (Spring), Utkarsh Koshti (Spring), and Mariah Stopper (Houston) coming out on top.



The winning Flight C team of Chris Steele, Nora Fallon, Nathan Yee, Utkarsh Koshti and Mariah Stopper (np)

Good luck in the GNT finals to all of our teams in Toronto in July. Hope to see more of you compete in the 2025 GNTs next spring.

New Members

April 2024 - May 2024



172 Joseph E Baka
 172 Jimmy Chen
 172 Paulette Freeman
 172 Amanda Fuller
 172 Frank R Hedges
 173 Jorge A Leon Molina
 173 Ma. Laura Madero
 173 Juan I Sada
 174 Suzann S Broesche
 174 Faruk Gopalani
 174 David Jones
 174 Jan Lynn
 174 Jc Nickens
 174 Debra Oakes
 174 William Paulson
 174 Elizabeth Power
 174 Pamela L Richmond
 174 Janice Sauve

174 Stephen O Schrader
 174 Naomi A Smith
 174 Sandy H Tomich
 174 Bernard M Weintraub
 174 Wei Xu
 176 Bruce W Bowman
 176 Marie D Dean
 176 Helen S Dlugosz
 176 Lynne S Gerlach
 176 Becky Odlozil
 176 Jill M Robinson
 176 Kaijian Shi
 176 Rodney A Welch
 183 Linda Fogle
 183 Deborah Pennett
 197 Ray R Davis
 197 Carol Parker
 197 Nanette Schumacher

201 Richard Turkel
 204 Mark Moorman
 204 Cheryl S Ricci
 207 Ginger Allen
 207 Kirby L Boston
 207 Betty L Brevard
 207 Thomas L Browne
 207 Jay Carnegie
 207 Abigail Fields
 207 Charles E Greenwell
 207 Carolyn Lambiase
 207 Beverly Newsom
 207 Randall Nickel
 207 Thomas A Owan
 207 Linda J Potsiadlo
 207 Anne B Purdes
 207 Shanker Reddy



Masterpoint Milestones

April 2024 - May 2024

Junior Master (5 MPs)

172 Donnelle Blahut
 172 Sharon M Doerr
 173 Silvia Garza Buentello
 174 Neil R Anderson
 174 Sandra Y Brezina
 174 Russell Hall
 174 Sharon Hall
 174 Jay Jorns
 174 Teresa W Manchik
 174 Patti Morgan
 174 Mary Jane Naquin
 174 Mary Ella Price
 174 Richard G Whaling

174 Weijun Zhu
 176 Laura A Lang
 176 Anne Leary
 176 Lalita Limaye
 176 James Williams
 183 Robin Carson
 187 Chase D Knight
 201 Roxanne McGraw
 207 Mrs. Ellen R Bailey
 207 Linda Cummins
 207 Charlotte E Brigham
 207 Janet Eitnier
 207 Assel Garcia
 207 Susan P Hauser

207 Abby S Kaighin
 207 Joyce Johnson
 207 Luke A Obermann
 207 Dean Pollard
 207 Terri Rose
 207 Robert A Sedgwick
 209 Linda Leps
 209 Bernard J Niven
 225 Debra D Hippler
 233 Scott Pitzer
 237 Susan E Klem
 254 Lindy L Marchuk
 254 Natalia Zapata

Club Master (20 MPs)

172 Jack B Lenox
173 Mr. Gordon Byrn
174 Lee Emmett
174 Jessie Y Lee
174 Sherry L Scarborough
174 Mr. Richard Spottswood
174 Linda K West
176 Mrs. Martha R Jackson
176 Donna J Starnes
176 Stewart P Teasley
183 Mr. Harry Harrison
183 Terri Markwitz
183 Suzy B Stout
201 Theresa M Cooper
207 Allan L Frank
209 George Kieke
209 Diane B Martin
209 Troy G Martin

Sectional Master (50 MPs)

174 Sherian Bloomer
174 Ann Star
174 Kathy Stumbo
176 Mollye E Morris
176 Elliott R Orr
176 Sarah Warnecke
201 Mr. Elijah Edmonson
201 Earl Pittman
204 Larry D Gray
204 Marty Simpson
207 Pam Akins
207 Dr. Ken Burton Jr
207 Joseph Remonte
225 Mr. Franklin M Harrison

Regional Master (100 MPs)

172 Mr. Don W Marcott
174 Judi Whaling
176 Elizabeth F Brown
176 Mr. John R Grout
176 Mr. Phillip A Schulz
176 Doris P Sivernell
176 Stephanie J Strom
183 Marge Metcalf
183 Jan A Vanhummel
207 Mark M Maxwel
207 Cindy M Walthall
209 Dale Linton
254 Dr. James R Martin

NABC Master (200 MPs)

174 Gloria L Bazer
174 Teresa Becker
174 Jeffrey J Brown
174 David S Good
174 Dr. Cynthia D Heagy
174 Craig P Howard
176 Athena Leung
183 Diana R Clive
183 Karen Cook
183 Mrs. Ellen M Lane
187 Mrs. Amy Allen
187 Mrs. Dixie A Swearingen
207 Donna M McJunkin
209 Paula J Bayley
225 Mr. Sanjay Santhanam

Advanced NABC Master

(300 MPs)

176 Jason Glatzer
207 Gwendolyn D Atchison
207 Pam Beck
207 Mrs. Sharon L Schuller
353 Marsha A May

Life Master (500 MPs*)

172 Robert G Christophel
172 Mrs. Hazel E Medellin
174 Hua Chen
174 Kathy L'Hommedieu
174 Madhu Moza
174 Marcella Tigner
176 Mrs. Angela M Johnson
176 Mrs. Dee J Norris
176 B.K. Sloan
207 Beverly D Miller

Bronze Life Master

(750 MPs)**

172 Robert G Christophel
174 Madhu Moza
174 Mr. Steven E Kaplan
174 Charles H Otto
174 Mrs. Toni Roesler
174 Mrs. Cindy A Skeels
174 Sandy Snelling
176 Ms. Gretchen Cash
176 Mrs. Angela M Johnson
183 Mr. Rodney L Bland
183 Mrs. Anne Kyle
183 Mrs. Lori McCline
187 Linda S Mott

Silver Life Master

(1000 MPs)

174 Mr. Ronnie T Martin
174 Ms. Leora Nowitz
174 James D Rozzell
174 Mrs. Lorita A Tipton
176 Bonnie J Arnold
176 Kathleen J Aten
183 Mrs. Mary Ellen Little
201 Mrs. Miriam Cooper
207 Charlene Coor
207 Janet L Hawk
207 Rebecca L Parmentier
225 Clifford G Smith

Ruby Life Master

(1500 MPs)

173 Ninfa Sada
174 Marilyn L Hughes
174 Odis W Nolte
176 Mr. R Randall Smith
176 Mr. David W Speer
183 Harold Schulz
204 Mrs. Toni T Hurlbut

Gold Life Master

(2500 MPs)

174 Mrs. Naomi Spicer
176 Mrs. Teddi C Fiero
176 Mr. Brian C Gelles
176 Kristen Onsgard
207 Mr. Buddy Ellisor
209 Mrs. Debbie C Conly
254 Ms. Jean Dorr

Sapphire Life Master

(3500 MPs)

197 Mr. Gary Blaiss

Diamond Life Master (5000 MPs)

207 Kalpana R Sutaria
207 Mr. Stephen A Wood

Emerald Life Master (7,500 MPs)

174 Mr. Randall B Lake

*Prior to January 1, 2010 - 300 MPs

**Prior to January 1, 2010- 500 MPs

D16 70% + Club

Gary Blaiss & Greg Loran Lubbock – Llano Estacado	79.76%	Stephen Kornegay & Nancy Kornegay Arlington – Arlington DBC	71.16%
Turne Vagnoni & Mary Vagnoni Cypress – Cypress Northwest DBC	77.78%	Dotsy Miller & Jackie McElhaney Pittsburg – Pittsburg DBC	71%
Billy Leeper & Michael Heymann Fort Worth – Steve’s Tuesday Bridge	75.36%	Bonta Thompson & Robbie Butts Lubbock – Llano Estacado	70.83%
Gary Blaiss & Greg Loran Lubbock – Llano Estacado	75.3%	Mike Graham & Beth Hankins Longview – Longview DBC	70.83%
Spangler & Steve Bennett Fort Worth – Friday DBC	75.3%	Mike Graham & Cliff Smith Longview – Longview DBC	70.4%
David Branch & Mike Frederick Fort Worth – Colonial DBC	74%	Mary Bartley & Brenda Baker Tyler – Rose City DBC	70.24%
Martha Oliver and Wayne Outlaw Orange – Orange Community Bridge Studio	73.44%	Mary Bartley & Beryl Cobb Tyler – Rose City DBC	70.14%
Jay Gibson & Martha Young Plano – Friendly Bridge Club	72.92%		
Wayne Outlaw & Wayne Jordan Orange – Orange Community Bridge Studio	72.5%		
Wayne Outlaw & Kris Cherry Orange – Orange Community Bridge Studio	71.6%		
Valerie Townley-Smith & Bob Townley-Smith Beaumont – Beaumont Bridge Studio	71.52%		
Gary Blaiss & Greg Loran Lubbock – Llano Estacado	71.44%		
Mary Hildebrand & Betsy Bloechl Lubbock – Llano Estacado	71.43%		
Sue Gerard & Marcelo Massoneau Mexico City – CDMX Bridge Club	71.35%		
Joe Murphy & Wayne Gordon Orange – Orange Community Bridge Studio	71.35%		
Ed Rasmussen & Wayne Gordon Orange – Orange Community Bridge Studio	71.3%		

Reporting D16 70% + Games

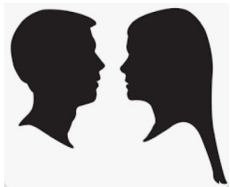
The D16 70% + Club recognizes members who have scored 70% or higher scores in one of the district’s club masterpoint game that is open or non-restricted. (For example, masterpoint-restricted games or country club games restricted by membership do not qualify. Nor do cruise games, sectional or regional games.) At least four tables with at least 16 boards must be in play.

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

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

Be sure to include the club’s name and location. Games will be reported on a first come, first served basis as space is available.





Member Profiles

Meet Rich Eshelbrenner

Unit 176 McKinney

By Nancy Connors

The McKinney Duplicate Bridge Club (MDBC) boasts many members from the Heartland of America. Richard Eshelbrenner is one of them — having grown up in Fort Scott, Kansas.



Rich Eshelbrenner

After high school Rich attended Kansas State University (go Wildcats!) where he earned a degree in Engineering. Once he graduated from college Rich went to work for AT&T where he did tech support for 20 years. After retiring in 1997, he worked several other jobs and then joined Fujitsu Network communications where he sold telecommunications equipment and eventually became a product manager. Rich retired again in 2016 to care for his late wife Carol who succumbed to pancreatic cancer after 44 years of marriage.

Rich attributes his interest in bridge to Carol. Right after they married, he realized that her family members were avid bridge players and it was time for him to learn the game as well. For the next four decades they played party bridge before graduating to duplicate games in a variety of locations. In recent years Rich has become a regular at the MDBC and was club manager for two years before becoming a board member and vital part of that organization. Richard can always be counted on to arrive on site early on game days and get the table, chairs, and equipment set up in a timely manner. He says, “I have always been a person

who gets the job done whether at work or anytime else.”

Rich has a son, 2 daughters, and 6 grandkids. His grandchildren especially love the fact that their granddad has an intricate train set with more than 100 pieces. For the past 40 Christmas seasons he has set up a ping pong table with a 6-foot Christmas tree in the center. He then erects a train village with a track, train cars, a station, an ice rink, people, and other accessories to encircle the tree. Powered up, the train can move around the entire circumference. The kids love it!



Wanting to stay connected to his family, Rich and his siblings have set aside time to be together. During the 80s and 90s they did family campouts and for the past 40 years they have gotten together the weekend before Christmas. Rich bowls and volunteers at Love for Kids as well as the Single Parent Advocacy organization in McKinney.

He continues to be an active and treasured part of any community or organization he joins.

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



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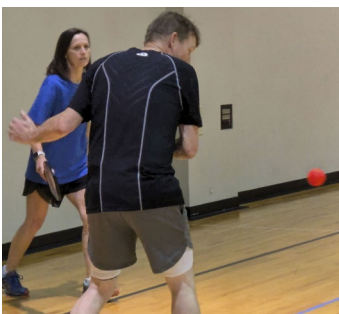
Fun at Friendly Bridge Club

Unit 176 Plano

By Valarie Remmers

Pickleball and More

Who is ready for fun and games? Friendly Bridge Club has teamed up with their Dallas venue – King of Glory Lutheran Church – and on the third Thursday of each month the KoG Activity Center is your place for fun (and games). Friendly was one of the first few clubs in the ACBL to hold a “picklebridge” event (in April and May), thus the ACBL gave us some funds to buy some new equipment and games. So if you or a friend are yearning to try their hand at a light form of bridge, Boggle, Uno, Euchre, or pickleball (or insert your favorite game here) – or just want to hang out and visit – then come to King of Glory Activity Center at 6:30 p.m. on the *third* Thursday of each month (6411 LBJ Freeway, Dallas). Mike Davis says he’s coming out of pickleball retirement and Dale Remmers is always ready to challenge you to a game. Due to my lack of eye-hand coordination, I will be heading up the “and more” side of things. Come and have some fun and games with Friendly & KoG, see you Thursday.



Holidays

We love to celebrate holidays with you. Friendly Bridge will be celebrating the 248th birthday of our country on July 4th along with the belated third birthday of the post-pandemic Friendly Bridge Club. We will celebrate with hot dogs and ice cream and a bonus point club championship game. Wear your red, white, and blue and celebrate our country and our club on Thursday, July 4th starting at 10:30 a.m. at our Plano location.

The Dallas Labor Day Regional goes through Sunday September 1, but don’t worry – Friendly will have a club championship game on Labor Day Monday so you can keep earning bonus points. The game starts at 10:30 a.m. at our Plano location.

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



Unit 172 - San Antonio

By Ellen Hessel

Things are hot in Unit 172 – a record-breaking number of over 100° days in the month of May which was previously considered a spring month. Oh well, what better way to try to beat the heat than to spend the morning and/or afternoon playing bridge?

We are very excited to announce that a new game has started in Kerrville! There was always a duplicate game out in the hill country for as long as I can remember until the dreaded COVID. So, for those of you who live in the area, or who just want to visit Kerrville, you can once again find a duplicate game there on Monday afternoons starting at 1:00 p.m. at the Dietert Senior Center. Running the game is Steve Hultquist. His contact information is: 651-249-6600 or email at sjhultquist@juno.com

A fun unit game was held on June 8 with 20 ½ tables in attendance. Five dollars from each person’s entry fee went for a donation to the Alzheimer’s Association. Congratulations to all the winners: A Flight, Donna and Dave Swarthout, B Flight, Joe Ramirez and James Cuccia, C Flight, Georgia Baron and Dean Grossman.

Looking ahead we have a one session Pro-Am Teams unit game scheduled for noon on July 27 at St. Thomas Episcopal Church. Snacks will be provided starting at 11:30 a.m. Only two members of each team can possess 1000 or more masterpoints but any configuration within those boundaries is acceptable. The entry fee is only \$5.00!

Laurie Levin will be hosting a two session 499er game on August 10 at the JCC with a meal provided between sessions. The entry fee will be \$32.00 per person which includes the meal.

The annual membership meeting and Luau is planned for August 17. It will be a two session stratified pairs game at the St. Thomas Episcopal Church. The start time is 10:00 a.m. with a meal and the meeting between sessions. The \$10.00 entry fee includes both sessions, however, you may play just one session if desired. Alert! There are changes to our bylaws in

the works which will be explained during the meeting. Additionally, it is rumored that our new directories may appear at the Luau, so hope to see you all there!



Unit 174 - Houston

By Jack LaVigne

The Future Life Masters (FLM) of Unit 174 is a board sponsored program with the mission to support and develop the newest players (0-99 masterpoints) in Greater Houston Bridge. FLM is a resource center featuring information about classes, games and tournaments with a freestanding [website](#).



FLM hosted its first Central Houston 99er game in May and had *seven* tables! The players enjoyed it so there will be another one on Sunday, August 18 sponsored by the Unit 174 board. Game fee is \$5.00 and includes bridge snacks and door prizes.

You do not need a partner. Everyone plays.

Game time: 1:30 p.m.
Arabia Shriners Center
10510 Harwin Drive
Houston, Texas 77036

Entry at the Side Door –
The one with Red Balloons.



News from Unit 174 Clubs

[Apple Duplicate Bridge Clubs](#)

Weekly Game Schedule

Open games are held on Monday and Friday at 11:30 a.m. at the Tracy Gee Community Center, 3598 Westcenter.

299er Games

299er games are held on last Monday of the month. Next games will be on July 29 and August 26.

Bridge Academy of West Houston

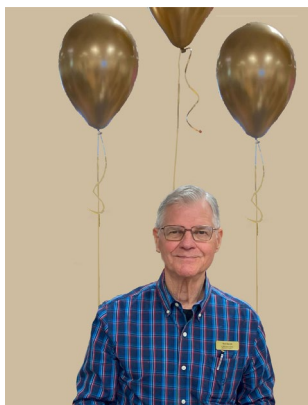
Three parties were held to celebrate masterpoint milestones.

Silver Life Master Party



Miriam Cooper
New Silver Life Master

Gold Life Master Parties

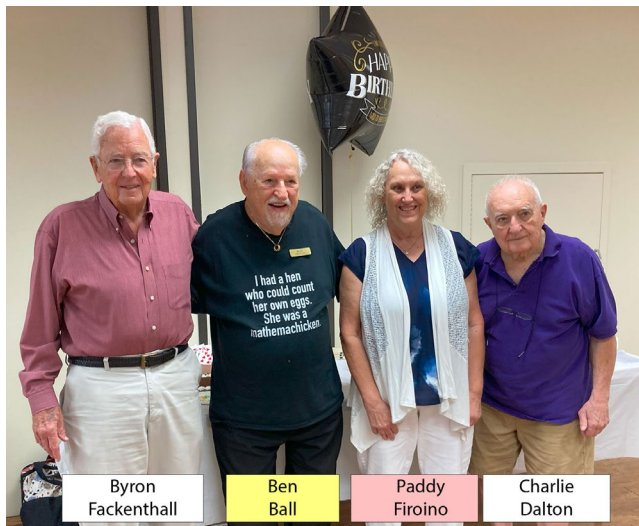


Rick Barrett
New Gold Life Master



Paddy Fiorino
New Gold Life Master

We also had a June celebration for birthdays.



Byron Fackenthall Ben Ball Paddy Firoino Charlie Dalton

Ben Ball is 96 and still plays E/W!

Mentor/Mentee

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

Eight is Enough Swiss Teams & Future Life Masters Pairs

The Eight is Enough Swiss Teams and Future Life Masters Pairs are held once a month on Sundays at 1:30 p.m. The upcoming games are July 21 and August 18. The FLM game on August 18, will be limited to 0-99 masterpoints and will be held in the Oasis Room.

Weekly Game Schedule

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

Charity, NAP and club championships are scheduled for July and August.

Bridge Club of Houston

Tuesday Tidbits

Build a solid foundation with Julie Halperin, Diamond Life Master and ACBL Teacher, and enjoy a free lesson from 9:30-10:10 a.m. The game to follow begins at 10:30 a.m. We will set up partnerships for those who need it. Text Julie at 713 857-8004 with questions or concerns. Lessons are open to all.

Mentor/Mentee F2F

Mentor/Mentee games are held the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 10:30 a.m. Sign up at club or contact Judy Cupps at

judy_n_al@yahoo.com or by phone 713 320-5592 or Bob Zeigler 713 829-6928 with any questions.

BBO Mentor/Mentee Games

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

Eight is Enough Swiss Teams Games

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

Saturday F2F 299er and Open Games

(Note New Time: Every weekend at 12:00 p.m.)

Saturday F2F 299er and open game are held every weekend with putlucks and points each week. Check the [website](#) for more information.

New Beginner Bridge Classes start in July!

All classes will be taught on Saturdays at the

Club by Susan Banks-Johnson and Andy Remson.

If you:

- would like to learn to play bridge for the first time
- need to bone up on your basics
- would like to ask questions in a safe environment
- have friends who are interested in learning bridge these classes are for you!

The classes will be using Audrey Grant teaching materials available on Amazon. To sign up, please contact Susan Banks-Johnson or Andy Remson at

BridgewithSusanandAndy@gmail.com

For detailed information, [click here](#).

[Clear Lake Bridge Club](#)

Previously...

Clear Lake Bridge Club (CLBC) held a Masterpoint Milestone Advancement Party in May honoring the 41 people who met a new milestone!



Celebrating Rank Advancements!

DIAMOND LIFE MASTER
Steve Vaughn

SAPPHIRE LIFE MASTER
Jim Ochsner

GOLD LIFE MASTER
Naomi Spicer

RUBY LIFE MASTER
Patsy Howell, Sam Khayatt

SILVER LIFE MASTER
Bill Churchman, Mark Incerto, Bonnie Martin

BRONZE LIFE MASTER
Lynn Hershey, Ken Hudson, Steve Kaplan, Madhu Moza, Paul Shack, Betty Westbrook

LIFE MASTER
Yera Annenkova

ADVANCED NABC
Ann Bragg, Scott Koehler, Cindy Schaefer

NABC MASTER
Terrie Becker, Beryl Booker, David Good, Carolyn Hardy, Cindy Heagy, Doug Kincannon, Alan Schaefer

REGIONAL MASTER
John Doyle, Marcie Jacikas, Amy Manne, Cindy Monroe

CLUB MASTER
Rodney Armstrong, Steve Bolinger, Danielle Donnelly, Bob Driskell, Arlene Phillips

JUNIOR MASTER
Sarah Arends, Jay Chambliss, George Edwards, Lorraine Hart, Jay Jones, Sharon Hall

ROOKIE
Russ Hall

Sept '23-Apr '24



In 2023 the CLBC members, through The Longest Day events, donated \$6,600 to the Alzheimer's Association, placing us in the top 30 participating clubs in the ACBL. Edna Rice, 2024 CLBC The Longest Day chair and team captain, will report in the next *Scorecard* how we fared in 2024!

Nearly Summer Sectional

Clear Lake Bridge Club closed to participate in the Nearly Summer Sectional in Houston June 7-9. Winners were:

June 7 – Swiss Teams Bracket 4:

1. Shirley Kingsley, Renata Frutiger, Beryl Booker, Judith Rebman

June 7 – 0-299 Pairs:

2. Carolyn Hardy, James Moore

June 8 – Open Pairs:

4B. Romeo Bodroge-Podoaba, Danuta Parzych

June 8 – Swiss Teams Bracket 4:

4. Beryl Booker, Terry McGarrity, Ben Hernandez, Patricia Freeman

June 8 – Swiss Teams Bracket 4:

2. Mark Incerto, Paul Shack, Scott Koehler, William Churchman

June 8 – Swiss Teams Bracket 3:

3/4. James Ochsner, Allison Ochsner, Teresa Becker, Dave Becker

June 9 – AM Open Pairs:

4B/5A. Naomi Spicer and Yvonne Pierce

June 9 – Swiss Teams Bracket 3:

3. Teresa Becker, David Good, Ann Bragg, David Petkus

June 9 – Swiss Teams Bracket 1:

4. Susan Kaplan, Alfred Fortier, Dunuta Parzych, Romeo Bodroge-Podoaba

U p c o m i n g . . .

July and August 2024 are designated by ACBL to be North American Pairs (NAP) qualifying. Come out and play to qualify for the NAP.

CLBC is located at 16614 Sea Lark, Houston 77062. We hold games every day of the week. We close for Unit 174 tournaments, Christmas and Easter. You can reach us at 281-480-1911.

Weekly Game Schedule

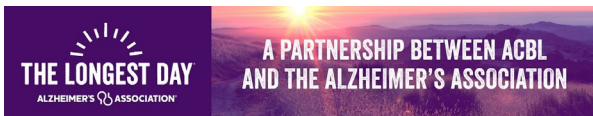
Open games are held Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m., and Thursday and Saturday afternoons at 1:00 p.m.

I/N games are offered four days per week as follows:

749er games are on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. and

Thursday at 1:00 p.m.

299er games are on Monday at 2:00 p.m.



Our The Longest Day games were held on Wednesday, June 19 at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The entry fees were donated to the Alzheimer's Association. Thanks to the excellent bridge stars for participating in our the Longest Day Bid to Play with a Star event. Additional contributions were also greatly appreciated.

199er games are on Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.

Swiss Teams games are on Sunday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. On the second Sunday of the month the game is an Eight is Enough Swiss Teams.

Mentor/Mentee Open games are on the third Wednesday each month.

Game Fees

Our game fees are \$6.00 for members (\$7.00 for guests). If you are a frequent guest, it is probably a good idea to become a member because our annual dues are only \$25.00/year.

Come see us and play some bridge!

[Fort Bend Bridge Club](#)

Fort Bend Duplicate Bridge has a game on Tuesdays at:

Arabia Shriners Center
10510 Harwin Drive
Houston

Please arrive by 10:15 a.m. as the game starts at 10:30 a.m. We offer:

- Bridge Mate II Scoring
- At Least 36 Upgraded Games a Year
- Hand Records after Every Game
- A Nice Balance of Friendly A, B, & C Players
- Coffee and Substantive Snacks
- Fully Sanctioned ACBL Game
- Results Available Immediately
- Fully Qualified and Experienced Directors

Due to rent expense entries are \$7.00.

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

Unit 176 - Dallas



By Bill Driscoll

News from Recent Events:
Congratulations to Kristen Onsgard, Dallas and Nancy Passell,

Plano for winning the Smith Women's Pairs at the Spring NABC in Louisville, Kentucky. The event paid 80 platinum MPs! Click [here](#) for the Smith Pairs



Nancy Passell & Kristen Onsgard
Smith Women's Pairs Winners

NABC Results.

Dallas Spring Sectional (DSP)

The DSP was held April 17-20 at the Lovers Lane United Methodist Church. We had 291 tables of play over the 4 days with 170 in Bracketed Swiss Teams, 69 in Open Pairs and 52 in 749er Pairs. Many thanks to our volunteers who kept the tournament running smoothly, including Milt Neher (Tournament Chair), Debora Cassen (Partnership Desk), Rosalind Smith and Mary Lynn Genovesi (Hospitality), Bob Holliday (Photographer), Chuck Eastin (Equipment Manager), and those who pitched in to help with cleanup. Special thanks to Ed Yetter and Cheryl and Jim Rider who located and borrowed or purchased the supplies and equipment needed to conduct the tournament after our equipment trailer was stolen the week before. Of course, thank you to all our bridge players who came out to play. Click [here](#) for the Spring Sectional Results.

Memorial Day Sectional (MDS)


The MDS was held May 22-26 at the Holiday Inn Richardson. We had 332 tables of play over the 5 days with 204 in Swiss Teams and 128 in pairs. Kudos to our volunteers including Bill Higgins (Tournament Chair), Truett Cates (Partnership Desk), Rosalind Smith and Mary Lynn Genovesi (Hospitality), Bob Holliday (Photographer), and Chuck Eastin (Equipment Manager) and to everyone who pitched in to help. Thanks to all our bridge players who came out and enjoyed the tournament. Make sure to check out the tournament winners for these events in this issue. Click [here](#) for the MDS Results.

Grand National Teams (GNT)

The GNT Flights A & C was held in conjunction with the MDS. There were six teams in Flight A and two teams in Flight C. Congratulations to the Flight A winning team, Tiger King, Ming Kung Yeh, William Garrard, and Donna Garrard and the Flight C winning team, Christopher Steele, Nora Fallon, Nathan Yee, Utkarsh Koshti and Mariah Stopper.

Many thanks to Scott Nason who organized the GNT for District 16 this year. Please read Scott's GNT report for more details. Click [here](#) for the GNT Results.

Unit Game

The May 5 unit game had 18 tables in the Open Pairs and 4 tables in the 499er Pairs. Thanks to Valley View Bridge Club for hosting this event and to all who came to play. Congratulations to Open Pairs winners, Joan Jackson and Peggy Sutherlin (N/S) and Brent McDaniels and Chuck Eastin (E/W) (Click 

[here](#) for the Open Pairs results), and to 499er winners Fran Shelton and Barbara Pittenger. Click [here](#) for the 499er Pairs results.

Upcoming Events

The Dallas Labor Regional will be held August 27 -September 1 at the Courtyard by Marriott Dallas-Al- len at the Event Center, 210 E. Stacy Road, Allen, 75002. A \$104 per night special bridge rate is available at the Courtyard, booking by August 5 is required. Click [here](#) to reserve today. You can see the tournament flyer on page 41 of this issue for the detailed schedule. We hope to see you there.

Another 2024 Unit 176 tournament is the Dallas Fall Sectional and I/N Regional (November 6-9). More details about the events are available on the [Unit 176 Website](#). Also check out the Intermediate/New-comer's Corner on the unit website featuring opportunities for our newer players.

Unit 176 Bridge Clubs and Games

Please join us at any of the Dallas area bridge clubs.



Unit 183 - Fort Western

By John Robbins

Unit 183 clubs will continue to work with an eye to the future in July and August. The Arlington Bridge Club recently began a two year renewal on its current site and the Unit 183 board signed a lease on a new studio space in Fort Worth. Just across Wellington Road from its current location, the property is being fully renovated by the owner and will be professionally decorated by our own Lynn Long.

While about half the size and (and half the rent cost!) of the current site, the new digs will accommodate about 15 tables, a compact kitchen area, a newly built internal ADA compliant restroom, and access to two other nearby restrooms. Parking includes about 25 spaces on site and another 25 for our players only directly next door behind Ava's. Occupancy is set for the first week in August. Stay tuned to the website for news of our upcoming moving party.

Other forward looking efforts in July and August include bridge lessons and games designed for new players. In Arlington, Doug Berke has begun classes that will run through the end of August, and Diane Dillman's lesson series in Fort Worth continues to draw new members.

The Arlington club will be closed Labor Day for the Dallas Regional and play on July 4th will require reservations.

The past two months saw a successful sectional in Denton and a well-attended Unit 183 regional at DFW airport. Winners' names and pictures appear elsewhere in this issue. Special kudos to Ken Javour and Randy Eads for their untiring work as tournament chairs.

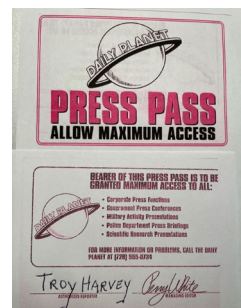


Unit 204 - Fort Concho

By Troy Harvey

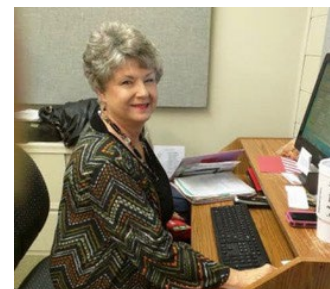
I'd like to start this report with a thank you to Neal Perlman. He passed the baton to me to be the reporter for the *Scorecard*. I'm not sure if it's an honor or a curse; I'll let you be the judge. Neal is a great mentor and I have the privilege to play with him the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

I have exciting news to report that Neal and wife Marcy have a new grandson: Theo Fox Perlman! Here are two pictures of this cutie. I'm sure it'll be a matter of time before we see him at the bridge table. Neal and Marcy try to see Theo and family as much as possible as he lives in Mexico City. Theo already has a stamped passport!



Happy Moms! Natalie, Theo Fox and Hillary Perlman
Neal, Hillary, Theo Fox and Marcy Perlman

Marifrances Watson is our tireless director as well as the director of education for the club. She and Carol Deminnie have completed phase one of 2/1 Game Force curriculum by Jim Ricker. Instead of com-



pleting the entire book we've taken a pause and they introduced mentoring games to our group. This is a great way to get newer players comfortable in open games. We have up-and-coming talent in our club. I believe a majority of our club members are Life Masters 10 times over, so we are grateful for these games and thankful to all the club mentors. The patience and enthusiasm of Marifrances and Carol are awesome.



Daisy & Julie Mormon

We are very pleased to announce that Julie Mormon is now officially a director. Julie is a smart lady and has hit the ground running playing bridge at least four times a week. She told me she studied hard for the exam and says that even though the test is open book it's

a three hour time limit and she needed every second. Congratulations, Julie! Whether Julie is directing or playing or both, she has her cute dog Daisy right by her side. Daisy is basically our club mascot. Julie has taken over the games that her mother directed for over 30 years. We thank you Sue Henry for all your contributions to our club.



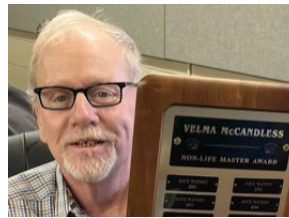
Our Long Time Director Sue Henry

Our club recently celebrated a Ruby Life Master milestone for Toni Hurlbut from Mason. She and several ladies from Mason come and join our games periodically.



Toni Hurlbut Ruby Life Master

I'd like to play a little catch-up on awards from earlier this year. Marty Simpson received the Velma McCandless award which is recognition for earning the most points as a Non-Life Master in 2023. Congratulations, Marty. Also, Neal Perlman received the Trudy Bunch award and has been inducted to the Bridge Hall of Fame for our club.



Marty Simpson
Velma McCandless Award



Neal Perlman
Trudy Bunch Award

The Fort Concho unit had a big showing at the recent Tall City Tournament held in Midland on June 7-9. We had 18 members attend the tournament. I would say that for 90% of us from Fort Concho it was our first tournament. The great news is that we did very well. All tournament attendants brought home silver points. We've caught the tournament the bug and plan to return next year. The Stratified Swiss Teams games were enjoyed by everyone. Neal gave us training about Swiss Teams strategy beforehand. We enjoyed them so much that we hope to convince Marifrances to periodically offer a Swiss Teams at our club.

Here are a few highlights from our group at the tournament: Neal Perlman was 1st overall in the tournament, Neal's Swiss Team placed 1st. Also, Neal and his buddy Scott Vaughn placed 1st in one of the pairs sessions. Julie Mormon and Joy Foster placed 1st in an evening pairs session with a whopping 64%. Barry Jackson's Swiss Team placed 1st in C. Barry Jackson and Troy Harvey placed 1st and 2nd in two pairs sessions. Make sure to check all the photos for the Tall City Sectional Winners in this issue. Team Fort Concho brought home 70.7 silver points total!



Team Fort Concho Unit 404
Hope Garza, Barry Jackson, Riki Rich,
Joy Foster, Julie Morman

Julie Mormon is planning to host a July 4th game and serve hot dogs! Please let her know if you plan to attend the festivities.

Our club basically has games every afternoon five days a week. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday games are open games, and we welcome everyone. We are so pleased to routinely have players from Mason and Abilene. You can check out the details at our [website](#).



Unit 205 - Amistad

By Mary Ann White

The Lake Chapala Club will host the Tequila Regional tournament from September 24-29. This is the first time a regional tournament is being held in Lake Chapala, and we look forward to making it something special. The tournament will be held at the [Hotel Boutique Sol y Luna Spa](#). You can find more information about the tournament on the ACBL [tournament page](#). Make your plans now to attend and visit beautiful Lake Chapala which boasts the 2nd best climate in the world! Maybe you will find your ideal retirement destination.

Puerto Vallarta Regional in November

The dates are also set for this year's Puerto Vallarta Regional. So put us on your calendar for November 4-10, 2024. Click [here](#) for more information about the venue and playing schedule.

Club News

Nicci Beninger and Mary Ann White won the unit championship game on May 25 with 66.5%. And in club news, club championships at the Lake Chapala Club were won by Lane Galloway and Mary Ann White on June 11 with 64.58% and Neal Hayden and Grace Donovan on June 13 with 59.52%. Congratulations to all our champions.

Moving up

Congratulations to Rob Johnson who advanced to the rank of Ruby Life Master. You did it!

In Memoriam

We mourn the passing of two much-loved players at the Lake Chapala Club: Robbin Moore-McGrath and Rene Wolf. Please read about them in the In Memoriam section of this issue.



Unit 207 - Texas Capital Bridge

By Barbara Clements

I think it is so much fun to open the *ACBL Bridge Bulletin* to see how our friends did at the NABC tournaments. I've been to about five national tournaments and it's so much fun to see everyone there and see how they are doing. This time I have results from the ACBL Spring NABC Tournament in Louisville, as reported in the last two *Bulletins*.

Congratulations to all our fellow Unit 207 players, we're proud of you.

Kay Platinum Pairs: #19 Finn Kolesnik (Austin) and his partner

Lebhar IMP Pairs: #13 Louis Sachar and Stephen Wood (both from Austin)

Smith Women's Pairs: #19 Lynn Baker (Austin) and her partner

Leaders in the 2024 Barry Crane Top 500 Masters Points Race: #49 Finn Kolesnik (Austin)

Local Milestones

We had many milestones reported in the *Bridge Bulletin*.

Diamond Life Master: Kalpana Sutaria, Austin and Stephen Wood, Austin

Silver Life Master: Charlene Coor, Austin, Reuben Israel, Georgetown and

Rebecca Parmentier, Austin

New Life Master: Beverly Miller, Georgetown

Unit 207 0-750 Tournament held June 1-2 in

Georgetown

Last, but not least, are the results from the Georgetown 0-750 Tournament held June 1-2. The attendance was impressive. Photos of the winners are included in this issue.

June 1 – Session 1 – 14 Tables – Winners
A/B Kristin Anderson, Georgetown and Janet Eitnier, Austin

C Chris La Chance, Austin and Luke Oberman, Austin

June 1 – Session 2 – 14 Tables – Winners
A Brenda McIndoo, Georgetown and Teresa Mack, Georgetown

B Delta Gahimer, Georgetown and Alecia Southworth, Georgetown

C Chris La Chance, Austin and Luke Oberman, Austin

June 2 – Session 1 – 11.5 Tables – Winners
A Dan Mudgett, Austin and

Jim Ferguson, West Lake Hills

B Susan Angle, Georgetown and Cindy McCauley, Georgetown

C Val Hrobsky, Georgetown and Maryanne Boerner, Georgetown

Upcoming Events

July 1-7 – Austin Firecracker Regional

August 3-4 – 0-200 Sectional

Check out the flyers later in this issue.

Unit 207 hope y'all will come join us for a game or more.



Unit 209 - Great Permian Basin

By Ann Parish

Midland hosted a very successful sectional tournament in June. The Tall City Tournament, held this year in memory of Flo Curry and Marilyn Matthews, had 11-18 tables per session Friday and Saturday, including both 199er games and open games. We had 16 teams playing in the Swiss Teams on Sunday! We nearly maxed out our space at the Allison Bridge Center.

We were happy to see many tournament players from out of town: Abilene, San Angelo, Big Spring, Lubbock, and Hobbs, New Mexico. And many of those visiting players were also winners.

We want to thank Patti Heard, our tournament chair, Marty Massie and Sandy Hill, our hospitality co-chairs, and chief clean-up ladies. Also:

Shirley Davenport, our partnership chair
Bill Brooks, our club manager and chief set-up take-down guy

Scott Johnson, our photographer
Paula Bayley, our club decorator
Larry Pitts, our balloon-arch guy
Mark Beckstrom, our club president, t-shirt salesman, and all-around fix-it guy.

And of course, we want to thank Don Davis, our ACBL director, who kept us on time, answered all our



questions, and made sure those scores went into the computer accurately and quickly.

Tournament winners' names and pictures are posted

elsewhere in this issue.

In other news, Belle Harris started teaching free beginner bridge lessons on Monday evenings from 6:30- 8:00 p.m. at the Allison Bridge Center.

We have scheduled our July 4th Hotdog Party for Thursday, July 11. Many people are out of town for the Fourth, so we're carrying the celebration over to the next week. We should have recovered from the tournament by then, so get your hotdog condiments, chips, and desserts ready for the next party.

Stay cool and play some hot bridge!



Unit 225 - East Texas

By Deb Pascoe

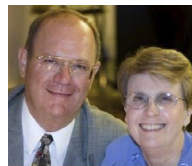
Tyler again presents its Open Sectional along with a Non-Life Master Regional for three days, August 22-24, at the Holiday Inn, 5701 South Broadway in Tyler. The tournament features Stratified and Non-Life Master Pairs events plus Saturday Bracketed Swiss Teams. For the complete daily schedule, game times and masterpoint strats check the flyer here.

The tournament features:

- Bridge rate of \$109 which includes full breakfast.
- Saturday games feature a lunch provided.

Make plans now to attend the annual Tyler Tournament of Roses, August 22-24 – see flyer on page 30 for details.

Make sure to check out the [Unit 225 website](#) for more details about our clubs and their game schedules.



Unit 233 - Central Texas

By George & Pam Holmes

Unit 233 keeps plugging along. We regret that we must report the passing of a dear friend. Silver Life Master Susan LaFountain passed away on May 12th and she will be sorely missed. She was a member of the Unit 233 Board, played in three clubs in Waco and worked tirelessly arranging partnerships for the weekly



games. A fun person to play with and against, and just knowing her made your life better.

On another sad note, Temple bridge player and Silver Life Master Dick Cunningham's daughter passed away. Our condolences to Dick and his family.



Lynn Sykes

Lynn Sykes, unit secretary and District 16 representative is still recovering from a tough two years of broken bones but still manages to get around.

Meanwhile the games at Unit 233 continue. On

June 12th the unit held its semi-annual board meeting at the Temple Bridge location followed by lunch for all the players and a nice game. Overall winners were Tom and Ethel Corlett.



Unit 353 - Wichita Falls

By Marsha May

On April 10, 2024, four members from Unit 353 drove to

Oklahoma City to play in the Sooner Unit 167 Regional Tournament in Midwest City, Oklahoma. On Wednesday through Friday, they played in the Gold Rush events. On Thursday, Pat Robinson and her daughter Jody Elgin placed 8th in B with a 53.26% and Friday they were 2nd in A and B with a 56.01%. Marsha May and Suzanne Sosa placed 7th in A with a 57.42% on Thursday. The four teamed up on Saturday played the Bracketed Swiss Teams. Both pairs did well on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday but the best part was winning 2nd place Swiss Teams Bracket 4 game on Saturday. Pat and Jody won 6.10 Gold and 4.10



Teams Wichita Falls
Suzanne Sosa, Jody Elgin, Pat Robinson and Marsha May

Red. Marsha and Suzanne won 3.94 Gold and 3.07 Red. Everyone had a good time and enjoyed Unit 167's hospitality. Marsha's Gold points moved her up in rank to Advanced NABC Master which means that the next rank for Pat, Suzanne and Marsha is Life Master. Jody is still working and does get to play often but she has great card sense. Jody also made it possible for the four to go to the tournament because she was the driver.

Unit 353 is a small unit and has not been able to maintain a website for several years. We would like to send special thanks to Ken MacMorran and Evvie Gilbert who made it possible for us to again have a [website](#) hosted and maintained by District 16.

Dave Hertzog hosted The Longest Day, STaC games and NAP games. I hope to be sending good news regarding our results in these future games.





Intermediate/Newcomer Resources

Games & Classes for Newer Players - Come Join us!

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

0-50 Masterpoint Game: Every Monday at 4:00 p.m.

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

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

For more information email Beginner20Bridge@gmail.com

0-99 Masterpoint Game: Every day at 6:00 p.m. (CT)

The 99er Nite Club! games are offered seven days a week at 6:00 p.m. If you are a 99er, ask your club if they are participating. Your club must “opt in.”

0-199 Masterpoint Game: Every at 6:05 p.m. (CT)

The 199er Nite Club! games are offered seven days a week at 6:05 p.m.. If you are a 199er, ask your club if they are participating. Your club must “opt in.”

For more information email Janice_Hardcastle@hotmail.com

Suit Bidding for Intermediate/Newcomers

By Ken Monzingo

If you are the declarer it is usually better to play in a major suit contract, hearts or spades, rather than notrump provided your side owns at least eight of the 13 cards in either major. More than eight is even better in trick taking power. The reasoning is simple: in suit contracts you can win tricks with both high cards and by ruffing the opponents high cards. The partnership goals during the bidding auction are to search for the correct suit to be trumps, and the correct level in which to play the contract: part score, game, or slam. Assuming you and partner have a combined advantage in high cards – aces, kings, queens and jacks, your communications should be to keep four things in mind.

- Priority One: To find a major suit fit of eight or more between you and your partner.
- Priority Two: Without an 8-card major suit fit, play balanced hands in notrump if possible.
- Priority Three: Last choice is to play in your best minor suit fit if notrump is not biddable.
- Priority Four is finding the correct level to play: keeping auctions low enough for part scores to avoid going down for a minus score, or high enough if game (26 HCP) or even slam (33 HCP) is possible. Distributional points – shortness and length – also count to-

wards bidding games and slams. Within reason, reason being we have enough tricks to make our contract.

The “Golden Fit,” the 8-card Major Suit Fit

The above mentioned eight card major suit fit has been dubbed a “Golden Fit” since it normally has such strong trick taking value. The best fit is four in each hand which allows possible trick taking value from either side – declarer or dummy. The second best is a 5-3 major suit fit which may provide trick taking value from the short side. Suit fits of 6-2 or 7-1 are advantageous, but normally only the long suit has trick taking capabilities in trumps. Obviously, with nine card fits, 5-4 or 6-3, the Golden Fit becomes more golden. And 10 card fits, 5-5 or 6-4, become delirious.

The Two over One Bidding System

The fastest way to find an eight card major suit fit is to play a five card major system, the most popular in this country is the Two over One (2/1) system. This allows your partner (responder), with only limited values, to raise your major suit opening with as few as three cards in support.

With minimum hands 12-14 and the absence of owning a 5-card major suit to open, you must open a minor suit – even if sometimes it’s only three cards

long – and both partners then strain to find a 4-4 or 3-5 major suit fit if available. Stronger balanced hands of 15-17 hcp are opened 1NT and the Stayman and Jacoby Transfer bids are used to find Golden Fits.

Defining the Opening Suit Bid (Mini 13-15) (Good 16-18) (Very Good 19-21)

Just as the notrump openings (1NT, 2NT, & 3NT) have distinct point ranges, so does the opening bid of one of a suit. The difference is that the opening no-trump bid tells two stories (size & shape) in one bid, while the opening bid of a suit requires at least two bids to describe.

To illustrate, take the problem of computing strength - HCP plus distributional values.

1) Minimum hands, 13-15 points including distribution, are opened one of a suit, and minimum rebids are made on opener's subsequent bids. Minimum rebids are:

- A raise of responder's suit at the cheapest level (only with four card support).
- A rebid of opener's suit at the cheapest level (rebids of the opening suite usually are six cards long).
- A rebid of 1NT (or 2NT if partner's first response is at the two level in a new suit).
- New suits at the 1-level or rebids of new suits of *lower rank* at the two level.

2) Unbalanced hands, 16-18 points including distribution, are opened one of a suit, and are described by a jump in partner's suit, a jump rebid in opener's suit, a reverse, or in raising 1NT to 2NT.

Examples

A. 1♥ - Pass - 1NT - Pass

3♥*

*Shows 16-18 points including distribution and six card suit.

B. 1♥ - Pass - 1♠ - Pass

3♠*

*Shows 16-18 points including distribution and four card support for spades

C. 1♥ - Pass - 1NT - Pass

2NT*

*Shows 17-18 HCP but unable to open 1NT (unbalanced hand)

D. 1♣ - Pass - 1♥ /1♠/1NT - Pass

2♦*

*Is a forcing reverse showing 16+

A reverse is described as opener making a second bid at the two level in a suit higher ranked than the

first suit. Higher ranking suits rebid at the one level are not reverses and usually minimum values.

3) With very good hands, 19-21 points, open one of a suit and then jump to game in partner's suit if holding four card support, jump to 3NT, jump shift in a new suit, or jump to game in your own suit with six or more.

Examples:

A. 1♥ - Pass - 1♠ - Pass

4♠*

*Shows 19-21 points including distribution and four card support.

B. 1♥ - Pass - 1NT - Pass

3NT*

*Shows 19-21 HCP excluding distribution.

C. 1♥ - Pass - 1♠ - Pass

4♥*

*Shows 19-21 points including distribution and six or more hearts.

D. 1♥ - Pass - 1NT - Pass

2♠, 3♣ or 3♦*

*These bids are jump shifts show 19+ points including distribution.

Freak Hands

Wildly distributional hands (6-5-2, 7-4-1-1, et al.) are stories all to themselves and deserve special care. A different lesson, they are fun to hold and cause havoc with the opponents.

Questions:

What do you call an 8-card suit?

Answer: Trumps

Who's in Charge?

Answer: Just as in the systemic notrump bidding, in suit bidding the opener's responsibility is to describe the hand at the earliest opportunity, usually the second bid. Following that the responder may now become captain and usually controls the auction toward the final contract.

Trust Partner!

Next Lesson: Responding to the Opening Suit Bid.

Ken Monzingo, Unit 183, is D16 Publications Committee chair, past D16 first vice president and past president of ACBL.

♠♥♣♦ **Austin**
0 - 200
Sectional ♠♥♣♦

August 3rd - 4th
STRATIFIED PAIRS
Saturday & Sunday, 1:30 pm

Entry Fee: \$10 per session
(\$14 per session for unpaid ACBL members)

♥ **Free Coffee & Snacks** ♦

♠ **Strat A : 100-200**

♥ **Strat B : 50 - 100**

♣ **Strat C : 0 - 50**

Strats may be adjusted
at Director's discretion

Chair: Earnestine Broyles

214-906-2722

laughdoc7@aol.com

Partnerships: Pat Berry

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♦ *This is a fragrance-free tournament* ♦

Bridge Center of Austin

6700 Middle Fiskville Road ♥ bridgecenteraustin.com



Beaumont Local
Sectional for
499ers/Non-Life Masters
August 15-17, 2024
(Will follow ACBL COVID Guidelines)
Local Director Ed Rasmussen



Tournament Location

Beaumont Bridge Studio
950 North Street, Beaumont, TX 77701
409-838-2447

Lodging Options

- Marriott Courtyard 409-840-5750 (6 mi)
- MCM Elegante 409-842-3600 (6 mi)
- Holiday Inn Express 409-892-3600 (6 mi)
- Fairfield Inn 409-840-5751 (6 mi)

Entry Fees

Sessions: \$11 per person per session
Note: \$15 per session for unpaid ACBL member

Stratification and Awards

A (300-500) B (100-300) C (0-100)

Prizes for event winners and section tops.
Stratification's are based on pair average

Schedule of Events

Thursday, August 15

Stratified 499er Pairs (Single session).....9:30
Stratified 499er Pairs (Single session).....1:30

Friday, August 16

Stratified 499er Pairs (Single session).....9:30
Stratified 499er Pairs (Single session).....1:30

Saturday, August 17

Stratified 499er Pairs (Single session).....9:30
Stratified 499er Pairs (Single session).....1:30

Tournament Chairs

- Ruth Hancock** 409-883-0263
rhancock@gt.rr.com
- Flo Ferguson** 409-895-0841
ffergie@gt.rr.com

Partnership Chair

Lucille Armintor 409-893-1404
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Note: This is a “fragrance-free” tournament.

Rev: Dec 16 2023

Unit 201 cordially invites you to attend our 499er/NLM sectional.
As always, entry fees includes coffee, snacks and lunch.
No Smoking in Playing areas.
Come join us for some Southeast Texas Hospitality



**THE
99ER
NITE CLUB**

**GREAT PLAY, LESSONS
& LOADS OF FUN!**

And...It's only for you, New Players!

District 16 now has a BBO game just for the 0 to 99 players
the "99er Nite Club"!

When: 6pm, 7 days a week
Where: Your Online Club*

Perks:

- ✓ **More Masterpoints** (cross club scoring)
- ✓ **Mini-Lessons** by Lynn Berg at 5:30 pm

*Check to make sure your club is participating. If your club has questions they should contact Janice Rush at:
janice_hardcastle@hotmail.com



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 Janice Rush for details:
janice_hardcastle@hotmail.com

New Game in Town



**99er
Future Life
Masters** **ALL ARE
WELCOME**

On BBO

**TUESDAYS
3:05**

"Houston U174 FLM 99er"

Virtual Club game based in Houston...meet other D16 players online...you will see us at area Regionals & Sectionals!

Contact:
Mary Ellen Vail
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Calling All District 16 Artists

D16 doesn't have a logo. As you know our district comprises most of Texas and all of Mexico.

Winner receives a free day at a D16 Tournament.

- All submissions should be emailed as attachments to D16-ContactAdmin@d16acbl.org in either pdf, png, jpg formats or all of the above.
- Submission deadline is October 15th.
- Entries will be identified by number only and submitted blind to the D16 Executive Committee who will decide the winner.
- Individuals may submit any number of potential logos.
- The winning logo will be unveiled in the November/December Scorecard and the eblast announcing it will include the attribution.
- Winner selects the tournament in which they want their free-play day.

♥ Unit 183 2023 Award Winners ♦



MB Howard, Arlington



Melody Gann, Fort Worth

Brenda Martin

Unit 183 Ace of Clubs Winners 2023



0-5 MP: Tim Baris	200-300 MP: Larry Dick (NP)	2500-3500: Khalifa Ahmed (NP)
5-20 MP: Kamal Das (NP)	300-500 MP: Brian Eaton	3500-5000 MP: Margot Hirsch
20-50 MP: Jan VanHummel	500-1000 MP: David Branch	5000-7500 MP: Gary Neisler
50-100 MP: Mike Frederick (NP)	1000-1500 MP: Randy Eads	7500-10,000 MP: Pat Cassidy
100-200 MP: John Fee	1500-2500 MP: Kathy Coleman	10,000+ MP: Steve Kornegay

Unit 183 Mini-McKenney Winners 2023



0-5 MP: Tim Baris	200-300 MP: Beth DiTomasso	2500-3500: Khalifa Ahmed (NP)
5-20 MP: Kamal Das (NP)	300-500 MP: Brian Eaton	3500-5000 MP: Nancy Peterson
20-50 MP: John Burgess (NP)	500-1000 MP: David Branch	5000-7500 MP: Gary Neisler
50-100 MP: Mike Frederick	1000-1500 MP: Randy Eads	7500-10,000 MP: Pat Cassidy
100-200 MP: John Fee	1500-2500 MP: Kathy Coleman	10,000+ MP: Steve Kornegay

AWESOME AUGUST SECTIONAL

AUGUST 8-11, 2024

Arabia Shrine Center

10510 Harwin Drive, Houston TX 77036

Thurs, Fri, Sat Aug 8-10

Sunday, Aug 11

Stratified **299er Pairs** Single Sessions 10 & 2:30
Stratified Open Pairs Single Sessions 10 & 2:30
Bracketed Swiss Teams Two Sessions 10 & 2:30

Stratified **299er Pairs** Single Sessions 10 & TBD
Stratified Open Pairs Single Sessions 10 & TBD
Bracketed Swiss Teams Two Sessions 9:30 & TBD

Stratification *

299er Pairs A: 200-300 B: 100-200 C: 0-100
Open Pairs A: 3500+ B: 1250-3500 C: 0-1250

* *Strats may be adjusted by the director to balance for strength of players.*

Hospitality

\$ 10 box lunches available
\$ 1 coffee & sodas
Free bottled water



Accommodations

TownePlace Suites by Marriott
10610 Westpark Dr, Houston TX 77042
(713) 266-2210

Fees

\$15 per session per player
Credit Card Only

Tournament Chairs

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In Memoriam

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| <p>Sherill A. Baack, Dallas</p> <p>Beverly M. Battle, Malakoff</p> <p>Andrew Bradley, Azle</p> <p>* Mrs. Genie F. Hayden, Missouri City</p> <p>G David Hudson, Odessa</p> <p>* Nagy R. Kamel, Plano</p> <p>Mrs. Sylvia Kaufer, Tecamachalco</p> | <p>*</p> <p>*</p> <p>*</p> <p>*Life Master</p> | <p>Bill K. Land, Houston</p> <p>Richard D. Lynch, San Antonio</p> <p>Ronald M. Mankoff, Dallas</p> <p>* Henry J. Muzzio Jr., Fort Worth</p> <p>Jan Neuenschwander, Houston</p> <p>Mrs. Marjorie R. Strayer, San Antonio</p> <p>* Billy Tiger, Missouri City</p> |
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Robbin Moore-McGrath 1950 | 2024

By Mary Ann White



Robbin Moore-McGrath passed away on March 18. Robbin was kind, generous, and hospitable. She loved to entertain in her home and was a great cook. Her friends were important to her and always welcome. She also loved flowers, especially roses and gardenias, and belonged to the Orchid Club. Robbin moved to Mexico in 2016 and loved living in Ajijic. She served six years as the priest of St. Andrew's Anglican Episcopal Church. She loved singing, both choral and solo. She also loved playing card and board games, especially bridge

Rene Wolf 1924 | 2024

By Mary Ann White



Rene Wolf left us on March 24 of this year. He was a few months shy of his 100th birthday on July 30, 2024. In 1992, Rene and his wife purchased a 16th Century former convent in Ajijic, where they made their home. After his wife passed away, he subsequently remarried Mary and they too made their home in Ajijic. Rene loved to dance, play tennis and bridge, and was very socially active. He had a splendid sense of humor and laughed often. He hated bias, prejudice, and meanness. We will miss you Rene, but you had a great ride!

Tyler Tournament of Roses

Sectional & Non-Life Master Regional

August 22, 23, 24 - 2024

Holiday Inn South Broadway

5701 S. Broadway - Tyler, TX 75703

Bridge Rate - \$109 Code M08

Call 903-561-5800 to book your room

Includes full breakfast

Stratified & Non-Life Master Pairs

Thursday 22nd & Friday 23rd
10AM & 2:30PM
\$14 per session

Bracketed Swiss Teams

Saturday 23rd
10AM and TBD
Lunch will be provided
\$134 per team

Stratifications

Based on average master points of pairs/teams

Open Pairs

A - 2500+

B - 1000 to 2500

C - 0 to 1000

NLM Pairs

A - 300 to 750

B - 100 to 300

C - 0 to 100

Tournament Chairs

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Scott Humphrey
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♥ Austin Spring Sectional Winners ♦
Unit 207

Thursday, May 2 - Saturday, May 4 - Open Pairs



Thursday AM - A
Alex Labry,
Robert Donathan



Thursday PM - A
Anne LaCour,
Pam LaShelle



Friday PM - A
Donna Swarhout,
Dave Swarhout



Saturday PM - A
Paul Tobias,
Pam LaShelle

Thursday, May 2 - Saturday, May 5 - Stratified Swiss Teams Games



Thursday AM - A
Jerry Barrett,
Terry Richardson,
Wiley McMinn,
Joe Black



Thursday PM - A
Charlene Sands,
Virgil Massey,
Donna Swarhout,
Dave Swarhout,



Friday AM - A
Charlene Sands,
Virgil Massey,
Donna Swarhout,
Dave Swarhout



Saturday AM - A
Louis Sachar,
Kim Brinkman,
Robert Donathan,
Steve Wood



Saturday PM - A
Charlene Sands,
Virgil Massey,
Donna Swarhout,
Dave Swarhout



Sunday - A
Kathryn Bailey,
Rosemary Kelley,
Marilyn Adams,
Tony Haddad



Sunday - X
Stewart Litwin,
Kim Brinkman,
Steve Wood,
Louis Sachar



Sunday - B & C
Mark Alpert,
Judy Alpert,
Simone Scumpia,
Ken Davis



Sunday - D
Diane Morris,
Lisa Holzgrafe,
Jean Durocher,
Earnestine Broyles

♥ Sun City NLM 0-750 Sectional Winners ♦
Unit 207

Saturday, June 1 - Sunday, June 2 - Pairs



Saturday AM - A & B
Janet Einier,
Kristin Anderson



Saturday AM - C
Chris La Chance,
Luke Obermann



Sunday PM - A
Dan Mudgett,
Jim Ferguson



Sunday PM - B
Susan Angle,
Cindy McCauly

♥ Dallas Spring Sectional Winners ♦
Unit 176

Wednesday, April 17 - Saturday, April 20 - 0-749 Pairs



Wednesday PM - A
Mark Meiches,
Randy Patterson



Thursday PM - A
Evelyn Werbaneth,
Greg Werbaneth



Thursday PM - C
Susan Henchel,
Rod Goree



Saturday AM - A
Stephanie Strom,
Bonnie Keene



Saturday PM - A
Susan Clarkson,
Cheryl Bradford

Wednesday, April 17 - Saturday, April 20 - Open Pairs



Wed. AM & PM - A
Jerry Derby,
Gerry McKim



Thursday AM - A
Cathie Tucker,
Dorsey Shaw



Thursday PM - A
Gerry McKim,
Jerry Derby



Friday PM - A
Bonnie Yetter,
Ed Yetter



Friday PM - C
Chuck Easton,
Sarah Warnecke



Saturday PM - A
Gail Wingfield,
John Saylor

Wednesday, April 17 - Saturday, April 20 - Bracketed Swiss Teams



Wednesday - Bracket 1
Nancy Passell,
Bill Staats,
Mike Penick,
Kimmel Jones



Wednesday - Bracket 2
Alan Josephson,
Susan Moss,
Stuart Litwin,
Leonard Epstein



Thursday - Bracket 1
Don Hixson,
Ginney Hixson,
Brian Gelles,
Janet Gelles



Thursday - Bracket 2
Stuart Litwin,
Leonard Epstein,
Mark Meiches,
Randy Patterson



Thursday - Bracket 3
Jyoti Boppana,
Patty Degenhardt,
Walter Netschi,
Al Joersz



Friday - Bracket 1
Nancy Passell,
Bill Staats,
Mike Penick,
Kimmel Jones



Friday - Bracket 2
Bob Clarke,
Alma Farley,
Hassan Kasseba,
Larz Smith



Friday - Bracket 3
Susan Moss,
Leonard Epstein,
Stuart Litwin,
Mark Meiches



Saturday - Bracket 2
Feza Buyukdura,
Valarie Remmers,
Dale Remmers,
John Luebke



Saturday - Bracket 3
Joseph Trombello,
Anne Goodman,
Burton Shepherd,
Jan Trombello

♥ Dallas Memorial Day Sectional Winners ♦
Unit 176

Wednesday, May 22 - Sunday, May 26 - Open Pairs



Wednesday PM - A
Helene Blumenau,
Renee Levy



Thursday AM - A
Petra Hamman,
Peggy Sutherland



Thursday AM - C
Patty Stille,
Chuck Eastin



Thursday PM - A
Adrienne Feuer,
Nancy Stanton



Friday PM - A
Joseph Gill,
Nancy Stanton



Saturday AM - A
Bob Wilkin,
Suresh Agrawal



Saturday AM - B
Marsha Postar,
Scott Vayghan



Saturday PM - A
Petra Hamman,
Kristen Onsgard



Sunday AM - B
Chuck Eastin,
Athena Leung

Thursday, May 23 - 0- 499 Pairs

AM & PM - A
Ken Melvin,
Bill Brooks



Wednesday, May 22 - Sunday, May 26 - Bracketed Swiss Teams



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



Wednesday - Bracket 2
Allan Chernov,
Mary Chaffin,
John Luebkekmann,
Cheryl Paul



Wednesday - Bracket 3
Doris Sivernell,
HP Goel,
Larry Mayo,
Robert Neal



Thursday - Bracket 1
Tiger King,
MK Yeh,
Donna Garrard,
Bill Garrard



Thursday - Bracket 2
Donna Jordan,
Reg Watt (NP),
David Sterner,
Linda Walton



Thursday - Bracket 3
Marsha McNatt,
Gari Martin,
Jean Debnam,
Louise Shanley



Friday - Bracket A
Bill Staats,
Michael Penick,
Kimmel Jones,
Nancy Passell



Friday - Bracket X
Gail Wingfield,
Patty Stille,
Glenda Cooper,
Anne Goodman



Friday - Bracket 2
Pam Beck,
Pam Pannell,
Dian Atchison,
Mike Atchison



Saturday - Bracket 1
Danny Feng,
Hanchang Wang,
Yan Song,
Hua Yang



Sunday - Bracket 1
Milt Neher,
Michael Murphy,
James Thurtell,
James Bauer



Sunday - Bracket 2
Chris Steele,
Nathan Yee,
Wes Peirce,
Thomas Rush

♥ **Denton Summer Local Sectional Winners** ♦
Unit 183

Thursday, June 6 - Saturday, June 8 - Open Pairs



Thursday AM - A
Kimmel Jones,
Steve Kornegay



Thursday AM - B & C
Ginny Peterson,
Donna Michel



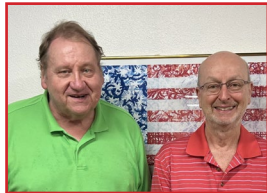
Thursday PM - A
Kimmel Jones,
Steve Kornegay



Thursday PM - B
Lori McCline,
Debbie Greenslade



Thursday PM - C
Bonnie Keene,
Stephanie Strom



Friday AM - A
Kimmel Jones,
Steve Kornegay



Friday AM - B
Sue Mazzucco,
Frank Mazzucco



Friday AM - C
Brenda Darby,
John Burgess



Friday PM - A, B & C
Barbara Blake,
Bunny Perry



Saturday AM - A
Steve Kornegay,
Nancy Kornegay



Saturday AM - B & C
Fran Shelton,
Loralee Berg



Saturday PM - C
Ellen Lane,
R Michael Hayes

♥ Tall City Sectional Winners ♦
Unit 209

Friday, June 7 - Saturday, June 8 - 0-199 Pairs



Friday PM - 1st
Troy Martin,
Diane Martin



Friday EVE - 1st
Cissy Lara,
Linda Reeves



Saturday PM - 1st
Alma Mary,
Margaret Masten

Friday, June 7 - Saturday, June 8 - Open Pairs



Friday PM - 1st
Deborah Brookins,
Marlene Blumentritt



Friday EVE - 1st
Kiki Powers,
Neal Perlman



Saturday EVE - 1st
Julie Moormanm,
Joy Foster

Sunday, June 9 Swiss Teams - 1st



Neal Perlman,
Scott Vaughan,
K.C. Evans,
Debbie Conly

Tournament Director and Wife



Don Davis & Janet Davis

♥ Nearly Summer Sectional Winners ♦

Unit 174

Friday, June 7 - Sunday, June 9 - Pairs



Friday - A
Ann McDougal,
Wolf Schroeter



Friday - B
Anju Sethi,
Judi Whaling



Sunday AM 0-299 - A
Gary Britt,
Jo Britt

Friday, June 7 - Sunday, June 9 - Bracketed Swiss Teams Games



Friday - Bracket 1
Buddy Hanby,
Sally Wheeler,
Tom Breed,
Joe Quinn



Friday-Bracket 2
Linda McReynolds,
Gary Winston,
Elisabeth Cabiness,
Shari Winston



Friday -Bracket 3
Joanna Heebner,
Jane Yarian,
Charles Otto,
Susanne Dittmann



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



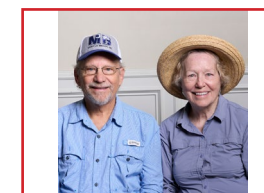
Saturday - Bracket 3
Wei Xu,
Shangyou Nie,
Jinrong Wang,
Mark Pan



Saturday - Bracket 3
Debbie Nash,
Jane Yarian,
Charles Otto,
Bill Nash



Sunday - Bracket 1
Timucin Erkoc,
James Breihan,
Daniel Jackson,
Phillip Grothus



Sunday - Bracket 2
John Montgomery,
Carol Lombardino,
Frederick Gregory,
Sam Khayatt



Sunday - Bracket 3
Chloe Ella Fackenthall,
Lesley Kellet,
Thomas O'Donnell,
Dennis Sucec

AUSTIN 2024 Firecracker Regional

JULY 1ST - JULY 7TH

DOUBLETREE BY HILTON



STRATIFICATION & FLIGHTING

All games stratified by average masterpoints.
Director has discretion on strat and mp breaks for all sessions.

- ★ **Open Pairs:**
A: 3000+, X: 1500 – 3000, Y: 0 – 1500
- ★ **Gold Rush Pairs:**
(No players may have more than 750 mps)
B: 300 – 750, C: 100 – 300 D: 0 – 100
- ★ **Monday – Saturday Bracketed Swiss Teams**
- ★ **Sunday Swiss:**
A: 4000+; X: 2500 – 4000; Y: 0 – 2500
(A/X/Y play together);
- ★ **Sunday Bracketed Swiss:**
0 – 2000 (no player may have over 2000 mps)
- ★ **Entry Fees (ACBL Members)★**
THIS IS A CASH-FREE TOURNEY

MONDAY – SATURDAY

\$30/Pair Per Session
\$120/Team

SUNDAY

\$160/4-Person Team + \$10/player over 4

MEAL PROVIDED SUNDAY BETWEEN SESSIONS

\$4 additional per session for unpaid ACBL members

SCHEDULE

GOLD RUSH & OPEN PAIRS

(Single or Double Session★)

★ **Note: To Win Gold, You Must Play in Both Sessions** ★

Monday – Saturday: 10:00am & 2:30pm

SWISS TEAM GAMES

(2 Session)

Monday – Saturday: 10:00am & 2:30pm

Sunday: 10:00am & TBA



DoubleTree by Hilton

6505 IH-35 N, Austin

Reservations

★ (800) 866-3126 ★

<http://tinyurl.com/ReserveDT>

Booking Code: **CBA**

Room Rate: \$119 ★ Cut-Off Date: June 7th



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A partnership request form is also available:

★ [PARTNERSHIP FORM](#) ★

★ This is a Fragrance Free Tournament ★

♥ Fort Western DFW Regional Winners ♦

Unit 183

Monday, May 13 - Sunday, May 19 - Open Pairs



Monday - A
Greg Resz,
Mary Jane Orock



Monday - B
Phillip Lawes,
Mary Bazata



Monday - C
Doug Berke,
Mike Tully



Tuesday - A
Emil Dimitrov,
Peter Schaff



Wednesday - A
Pat McMullin,
James LaFountain



Wednesday - C (Tie)
Bob Dixon,
Mike Zhu



Thursday - B
Dale Remmers,
Jeff Karpeles



Thursday - C
Sanjay Santhanam,
Beryl Cobb



Friday - A
Dolores Aquino,
Jim Johnsen



Saturday - A
Dolores Aquino,
Jim Johnsen

Monday, May 13 - Friday, May 17 - Gold Rush Pairs



Tuesday - A
Gail Wingfield,
John Saylor



Wednesday - A
Ken Melvin,
Hanuman Goel



Thursday - A
Jason Glatzer,
Bob Frisch



Thursday - C (Tie)
Ron Hollister,
Germain Valtieri



Friday - A
Tim Baris,
Jan Van Hummel

Wednesday, April 17 - Saturday, April 20 - Swiss Teams



Monday - Bracket 1
Steve Kornegay,
Barry Schaffer,
Nancy Kornegay,
Gary Bush



Monday - Bracket 2
Richard Grier,
Nancy Alvarado,
Ivan Uys,
Darrick Chee



Monday - Bracket 3
Patty Seward,
Kay Swanson,
Mindy Morrell,
Debbie Doan



Tuesday - Bracket 1
Zhuo Wang,
Erli Zhou,
Lynn Baker,
Olivia Schireson



Tuesday - Bracket 2
Mary Lynn Genovesi,
Carol Murray,
Rosalind Smith,
Carol Casey



Tuesday - Bracket 3
Lynne Trigg,
Rosalee Hacker,
Chuck Mogged,
Jan Mogged



Tuesday - Bracket 4
Barbara Franklin,
Elaine Lowenkron,
Jane Canning,
Bonnie Arnold



Tuesday - Bracket 5
Trish Ventura,
Francis Coleman,
Jenise Young,
Joyce Honorof



Wednesday - Bracket 1
Dolores Aquino,
Jim Johnsen,
Hua Yang,
Yan Song



Wednesday - Bracket 2
Joe Volanski,
Ted Bain,
Herb Warner,
Robin Johnson



Wednesday - Bracket 3
Mark Meiches,
Fred Seipp,
Lorri Brockman,
Jean Scott



Wednesday - Bracket 4
Mike Frederick,
David Branch,
Mike Tiernan,
Kathy Coleman



Wednesday - Bracket 5
Charles Golenternek,
Phil Brown,
Joni Antweil,
Jacqueline Brown



Wednesday - Bracket 6
Gary Britt,
Tom Spradlin,
Jo Britt,
Carol Kinsey



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



Thursday - Bracket 2
Bill Driscoll,
Rich Brandenburg,
Terry Wolfe,
Bob Holliday



Thursday - Bracket 3
John Robbins,
Hal Schultz,
MB Howard,
TR Sartor



Thursday - Bracket 4 (Tie)
Brian Eaton,
Mike Blanchard,
Cynthia Benton,
Randy Eads



Thursday - Bracket 5
Mark Meiches,
Lucy Buchanan,
Leonard Epstein,
Randy Patterson



Thursday - Bracket 6
Gary Britt,
Tom Spradlin,
Jo Britt,
Carol Kinsey



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



Friday - Bracket 2
Alan Josephson,
Preston Morrow,
Leonard Epstein,
Stuart Litwin



Friday - Bracket 3
Brian Eaton,
Ross Ramsey,
Randy Eads,
Cynthia Benton



Friday - Bracket 4
John Peart,
Phil Brown,
Kathy Russler,
Kent Baxter



Friday - Bracket 5
Tawana Arnette,
Judy Crabtree,
Delores McCuistian,
Frannie Howard



Saturday - Bracket 1
Jane Kirby,
Kristen Onsgard,
Kate Hopkins,
Stephanie Scott



Saturday - Bracket 4
Jackie Brown,
Margie Portela,
Marcia Messinger,
Janet Meyer



Saturday - Bracket 5
Philip Lawes,
Kimberly Lawes,
Marcia Lindsey,
Betty Cartmell



Saturday - Bracket 6
Kamal Das,
Doug Berke,
Gloria Schuford,
Julie Dahlquist



Sunday - Bracket A
Gerry McKim,
Michael Hout,
Pawel Hanus,
Ari Sippola



Sunday - Bracket 2
Dale Remmers,
Jeff Karpeles,
Susan Bates,
Feza Buyukdura



Sunday - Bracket 3
Carol Vice,
Roxie Cooper,
Diane Segel,
Jane Fisher

New Life Masters



Mike Tiernan, Unit 183 Fort Worth



Tom Spradlin, Unit 225 Longview



Bob Dixon, Unit 176 Dallas



Judy Crabtree, Unit 183 Denton

Tournament Directors



Kevin Perkins, Scott Humphrey & Melody Euler

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Tues. Thru Saturday Daily Schedule

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|--------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 10:00 | Bracketed Swiss Teams | (1 st Session) |
| | Stratified Open Pairs | (1 st Session) |
| | GOLD RUSH PAIRS | (1 st Session) |
| | Morning Side Series | |
| | 299er Stratified Pairs | (Single Session) |
| 2:30 | Bracketed Swiss Teams | (2 nd Session) |
| | Stratified Open Pairs | (2 nd Session) |
| | GOLD RUSH PAIRS | (2 nd Session) |
| | Afternoon Side Series | |
| | 299er Stratified Pairs | (Single Session) |

Sunday, Sept 1 Schedule

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|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 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) |
| 1:30 | Stratified Open Pairs | (Single Session) |

“Board-a-Match” Bridge Party!!

Thursday Evening 7:00 PM!

Food! Fun! Surprises!

Tournament Co-Chairs:

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Tomi Storey: skeeter303@yahoo.com
Director in Charge: Kevin Perkins

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PartnersU176@gmail.com

After August 29, contact partnership desk on site.

Stratifications and Flighting Stratified Events

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

Strati-Flighted Swiss:

A:5000+ X: 0-5000
(A and X play together)

Strati-Flighted BCD Swiss:

B:1500-3000 C: 500-1500 D: 0-500
(BCD play together)

Note: for Strati-Flighted events:
Qualification is based on the maximum
MPs of any player on the pair/team.
Stratification within the flight is based on
average MPs.