

District 16 Scorecard

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President's Message

By Jack LaVigne
President District 16

Jacoby Award 2024

I was thrilled to present the prestigious Oswald & James Jacoby Service Award to BJ Sanders (Austin). You can read the [article](#) to find out why she was honored with this recognition.

Policies and Procedure & Job Description Manuals

Many thanks to Rachell Jackson for editing the D16 Policies and Procedure manual. It is a thankless and time-consuming task. Rachel broke it apart into two manuals: [Policies and Procedure](#) and [Job Description](#). This makes it easier to read and maintain.

Region 9 Director

Beginning January 1, Paul Cuneo (Houston) will conclude his term as the Region 9 Director. Over the past 20 years, Paul has held numerous volunteer and administrative positions, including filling in as ACBL interim CEO. Many thanks to him for his years of service to our bridge community.

Rebecca Brown (Lakeway) will assume her new position as Region 9 Director (Districts 15 & 16). She will step down from her role as

the D16 representative to the Advisory Council. Rebecca's previous services to District 16 and the ACBL include: D16 Executive Secretary from 2013 to 2015, D16 Board of Directors Unit 172 representative from 2015 to 2020, D16 President from 2018 to 2019, D16 Disciplinary chair from 2019 to 2023, ACBL Adjunct National Recorder from 2023 to 2024, and D16 member of the ACBL Advisory Council (formerly Board of Governors).

We welcome Rebecca to her new position and look forward to working with her.

Advisory Council

Larry Davis of Austin will assume the position of D16 representative to Advisory Council position on the first of January.

I hope everyone has a nice Holiday Season with family and friends.

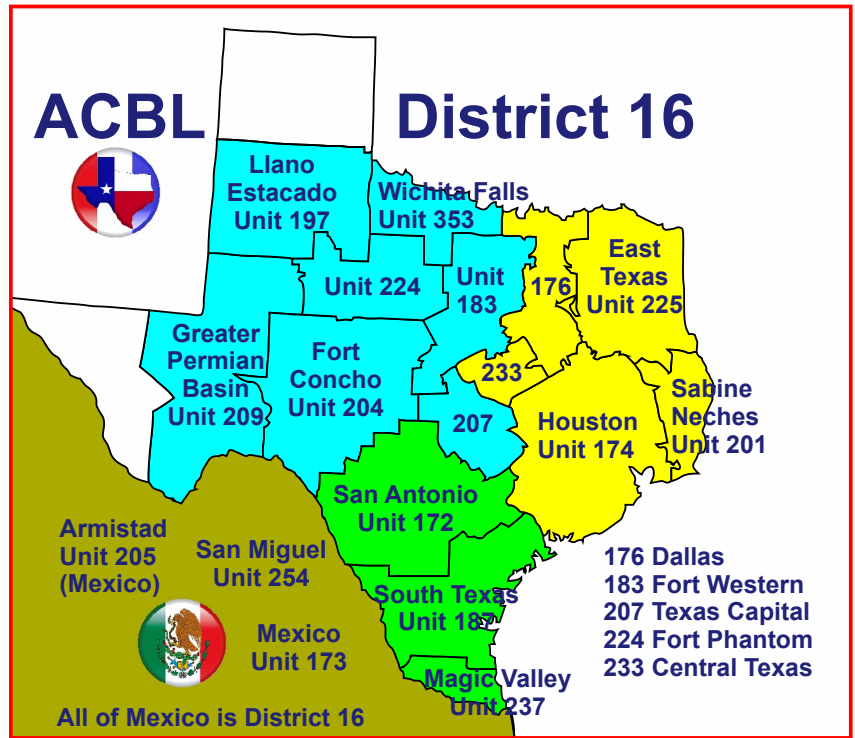
"The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."

– Nelson Mandela



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Upcoming D16 Tournaments

- October 31-November 2 Denton Fall Sectional
- [November 2-3 Austin Fall NLM Sectional](#)
- November 4-10 Puerto Vallarta Regional
- November 4-10 Unit 174 STaC
- November 6-9 Dallas Fall Sectional and I/N Regional
- [November 14-17 Houston BCOH 499er Sectional](#)
- [November 30-December 1 Austin Winter 0-200 Sectional](#)
- December 2-8 Unit 174 and Units 173, 176, 183, 205, 254 STaC
- [January 2-5 Austin Winter Sectional](#)
- [January 11-12 D16 NAP Finals](#)
- January 16-18 Denton Winter Sectional
- January 16-19 Unit 172 Ed Rawlinson Sectional
- January 29 - February 1 Dallas Winter Sectional
- February 1-2 Austin Winter NLM Sectional
- [February 3-9 Houston Lone Star Regional](#)
- February 6-9 Ajijic Valentine Sectional
- February 12-14 Puerto Vallarta Valentine Sectional
- February 15-16 San Antonio I/N Sectional

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Evvie Gilbert

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January 11-12, 2025
(Saturday & Sunday)

Bridge Center of Austin

6700 Middle Fiskville Austin, Texas 78752
(near IH-35 & US290E)

Two-Session Qualifying Event on Saturday
Two-Session Final Event on Sunday
Game Times: 10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

If eight or less tables are in a Flight, the
two-session Final Event is on Saturday.

\$14.00 / Person / Session
Free Coffee & Refreshments
Free Meal on Sunday for Those Qualifying

Please Note: This event is **NOT** held in conjunction with
the previous week's Austin sectional tournament.

Event Chair: Larry Davis (larrysdavis@att.net, 512-343-6942)

BCA will host extra masterpoint games
Friday, January 10 at 11:00 a.m & Sunday, January 12 at 10:00 a.m.



Regional Director's Update

By Paul Cuneo
Region 9 Director

Non-Life Master Participation in the 0-750 NAP and GNT Flights

At our August 27 special meeting, the ACBL Board of Directors accepted the recommendation of the Advisory Council to limit participation in the 0-750 flights of the NAP and GNT to Non-Life Masters. This change is to encourage newer players to participate in both events.

ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations (CDR)

On October 17, the board held another special meeting to consider changes to the CDR to extend Fast Track Discipline to all masterpoint levels. One change is that the warning level was increased from 300 to 500 masterpoints, and suspension lengths were reduced for all masterpoint levels. The lighter sentences will apply retroactively for those still under suspension or probation if they have less than 2500 masterpoints, or have entered into a negotiated resolution.

The reasoning behind the changes is to make the punishment easier for members to accept and to force those who wish to contest the allegations of collusive cheating pay the \$900 fee for the Institute for Bridge Arbitration (IBA) to hear the case. If the charged parties prevail, the IBA will most likely refund the fee and may have other costs of the charged parties reimbursed by the ACBL. The board feels that with these changes we will enable all members to be screened by EDGAR within the next nine months and thus eliminate the backlog of disciplinary cases.

I hope you took the time to read the excellent article on EDGAR in the August edition of the *Bridge*

Bulletin and ACBL Executive Director Bronia Jenkins' letter to the membership about EDGAR. Much misinformation about EDGAR has been spread by players (and their supporters) who claimed innocence and then admitted cheating to the ACBL for a more lenient sentence. As Bronia stated, EDGAR's probability of cheating exceeds 99.9%. EDGAR's principals have devoted countless hours writing about their system on [Bridge Winners](#) (make link) and talking with charged parties and their advocates/advisors explaining how the determination of cheating is made which includes their personal review of every case. We owe them a huge debt of gratitude for their work.

Another change to the CDR eliminates the reduction in sentence if a player is found to publicly state that they were innocent after admitting guilt to the ACBL for a reduced sentence. This change is not intended to apply retroactively.

Bridge Base Online (BBO) Negotiations

Negotiations on a new contract with BBO continue with the hope that a new contract will go into effect January 1, 2025. I am optimistic that agreement will be reached and approved at our Las Vegas meeting in November. As I wrote previously, ACBL does not intend to grant exclusivity for masterpoints or robot games to BBO as we want to encourage innovation and provide opportunities for other online providers while recognizing that BBO will be a preferred partner for years to come.

I hope that you and your families have a wonderful Holiday Season this year and wish you all the best in 2025!



The Most Beautiful Game in the World ♠

By Patricia Herrera

D16 Education Coordinator



In year 2024 bridge is still the most beautiful game in the world. Many incredible things occur because of this sport and one column will never be able to truly portray the beauty of the game. But I will give it a try!

Olympic Sport

Bridge is an Olympic sport for many reasons: It is a complex interplay of strategy, communication, and psychology that develops a unique set of skills and virtues. These qualities developed by engaging in the bridge adventure, extend far beyond the card table, influencing players' personal lives and roles as citizens in society.

Bridge & Civic Engagement

Beyond the obvious qualities that bridge players possess such as strategic thinking, communication skills, patience, discipline, emotional intelligence and resilience, bridge also develops civic engagement. Yes! Recent studies have highlighted the connection between bridge and positive civic engagement, showcasing how bridge contributes to the development of well-rounded individuals. The studies indicate that individuals who play bridge are more likely to participate in community activities, volunteering, and involvement in civic organizations.

This is because bridge also develops the following virtues that are directly applicable to community involvement. These are:

Teamwork in Action

Both bridge and civic engagement require teamwork among diverse groups. The ability to work harmoniously with others is crucial for effective community projects.

Informed Decision Making

Bridge is not a guessing game. It is a strategic thinking sport, an ability that translates into better decision making, a much needed skill when it comes to civic responsibilities. Especially important in our duties such as voting or participating in national governance.

Building Relationships

Both bridge and civic engagement require forging strong connections, facilitating networking and collaboration on various initiatives.

Promoting Inclusivity

Bridge is a game that welcomes players from all walks of life, and naturally promotes inclusivity and diversity. This spirit carries over into civic engagement, encouraging individuals to advocate for equitable representation and participation in community affairs.

As you can see, the above mentioned virtues cultivated through playing bridge are essential for success both at the card table and the development of responsible citizenship.

As researchers continue to explore the impact of mental sports like bridge on personal development and societal engagement, it becomes evident that playing bridge can yield benefits that extend far beyond entertainment. So keep learning, practicing, inviting friends and help spread the joy while sharpening your mind and nurturing your role as an engaged citizen.

The more, the merrier! We are always better together.

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



2025 Grand National Teams ♠

By Scott Nason

D16 GNT Coordinator



The Grand National Teams (GNT) 2025 is coming. No unit qualifying is required, so you can proceed straight to District Finals. Get your teams together and meet us in Houston or Dallas in the

spring as four levels will compete in the GNT District Finals. The four winners of those events (and possibly more – see below) go on to compete at the GNT Finals in Philadelphia in July 2025.

The top flight – Championship Flight – is open to anyone who is an ACBL member in good standing and who resided in District 16 as of September 1, 2024. To play in Flight A, each member of the team must also have had fewer than 6000 masterpoints as of the August 6, 2024 posting. For Flight B the cutoff is 3000 points. Flight C is limited to Non-Life Masters with fewer than 750 points. Each team may consist of four, five or six players, but each player must be eligible for the flight in which the team is competing.

The District Finals will be split into two venues. The A and C Flights will be held in Houston at the Unit 174 Spring Election Sectional on April 5-6. The Championship and B Flights will be held in Dallas at Unit 176 Dallas Spring Sectional on May 2-3.

(If there are three or fewer teams in any flight, that event will conclude in one day.) The winners from each flight will advance to the National GNT Finals in Philadelphia at the Summer NABC in July and will be eligible for an expense stipend if they actually play in Philadelphia. Note also that if Flights B and/or C have eight or more teams, only the top two teams will qualify for National Finals.

GNT Stipends

The District 16 Board recently approved some changes to the expense stipends. The stipend to each winning team has been increased to \$2400, to be shared equally by each member who actually plays in Philadelphia, while the 2nd place award was increased to \$1800. In addition, because of changes in ACBL policies, the board agreed to reimburse card fees as follows: beginning in round three at the NABCs, each player will be reimbursed for their card fees at the rate charged to those who stay in the host hotel, regardless of where each player chooses to stay.

Note that card fees are waived by the ACBL in rounds one and two for Flights A, B, and C, but not for the Championship Flight.

For more information, you may consult the [Conditions of Contest](#), which are posted on the D16 website. Make sure to check the flyer on the next page.



Philadelphia in July





District 16 2025 GNT District Finals

Formats for each GNT flight will be based on the number of teams entered. See the [GNT Conditions of Contest](#) for the planned formats.

April 5-6 in Houston

Saturday, April 5

Flight A qualifying	10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.
Flight C qualifying	10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 6

Flight A finals (if necessary)	10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.
Flight C finals (if necessary)	10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

May 2-3 in Dallas

Saturday, May 2

Flight B Qualifying	10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.
Championship Flight Qualifying	10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 3

Flight B finals (if necessary)	10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.
Championship Flight finals (if necessary)	10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

Masterpoint Limits

- Championship Flight – Open to Anyone
- Flight A Open to players with less than 6000 masterpoints as of August 6, 2024
- Flight B Open to players with less than 3000 masterpoints as of August 6, 2024
- Flight C Open to Non-Life Masters with less than 750 masterpoints as of August 6, 2024
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Stratifications/Eligibility

Every player must be an ACBL member in good standing and have been a resident of D16, as of September 1, 2024. All teams must pre-register with Scott Nason at sdnason@sbcglobal.net no later than March 31 for the Flight A & Flight C, and by April 27 for Championship Flight & Flight B. Team captains must supply the names of the players with ACBL numbers and the flight in which you will compete. Card fees will be \$60 (\$15 x 4) per team, per session.

Venues

Flight A & C in Houston with the Unit 174 Election Sectional tournament at Arabia Shriners Center, 10510 Harwin Drive, Houston.

Flight Championship & Flight B in Dallas with the Dallas Spring Sectional at the Lovers Lane United Methodist Church, 9200 Inwood Road, Dallas.

Tournament Chair: Scott Nason sdnason@sbcglobal.net

District 16 Logo Unveiled ♠

By Evvie Gilbert

D16 *Scorecard* Editor/Contact Administrator

It's official. District 16 (D16) now has its logo. We asked our D16 artists to submit their concept about what a logo for the district might be. For this work, the winner receives one free play day at a D16 tournament of their choice.

All of the artists' works were submitted to the D16 Contact Administrator who then sent them identified by number only to the D16 Executive Committee. This committee is comprised of the president, first vice president, second vice president, executive treasurer, executive secretary and immediate past president.



After the committee reviewed all the submissions, the one selected was submitted by Susanne (Sue) Caufield of Hutto in Unit 207.

This logo will be used on all the D16 publications including the *Scorecard*, D16 emails and on our new website.

Thank you, Sue, for your work!

We'd also like to thank all of the other D16 artists and friends who submitted their ideas.

As you know, D16 comprises most of Texas and all of Mexico and this new logo represents all of our membership.

Enjoy!

New Members

August-September 2024



172 Sarah Fahrenthold
 172 Judith Hultquist
 172 Stanley Morris
 173 Alejandro Martinez
 174 Susan Benson
 174 Ryo Chen
 174 Jennifer Gottschalk
 174 Carol Labreche
 174 Cookie Mangine
 174 Melissa Martinez
 174 Tracy Meyer
 174 Charlene Paulus
 174 Pamela R Pope
 174 Chuck Randall
 174 Lynn F Russell
 174 Jaya Thekdi
 174 Clifford Venier
 174 Zhijing Wang

174 Beth H Young
 176 Rozlyn Ackermann
 176 Alan Chamison
 176 Gary Condensa
 176 Jean Ann A Cox
 176 Johanna Graham
 176 Connie Hardy
 176 Nancy Miller
 176 Donna Parker
 176 Carla Swenson
 176 Diane P Wilcox
 183 Margaret M Gisler
 183 Susan F Gordon
 183 Thomas Matheos
 183 Don C Reynolds
 197 Sherry K Blankenship
 197 Mark Sneed
 204 Carol G Bennett

204 Daniel G Carr
 207 Christiane Alexander
 207 Ken Alexander
 207 Jo Vonnie D Cole
 207 Merlyn Cross
 207 Clifford Culver
 207 Clay Douglass
 207 Sheila Douglass
 207 Loraine Gatson
 207 Monica Greenwell
 207 Claire Kirk
 207 August Pazzo
 207 Kathryn W Ross
 209 Phillip R Middleton
 225 Crystalena Oberweiser
 233 Bonnie V Loc



Masterpoint Milestones

August-September 2024

Junior Master (5 MPs)

172 Mrs. Catharine R Mannering
 172 Mary Reeves
 174 Junhui Du
 173 Estibaliz Delgado Amaya
 173 Alejandro Martinez
 174 Faruk Gopalani
 174 Franelle Rogers
 174 Stephen O Schrader
 174 Jeffrey Southwick
 174 Zhijing Wang
 176 Mr. Michael W Cetera
 176 Mimi Drew
 176 Philip R Moulton

183 Brandon Buchanan
 183 Nancy J Finley
 183 Ruth H Nelson
 201 Richard Turkel
 207 Jay Carnegie
 207 Jeanne J Cassidy
 207 Terri Fann
 207 Sally B Koch
 207 Robert Kratochvil
 207 Nancy McCourt
 207 Jennifer L McKeown
 207 Tamara Newell
 207 Debra Smith
 207 John V Tempesta

207 Cynthia Thane
 207 Peg Truckenbrod
 207 Robynn Westerwick
 209 Phillip R Middleton
 225 Sassy Crookshanks

Club Master (20 MPs)

172 Anita L Ramirez
 172 Meg G Salvadore
 173 Gisele De Lima
 174 Barbara J Emmett
 174 Ms. Ann P Fleming
 174 Jane Gerber

174 Ms. Patsy F Lanclos
174 Lee Macpherson
174 Jack R Mills
174 Terri Morrison
174 Roslyn H Pittsford
174 Weijun Zhu
176 Mrs. Alice C Collerain
176 Laura A Lang
176 Bonnie B Thompson
183 Cary Bradford
183 Jeff J Brundage
183 Ms. Hebbly M Roman
197 Linda Reves
201 Arlene Turkel
204 Bonnie B Beesley
207 Michael J Duggan
207 Janet Eitnier
207 Terri Fann
209 Bernard J Niven
225 Donna Bullard
254 Natalia Zapata

Sectional Master (50 MPs)

172 Mrs. Sharon Gee
174 Tamara R Fincher
174 Fred Infortunio
174 Therese L Perez
174 Donald K Steinman
174 Wei Xu
176 Mr. Robert W Kiley
176 Marilee Schmelzer
176 Ms. Phyllis S Zidell
201 LaRue Smith
204 Paige Ragsdale
207 Mrs. Jenell A Askew
207 Mr. Michael J Dileo
209 George Kieke
225 Doug Letsch
225 Darwin C Patrick
225 Kyle B Planas
233 Toni R Riley

Regional Master (100 MPs)

174 Mr. Thomas Brown
174 Mr. Hao Deng
174 Amy S Drexel
174 Marilyn R Knatz
174 Jessie Y Lee
174 Meynard M Nussbaum
174 Jinrong Wang
174 Maryann W Wolff
201 Michele N Domec
201 Nathalie Hallmark

204 Julia B Farmer
207 Mrs. Sandra R Heinrich

NABC Master (200 MPs)

172 Dean G Groussman
174 Mr. Richard L Crider
174 Rathindra N Dutt
174 Mariah Stopper
174 Mrs. Robin E Thomas
176 D Lane Mueller
176 Robert Neal
176 John Redfern
183 Kamal Das
201 Paulette Schiwart
207 Mr. Robert E Sanders
233 Margie A Kintz

Advanced NABC Master

(300 MPs)

172 Peter Doyle
174 Beryl T Booker
174 Mrs. Penny A Dougherty
174 Michael E Hanna
174 Susan L Hanna
174 Mr. Brian A Schaffer
176 Ms. Margaret S Cooley
176 Jenise Young
201 Jerry N Gore
207 Michael L Atchison
207 Susanna Busico
207 Brenda K McIndoo
225 Mrs. Carol Kinsey

Life Master (500 MPs*)

172 Ms. Ann V Denton
174 Marcia Chambliss
174 Patricia Freeman
174 Ms. Barbara D Sweeney
176 Amy S Anderson
176 Paulette Armstrong
176 Dr. Robert M Bugbee
176 Mrs. Judy M Duval
176 Robert K Frisch
176 John N Milligan
183 Mrs. Dolores McCuistian
183 Laura Pantano
207 Bob H Allen
207 Pam Beck
207 Liz Hinkle
225 David Worrall
233 Pamela S Holmes

Bronze Life Master

(750 MPs)**

172 Ms. Ann V Denton
174 Marcia Chambliss
174 Mr. E Edgar Cosman
174 Mrs. Susan D Smith
176 Mrs. Susan Kroney
176 John N Milligan
176 Mr. Walter Netschi
176 Mr. Randy B Patterson
183 Brian R Eaton
183 Mr. Kenneth D Javor
207 Liz Hinkle
207 Virginia Miller
207 Amy Salisbury
225 Mrs. Dorothy O Miller
225 David Worrall

Silver Life Master

(1000 MPs)

174 Dave Becker
174 Mr. Charles Dalton
174 Darlyn Dusek
174 Ms. Shirley D Kingsley
174 Madhu Moza
176 Liz Castioni
176 Jin Chu
176 Kari A Smith
176 Mrs Charlotte Tunnell
176 Mrs. Linda D Walton
183 Mr. Dwight D Hill
183 Mr. Cary Jennings
207 Bob H Allen
207 Dr. Mark I Alpert
207 Mr. W Kenneth Davis
207 Loren M Nyer
225 Ms. Barbara B Bradford
225 Mrs. Beryl O Cobb

Ruby Life Master

(1500 MPs)

172 Charlotte A Davis
176 Anne B Goodman
176 William Higgins
176 Mrs. Valarie Remmers
183 Ms. Cynthia M Benton
183 Col. Milton D Birmingham
183 Randy Eads
183 Ross Ramsey
207 Mr. Stuart L Litwin
233 Jo McDaniel



Gold Life Master

(2500 MPs)

172 Mrs. Mary Rita de Hoyos
174 Linda K Drake
176 Ms. Kate Hopkins
183 Mr. Tom C Moore
205 Helen K Lawson
207 Dr. James F Stevens
209 Miss Kathryn C Evans
225 Mr. Mark D Leighton

Sapphire Life Master

(3500 MPs)

172 Samuel R Williams Jr
174 Mr. Steven E Bell
176 Jane Kirby
183 Mrs. Theresa Ann Brantley

Diamond Life Master

(5000 MPs)

207 Anne LaCour
207 Swadesh M Mahajan

Emerald Life Master (7500

MPs)

172 Mrs. Carolyn Riel

Grand Life Master (10,000 MPs)

176 Ms. Joan S Jackson

*Prior to January 1, 2010 - 300 MPs

**Prior to January 1, 2010- 500 MPs

D16 **70%** + Club

Elouise Young & Mattie Grant	86.25%	Steve Shirey & Kara Jean Hawthorne	72.42%
Beaumont – Beaumont Bridge Studio		Arlington – Arlington DBC	
Stephen Kornegay & Nancy Kornegay	78.65%	Stephen Kornegay & Nancy Kornegay	72.32%
Arlington – Arlington DBC		Arlington – Arlington DBC	
Gay Roach & Rand James	77.5%	Gary Blaiss & Greg Loran	72.32%
Nacogdoches – Nacogdoches DBC		Lubbock – LLano Estacado Bridge Club	
Betty Youmans & Richard Hartz	76.85%	Arline Myers & Martha Sigler	72.14%
Arlington – Arlington DBC		Beaumont – Beaumont Bridge Studio	
Cliff Smith & Michelle Shores	76.85%	Stephen Kornegay & Nancy Kornegay	72.00%
Texarkana – Sheila Bell DBC		Arlington – Arlington DBC	
Stephen Kornegay & Nancy Kornegay	76.39%	Gay Roach & Mike Graham	72%
Arlington – Arlington DBC		Longview – Longview DBC	
Chris Bourland & Lisa Looney	76%	Elouise Young & La Rue Smith	71.88%
Pittsburg – Pittsburg DBC		Beaumont – Beaumont Bridge Studio	
Nancy Smalley & John Smalley	75.5%	David Worrall & Karen Bell	71.5%
Beaumont – Beaumont Bridge Studio		Pittsburg – Pittsburg DBC	
Gary Blaiss & Greg Loran	75.42%	Nancy Smalley & John Smalley	71.43%
Lubbock – LLano Estacado Bridge Club		Beaumont – Beaumont Bridge Studio	
Stephen Kornegay & Nancy Kornegay	75%	Steve Shirey & Kara Jean Hawthorne	71.32%
Arlington – Arlington DBC		Arlington – Arlington DBC	
Nancy Green & Mary Bartley	75%	Stephen Kornegay & Nancy Kornegay	71.14%
Tyler – Rose City DBC		Arlington – Arlington DBC	
Nancy & Steve Kornegay	74.75%	David Branch & Mike Frederick	71%
Fort Worth – Steve's Tues Aft Bridge		Fort Worth – Colonial DBC	
Scott Nason & Tomi Storey	73.99%	Mike Graham & David Worrall	71%
Dallas – Valley View Bridge Club		Longview – Longview DBC	
Nancy & John Smalley	72.92%	Shirley Shelton & Peggy Singer	71%
Beaumont – Beaumont Bridge Studio		Longview – Longview DBC	
Elouise Young & Mattie Grant	72.62%	Elouise Young & Mattie Grant	70.63%
Beaumont – Beaumont Bridge Studio		Beaumont – Beaumont Bridge Studio	
Susan Pennington and Joanne Pledger	72.5%	Mary Jane Orock & Billy Leeper	70.50%
Orange – Orange Community Bridge League		Fort Worth – Steve's Thurs Aft Bridge	

Jane Giddens & Gwen Wright	70.42%
Lubbock – LLano Estacado Bridge Club	
Mary Bartley & Liz Smith	70.14%
Tyler – Rose City DBC	
Bob Townley-Smith & Dean Domec	70%
Beaumont– Beaumont Bridge Studio	
Carol McGill & Robert McGill	70%
Orange – Orange Community Bridge League	
Michelle Domec & Dean Domec	70%
Orange – Orange Community Bridge League	

Reporting D16 70% + Games

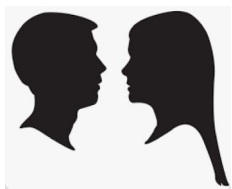
The D16 70% + Club recognizes members who have scored 70% or higher scores in one of the district’s club masterpoint game that is open or

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 Brian Gelles

Unit 176 Fairview

By Nancy Connors



Brian Gelles

Located 70 miles east of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Johnstown is known as the “Flood City” due to the devastating events of 1889, 1936, and 1977. It is also the hometown of McKinney Duplicate Club regular, Brian Gelles. He was born and raised in Johnstown. Highlights of his teenage years were finishing in the state speech finals two years in a row, selling shoes to pay for college, and having a brief appearance in a hockey arena scene in the movie “Slap Shot” which was filmed locally.

Brian began college at the University of Pittsburgh majoring in math and computer science. During his

junior year he accepted a summer internship as a programmer at Texas Instruments (TI). He liked the Dallas area so much, he decided to stay and transferred to UTD. (Of course, this might also have had something to do with meeting his future wife Janet on his first day of work at TI.)

After graduating from UTD with a BS in Applied Mathematics and Computer Science, Brian accepted a position at TI to run their summer internship program. This event launched his 30+ year career in Human Resources where he spent two decades in compensation work.

After retiring from TI Brian worked as an adjunct professor at the University of Dallas. He then joined Electronics Data Systems (EDS) in 2000 where he served as the Senior Director of U.S. Compensation Benefits for the next eight years.

Married to Janet for 42 years, Brian started playing bridge in the 1990s. Janet was already a Life Master so he had some catching up to do. Bypassing the novice level of bridge, Brian played a little party bridge, “flying by the seat of his pants.” Feeling frustrated with bridge, he focused instead on raising their two children.

After retirement in 2008, however, Brian decided

to get serious about the game; he studied a book on Goren bridge, learned to play the conventions his wife preferred and started playing duplicate with Janet. They traveled to many tournaments and especially enjoyed playing “Gold Rush” events. Incredibly, Brian progressed from beginner to Life Master in a mere 15 months! Plus, just recently he reached Gold Life Master.

Janet and Brian live in Fairview and have two children and four grandsons. While they play both bridge and pinochle, they also enjoy traveling. Since 1996 they have vacationed annually with their best friends and neighbors. They have visited all 50 states.

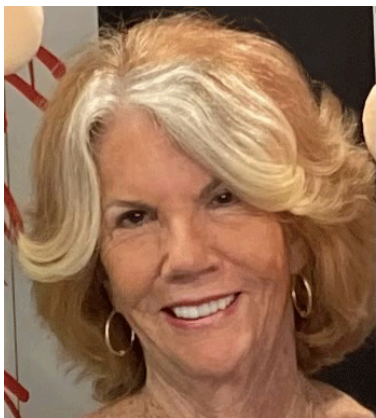
Janet and Brian are regular members of the McKinney Duplicate Bridge Club where you often find their names at the top of the winners list in the Tuesday and Thursday games. If you ask members about Brian, however, they will not mention his prowess at the table, but his patience, kindness, and generosity of spirit. During a recent rain downpour, for example, he dashed to his car to retrieve his umbrella so he could walk members to their cars and protect them from the deluge. That’s why Brian Gelles is one in a million—a true gentleman valued and admired by his peers.

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

Rand James

Unit 225 Garrison

By Gay Roach



Rand James

Rand James made an impressive debut in the world of duplicate bridge, achieving a remarkable 77.50% game in her first year as a member of the ACBL. Her outstanding game took place at the Nacogdoches Duplicate Bridge Club, where Rand with all of 1.47 masterpoints partnered with the experienced player, Gay Roach, with 4,750 points. Together, they formed a dynamic team that demonstrated both skill and synergy at the bridge table.

Before her retirement to Garrison in 2010, Rand had a successful career as a real estate broker in the bustling Dallas area (incidentally, Gay is also a real estate broker). After decades of professional achievement, she returned to her roots, settling into the family home built by her father. Her connection to the town of Garrison was deep, and this move marked a return

to simpler pleasures, one of which was her love for bridge.

Rand encountered the game of bridge during her freshman year at Stephen F. Austin State University at the same time that she first, amusingly, smoked her first cig. A foursome of friends purchased a pack of Marlboros, which, she recalls, lasted them an entire week. This lighthearted memory connects two firsts in her life: the thrill of bridge and the fleeting experience of smoking. Although the cigarettes didn’t last, her passion for bridge certainly did.

During her earlier years, Rand played bridge with a three table group of successful business women in Dallas. When she came to Nacogdoches she refined her skills in a more casual setting with the Newcomer’s Club before transitioning to the competitive world of Duplicate Bridge. Her natural aptitude for the game, paired with her calm demeanor and keen sense of humor has earned her admiration from fellow players at the Nacogdoches Duplicate Bridge Club.

Rand James’ 77.50% game is a testament to her talent, dedication, and quick adaptation to the competitive bridge scene. With such an extraordinary achievement in her first year, she has set a high bar for her future in the game, and the bridge community is eager.

Gay Roach is in Unit 225 and manager of the Nacogdoches DBC.





Contributors

Tournament Attendance – A Plea to our Bridge Community

Happy Holidays to all of you bridge players out there! Greetings from Unit 174.

Unit 174 Houston

By Sarah Springer

Unit 174 has had a rocky year with continued issues related to the pandemic. Our clubs are suffering, and attendance at tournaments is disappointing. We especially had issues with our August sectional, where we had only 275 ½ tables over four days. Several area clubs remained open during our sectional which hurt attendance as well. Before the pandemic, Houston originally had five sectionals and the Lone Star Regional (LSR) annually. Following it, we eliminated one sectional so we have only four and the LSR. With the abysmal turnout at the August tournament, the board of directors is considering eliminating the August tournament, leaving us with three sectionals and the LSR.

Volunteers

As with all District 16 units, our board is made up of volunteers, and volunteers run the tournaments. There is a tremendous amount of work that goes into each tournament, and when players don't support tournaments, it becomes necessary to cut back. It is demoralizing to our volunteer board to work our hearts out and have no successes. All of us are dedicated to continuing a competitive environment for our bridge players, but yelling into the wind gets old after a while.

Online Bridge

Online bridge is a big competitor. People have become accustomed to the convenience of online bridge. We don't have to drive, fight traffic, spend time getting to the club or tournament. We just get our cup of coffee, sign up and play. Although it is just fine to continue playing bridge this way, we should consider what we are giving up when we do this.

Learned to Play

I learned how to play bridge 50 years ago in college, and as is true with most people, my career and family made this game that I love an occasional pleasure, and

usually only if the ladies needed a fourth. That type of game was dissatisfactory for me because people wanted to visit more than they wanted to play. In 2018 my friend, Bob Crawford, became my bridge mentor and took me to the Mentor-Mentee games at Westside Bridge Academy in Houston – no longer in existence due to the pandemic. I joined the ACBL and played at the night Mentor-Mentee game and on the weekends. Bob invited me to play on his Swiss Team at the 2019 Lone Star Regional and I had to get up to speed so I would not let the team down. We won 15 *gold* masterpoints in that game, despite my bidding 2♣ as a preempt!

Community

Masterpoints are not the end-all-be-all of bridge. They are a token of your progress as you continue to play. The real reward of bridge is friendship. We meet people at the bridge table, find out about them, enjoy their stories, share our own, help each other through good times and bad, celebrate our accomplishments, mourn our losses and support each other through thick and thin. We are a community of people. Bridge players are intelligent, interesting and accomplished. Bridge players are well worth getting to know. If we play only online, we miss out on the personal interaction which enriches our lives and our bridge experience.

Tournaments and Clubs Struggling

With clubs struggling and tournaments poorly attended, we are running the risk of losing what we have. Already, in Unit 174 we are seriously considering eliminating another tournament. What can each of us do to help? Remember, we are a community with a common love of a wonderful game. If we work together we can do so much to heal the damage we have suffered from the pandemic.



The Fix

I have some ideas!

- If you know casual bridge players, invite them to come with you to a duplicate game.
- Many clubs have a reduced or free entry for new players or for mentors.
- Don't just sign up to be a mentor, recruit a mentee, or two!
- Take the Best Practices Teachers Course – it will be offered at the Lone Star Regional in February. Put out a notice in your neighborhood and start teaching! I attended the course last year, put out my neighborhood notice, and I got eight students. The class dwindled to five, but I have five enthusiastic new bridge players who have joined ACBL due to my introducing them to the game of bridge. One of them recently earned the Junior Life Master. I could not be prouder – of her and of me! My students are learning bridge from me, and I have five fabulous new friends who think a lot of me and I just love them. Betty Westbrook of Houston (Bronze Life Master) is active in the Unit 174 Future Life Masters initiative that promotes bridge among our beginner players. She and I discussed my teaching in my neighborhood. She decided she could do that too, put a notice on Nextdoor, and she has a class of budding bridge players too! Each of you with bridge experience (neither Betty nor I are experts by any means) can teach someone the fundamentals of bridge and get them to the duplicate club.
- Every one of you can support your local club by going to the F2F games. If you can't drive, get a ride. No partner, call for one. Come out and enjoy seeing old friends and making new ones.
- Support your local tournaments by going to them. Unit 174 had a bad wakeup call with our August tournament failure, and we are working hard to create an enticing environment so people will find that it is worthwhile to support the unit by coming to tournaments. The Lone Star Regional is coming up in February and we are planning a terrific experience for all players. We have our annual meeting at our April Election Sectional and we'll be having a complimentary taco breakfast and coffee on Saturday of the tournament plus other surprises.
- Travel to neighboring units, and neighboring states, to support their tournaments too! There are many exciting opportunities for great bridge competitions in other areas. When I go to an out-of-state tournament, I inevitably meet people I have met before at

the tournament. I met a lovely lady on a cruise and ran into her at a bridge seminar. My bridge community is ever-widening, and yours can be too. My friend from college who taught me bridge has played with me online, and he came and played on a Swiss Team with me at the Atlanta NABC and he flew to Austin (Unit 207) to play with me in their September sectional. I reconnected with dear friends in Mississippi through bridge. They have since come to Houston to play with me and I have gone to Mississippi and Alabama to play with them.

My life is full circle because of bridge. I have made so many new friends. I have travel buddies. I have reconnected with old friends. Online makes it easy to keep up with people we meet through bridge, and we can meet up in person at tournaments.

Playing Opportunities for Young and Working

We need to provide playing opportunities for young people and for working people. This contingent of the bridge population should have the opportunity to play at night and on weekends. In Unit 174 we don't have night games and a very limited number of weekend games. This situation needs to be rectified. In Unit 174 Bridge Club of Houston (Spring) and Clear Lake Bridge Club (Bay Area of Greater Houston) do have weekend and evening games, but there is nothing in Houston except for our sectionals and the regional. We need to patronize our clubs to help their finances so they can offer games at night and on weekends.

In summary, we all can contribute to keep duplicate bridge going. Please think about volunteering at a tournament or at your club. Recruit new players. Support your club. Support your unit by attending tournaments. Make new friends and enjoy life – that is what it is all about.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Unit 174, I wish everyone a wonderful Holiday Season, full of family, friends, fellowship, and bridge! I am so thankful that I have bridge in my life. Specifically, I thank Joe Brockington who taught me how to play all those years ago, and Bob Crawford, who generously mentored me and fostered my love of this wonderful game.

Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Holidays!



Sarah Springer is a Ruby Life Master and president of Unit 174. She lives in Katy.

Robson Ranch Denton DBC Celebrated 2024 Masterpoint Milestones

Unit 183 Denton

By John Robbins

On September 30, Robson Ranch Denton DBC celebrated 2024 Masterpoint Achievements for eleven members. Sixty-six participants attended a luncheon in their honor followed by a 16 table duplicate bridge game.

Six Denton members were celebrated for reaching the Life Master:

Judy Crabtree
Lori McCline
Dolores McCuistian
Laura Pantano
Lori Slocum
Shooter Summers

Also honored for reaching the rank of Bronze Life Mastaer were Tawana Arnett, Judy Crabtree, Consie Javor, Ken Javor, Lori McCline, Shooter Summers and Alice Wright all from Denton. Bruce Brown was also celebrated for reaching Gold Life Master.

Robson Ranch Denton Duplicate Bridge Club is relatively small and it is a huge accomplishment for this number of members to achieve these milestones. Bronia Jenkins, ACBL Executive Director, recognizing this rare occasion, sent a special composition that she wrote to honor the celebrants.

The Robson Ranch Denton Duplicate Bridge Club is an open club and hosts three weekly ACBL



Top Row left to right: Lori McCline, Lori Slocum, Alice Wright, James (Shooter) Summers, Judy Crabtree, Tawana Arnett, Consie Javor, Ken Javor, Bruce Brown
Seated: Dolores McCuistian and Laura Pantano

sanctioned games under the direction of ACBL Director Tawana Arnett. The Monday and Friday games are held at 12:30 p.m. and the Wednesday game, directed by ACBL Director Norris Drum, at 6:30 p.m. If you are not a resident of Robson Ranch and would like to come play in one of the games, please contact Tawana Arnett and she will find a partner for you. For more information contact Tawana Arnett at rdentonbridge@gmail.com

John Robbins is the Unit 183 *Scorecard* reporter as well as serving on the unit's board.

Joan Jackson: Grand Life Master (GLM) *Earns GLM at the Dallas Labor Day Regional*

Unit 176 Dallas

Joan Jackson of Dallas has been playing bridge for about 50 years, culminating on Saturday, August 31 by earning the ACBL's highest rank: Grand Life Master. To attain GLM status, you must have a national championship win in an unrestricted NABC+ event. Joan has won four. You also need 10,000 masterpoints.

Joan came into the 2024 Dallas Labor Day Regional tournament just nine masterpoints short of 10,000 and earned them when her team which included long time GLM Bob Hamman (Dallas), ACBL Executive Director Bronia Jenkins (Vero Beach, Florida) and Cenk Tuncok (Amesbury, Massachusetts) finished 3rd in Swiss Teams Bracket 1.



Joan Jackson
Newest Grand Life Master
Unit 176 Dallas

In addition to her NABC wins Joan has a world championship to her credit. A big congrats to Dallas' newest Grand Life Master.

Happy Birthday from Friendly Bridge

Unit 176 Plano & Dallas

By Valarie Remmers

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



Elaine Lagerstrom
Happy 100th Birthday!

Coming up on Friday, November 1, you are invited

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

In December we will celebrate the Holiday Season on Friday, December 13 for our annual Holiday Party. Lunch with fabulous holiday desserts will be included in your entry fee. The game will start at 10:30 a.m. and due to space limitations is limited to 22 tables.

Thank you for sharing milestone occasions with your friends at Friendly Bridge Club. We are truly blessed to share these celebrations with all of you. Reservations for any of our games can be made by visiting our [website](#).

Valarie Remmers is co-owner of Friendly Bridge Club.

Cleara Lake Bridge Club's Volunteer Spotlight

Allison Ochsner

Unit 174 Houston



Allison Ochsner

Clear Lake Bridge Club (CLBC) is very lucky to have Allison Ochsner as a member! She is another of our extremely valuable behind-the-scenes contributors to the success of CLBC. If

you don't know how, here are some of the ways Allison keeps us humming along:

announcements (significant birthdays and member deaths).
Furthermore, Allison is a longtime contributor to Unit 174 for the benefit of all the unit's members. Besides what she does for CLBC, Allison is also the unit's webmaster where:

- She works with the unit board to post the various features... advising and editing along the way.
- She keeps the [website](#) updated with the latest tournament flyers.

Allison is a model of what it means to be a good member of our bridge community. She is a pleasure at the bridge table, mentors a newer player most Sundays and helps our club and unit function effectively.

We love that we have a nice club, good tournaments and a thriving Unit 174 bridge world and that does not happen without volunteers who contribute. Allison steps up and gives back.

Thank you, Allison!

you don't know how, here are some of the ways Allison keeps us humming along:

- She keeps the club's computer hardware current, integrated, working and secure.
- Is the club's database administrator for ACBLScor used for scoring and masterpoint allocation purposes.
- When we need member information about masterpoint milestones, Allison helps track down the history.
- She notifies the Unit 174 board about various CLBC



Unit 172 - San Antonio

By Ellen Hessel

Unit 172 has quite a few activities planned for the end of 2024. Our annual Holiday Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 14 at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 1416 N 1604 East. There will be a potluck dinner starting at 11:30 a.m. and bridge will start at 12:30 p.m. The meat portion of the meal will be supplied by the unit. Please sign up with Ed Rawlinson (edrawlinson@satx.rr.com) to bring a side dish or dessert.

The Hill Country Bridge will have their holiday party on December 10 with the first session of bridge starting at 9:00 a.m. A potluck dinner will be followed by a second session of bridge at 12:30 p.m. Both games will be special games with extra points. It's \$20 for both sessions or \$10 for one session. The club will be closed for the holidays December 24 - January 2, 2025.

The Fiesta Bridge Club will host their Holiday Party on December 4 at Agudas.

While playing in the Sunday Swiss Teams at the recent Dallas regional, Leonard Epstein, nephew of Longtime Unit 172 member Eleanor Siegal, brought in a slew of his late wife's (Tina Epstein) hats - there were dozens - to give away to anyone who wished to have one. Tina apparently had quite a passion for hats, so much so that when traveling, a hat box was always included with her luggage! I picked out a cute black and white wide brimmed hat. Pictures were taken and a fun one is in the In Memoriam section of this issue with a lovely tribute to Tina.

On a sad note, it was reported that Jon Pack, Unit 172 member and husband of Anni Pack passed away in early October. Also former 172 member, Jane Matcha, of Sugarland passed away on September 16. Condolences to their loved ones.

Wishing you all a safe and joyous Holiday Season!



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 will host the 99er game in Central Houston on Sunday, November 10.

We were so thrilled to have eight singletons in our last game! We make sure to have Ambassadors so that all area 0-99 players can join the game without a partner. Everybody Plays!

The game fee is \$5.00 and includes the game, snacks and door prizes.

99er Game

Singletons Welcomed! Everyone plays!

Sunday, November 10

Game time: 1:30 p.m.

Come early for Social Hour at 12:30!

Address: Arabia Shriners, 10510 Harwin Drive, Houston

Entry is at the Side Door with the Red Balloons



Mentor/Mentee Programs

We want to encourage our 0-99 members to establish Mentor/Mentee relationships around the Greater Houston Area. Mentor/Mentee Programs are an outstanding opportunity to learn-while-playing and meet a broader group of players. The clubs that offer Mentor/Mentee Programs are listed below. Contact the club's program director to learn how to find 'The Perfect Mentor.' Check the club websites to confirm game dates*, Mentee qualifications, and game fees.

Bridge Academy of West Houston (BAWH)

Mentor Game: First Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m.

Program Director: Bert Onstott

Contact: bertonstott@comcast.net

[BAWH website](#)



Bridge Club of Houston (BCOH)

Mentor Games:

F2F: Second & fourth Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

BBO Online: First & Third Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

[BCOH website](#)

Clear Lake Bridge Club (CLBC)

Mentor Game: Third Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m.

Program Director: Marcia Chambliss

Contact: mjjchambliss@gmail.com

[CLBC website](#)

Lone Star Bridge Club (LSBC)

Mentor Game: Third Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m.

Program Directors: Larry and Anita Rothfuss

Contact: larryandanita@gmail.com

[LSBC website](#)

* Game dates can be subject to change based on holiday, local tournaments, etc. Please confirm dates before planning your game.

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.

Closures

Apple DBC (Monday) will temporarily move to Shriners at 10510 Harwin for Monday, November 4. Regular time, fee increase to \$5. Regular game schedule will return on Friday, November 8.

Apple II (Friday) will be closed on November 1 because of early voting and on November 29 due to the closure of the center for the Thanksgiving holidays.

[Bridge Academy of West Houston](#)

Flight B Grand National & Under 16 (U16) World Youth Championship Teams



Hao Deng, Mark Pan, Weijun Zhu, Jessie Lee, Kyo Chen and Hau Chen.

On Sunday, August 18 a party was held to celebrate the D16 GNT Flight B team who won the Grand National Teams Championship, and Team Jack, who won the U16 World Youth Championship Teams.

Hao Deng, Mark Pan and Jessie Lee were members of the National Champion GNT Flight B team, while Kyo Chen was a member of the World Champion Jack team. Weijun Zhu is Jessie Lee's husband and Hau Chen is Kyo Chen's father.

This festive occasion was marked by delicious food, delightful company, and lots of fun.

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, November 5 and December 10. 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 November 10 and December 15.

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.

[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

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

Kas Rangan has volunteered to champion the Saturday games! Please let him know if you are playing or need a partner, email: kas.rangan@gmail.com or call: 539-210-1333.

[Clear Lake Bridge Club](#)



Upcoming...

The Thanksgiving party will be Wednesday November 20, between the Open and the Mentor/Mentee games. The club will provide the meat. Members should sign up for the sides and desserts.

The Holiday celebration will be December 18 between the Open and the Mentor/Mentee games.

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 and 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 (M/M) Open games are on the third Wednesday each month. Many thanks to the volunteers who create such a great event! In particular, we want to thank Marcia Chambliss, our Mentor/Mentee Program Manager and our fabulous Mentors! We love you!

Of course, a special thanks to Paula Wissman who has directed our M/M game for years now!

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.

Bridge Labs (Supervised Play)

Bridge Labs are Sundays and Tuesdays from 2:00-5:00 p.m. The table fee is \$8.00.

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

All games include upgraded games 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



We are excited about our upcoming Dallas Fall Sectional and I/N Regional, November 6-9, at the Holiday Inn Richardson. Please see below please for more information.

News from Recent Events

Dallas Labor Day Regional Summary

The 2024 DLDR had a total of 936 tables over six days of play, 63% Swiss teams and 37% pairs. Thanks to all players who came out to enjoy the competition. Special thanks to our volunteers without whom the tournament would not have been possible including Tournament Co-Chairs Tomi Storey & Ed Yetter, Hospitality Chair Connie Scott, Partnership Chair Debor Cassen, Bulletin Editor Scott Nason, Caddie Manager Gerrie Owen, Equipment Manager Chuck Eastin, and Photographer Randy Eads. The overall

table count was down about 17% compared to 2023.

[Click here for Tournament Results.](#)

Joan Jackson Earns Grand Life Master Rank

Joan Jackson achieved the Grand Life Master rank during our Dallas Labor Day Regional. You can [read](#) more about her achievement in this issue.

Unit Game Summaries

Thanks to Valley View Bridge Club for hosting our last two unit games at the King of Glory Lutheran Church. We appreciate all our bridge players participating in these games.

The September 15 unit game had 19 tables in the Open Pairs and three tables in the 0-499 Pairs. Congratulations to Open Pairs winners: Joan Jackson & Peggy Sutherlin (Section A - N/S), Bob Friz & Eric Diamond (Section A - E/W), Kashi Singh & R Sreekrishnan (Section B - N/S), and Ari Sippola & Pawel Hanus (Section B - E/W). Also, congratulations to 0- 499 Pairs winners Jana Mueller & Alice Collerain. Click [here](#) for the Open Pairs results. 499er Pairs results can be found [here](#).

The October 6 unit game had 15 tables in the Open Pairs. Congratulations to winners Joan Jackson and Peggy Sutherlin (N/S) and Ari Sippola & Pawel Hanus (E/W). Results can be found [here](#).

Upcoming Events

The Dallas Fall Sectional and I/N Regional will be held November 6-9 at the Holiday Inn Dallas-Richardson, 1655 North Central Expressway, Richardson. The Holiday Inn is offering a Bridge Rate of \$99 per night with free breakfast! Call 972-238-1900 and ask for Bridge Rate to make reservations (limited rooms available at this rate). For all the tournament details, check out our [flyer](#).

Partnership Desk: If you want help finding a partner, email: PartnershipU176@gmail.com You will get an automated email response to enter your information in the Partnership Desk spreadsheet. A link provided to view the spreadsheet so you can find a partner or teammates. Upon finding a partner, please contact Ed Yetter at eyetter@sbcglobal.net to remove your information from the spreadsheet.

Unit 176 Bridge Clubs and Games

King of Glory Lutheran Church, 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 17

Sunday, October 8.

2025 Tournament Schedule

Winter Sectional January 29-February 1

Spring Sectional April 30-May 3

Labor Day Regional August 26-31

Fall Sectional October 29-November 1

All sectional 2025 tournaments will be held at Lovers Lane United Methodist Church, 9200 Inwood Road. Dallas 75220. Entry fee will be \$15.

The 2025 Labor Day Regional will be held at the Marriot Courtyard and Conference Center in Allen. The address is 210 East Stacy Road. Allen 75002.

We look forward to seeing you at all our events in 2025!

Please join us at any of the Dallas area bridge clubs [games](#).



Unit 183 - Fort Western

By John Robbins

Fort Western Fall Sectional

Fort Western Unit 183 ended October with a successful sectional tournament at the Arborlawn Methodist Church in Fort Worth with the six sessions averaging 20 tables each. Board member Randy Eads managed the event and Brenda Martin arranged for excellent snacks donated by volunteers. Dorothy and Tom Moore directed two sessions of pairs on October 8 and 9, along with two sessions of Swiss on the October 10. Results and winners' pictures are [posted](#) in this issue. Unit members completed voting for new board members at the tournament and the unit announced the election of John Fee, Verlyn Stahlecker and David Urbel. Thanks for stepping up to help manage unit business!

Club Location

The unit has finally managed to reestablish communications with the overseas owners of our studio location in Fort Worth and we have begun negotiating a potential expansion of our current space or a move to a larger adjacent suite that we had originally planned to occupy. We'll keep you posted.

Robson Ranch Denton Bridge Club Milestones

Members of The Robson Ranch Denton Bridge Club have been busy this year, leading to an October celebration that recognized six new Life Masters, seven new Bronze Life Masters and a new Gold Life Master. Details and a group picture of the honorees can be seen in this [issue](#).

Bridge Lessons

The Arlington and Fort Worth clubs are keeping an eye to the future by offering beginner lessons aimed at drawing new players to our game. Beginning lessons will run on Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. through November 23 in Arlington and are ongoing on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 in Fort Worth. Tell your friends! Contacts are Doug Berke in Arlington (bridgelessonsbydoug@gmail.com) and Diane Dillman in Fort Worth (d1955g@aol.comz).

Holiday Plans

Over the holidays, the Denton club will have a catered meal to celebrate Thanksgiving on November 21 and a Christmas celebration on December 14. The club will be closed November 28 and December 24.

The Granbury Bridge Club will be closed December 23 and 30.

The Arlington studio will be closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve day and Christmas Day, and plans for a Christmas party are in the works.



Unit 201 - Sabine Neches

By Florence Ferguson

The last months have been busy as we hosted two sectional tournaments: Beaumont 0-499 and Beaumont Sabine Neches Fall Local. Those who attended had a great time playing bridge and enjoying our Southeast Texas hospitality.

Beaumont 0-499 Sectional

Chair of the 0-499 tournament was Flo Ferguson with Earl Pittman serving as co-chair and Lucille Armintor as partnership chair for both tournaments. Thanks to the members who brought food, drink and desserts! Also, a huge thanks to Michelle and Dean Domec who provided breakfast snacks every day.

Tournament 1st place winners were:

Thursday, August 15

Morning: Paulette Schiwart &
Joseph Moore, Beaumont

Afternoon: Zane Bolen &
Teresa Bolen, The Woodlands

Friday, August 16

Morning: Joseph Moore &
Paulette Schiwart, Beaumont

Afternoon: Bevil & Russell Wright, Silsbe

Saturday, August 17

Morning and Afternoon: Joseph Moore &
Paulette Schiwart, Beaumont

Paulette and Joseph were high scorers with a 68.75% score and the tournament masterpoint leaders earning 7.60. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all participants.

Beaumont Sabine Neches Fall Local Sectional

Paulette Schiwart chaired the Fall Local sectional tournament in September. Tournament 1st place winners were:

Thursday, September 26 – Saturday, September 28

Open Pairs

Thursday

Morning: Wayne Gordon, Kirbyville &
Carol Ann McGill, Orange

Afternoon: Wilbur Dahlquist &
Verna Dahlquist, Sulphur, Louisiana

Friday

Morning: Robert Echols, Lufkin &
Karen Jennings, Lafayette, Louisiana

Afternoon: Verna Dahlquist &
Wilbur Dahlquist, Sulphur, Louisiana

Saturday

Morning: Dave Becker, Houston &
Marilyn Adams, Beaumont

Afternoon: Verna Dahlquist &
Wilbur Dahlquist, Sulphur, Louisiana

Thursday, September 26 – Friday, September 27

0-499 Pairs

Thursday

Morning: Elouise Young &
Mattie Grant, Beaumont

Afternoon: Joseph Moore &
Paulette Schiwart, Beaumont

Friday

Morning: Lucille Armintor, Port Arthur &
Patricia Lavelle, Beaumont

Afternoon (Tie): Elouise Young &
LaRue Smith, Beaumont
Joseph Moore &
Paulette Schiwart, Beaumont

Of our many attendees, Dave Becker and Marilyn Adams had the highest overall score with 73.9%. The tournament masterpoint leaders were Verna Dahlquist and Wilbur Dahlquist earning 21.11.

Appreciation Luncheon



Tipton Golias & Alyandar Bharathi (Dr. B)

Tipton Golias and Alyandar Bharathi (affectionately known as Dr. B) have been extremely generous supporters of Unit 201 over the years. Not only are

they highly ranked players, but they have continually supported our efforts to provide positive opportunities in our club. Recently they donated a new computer, updated software for reporting scores, and Bridge-Mates for recording at the table. This generous donation upgraded our recording and scoring system. We recognized their contributions with a Saturday luncheon and game. Both shared how much bridge and our unit family have meant to them over the years.

And the celebrations continue!

We had a hot dog luncheon on Labor Day, thanks to the Gores who prepared the dogs. Much red, white and blue was worn by members.

Holiday Celebrations

Two holiday celebrations are planned as well. A Thanksgiving game will be held on November 27, with 'all the fixins'. Our Christmas celebration will be another wonderful lunch and game on December 15. We'd love for you to join us as we feast and play bridge.



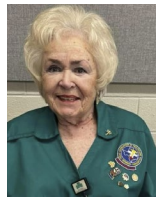
Unit 204 - Fort Concho

By Troy Harvey

Where did the summer go? Nevertheless, we welcome fall and the cooler weather here in West Texas. This reporting period there are several notables.

Barabara Wright Shannon Hospital Volunteer

Barbara Wright was recently recognized at Shannon Hospital for 45 years of volunteering! Yep, 45 years and a whopping 43,500 hours. In addition to her outstanding contribution to our community, Barbara is our club Secretary (who takes minutes in shorthand) and serves on the Sunshine committee for the club to send member cards of support and birthday wishes. We appreciate all that she does for our community and our club. Thank you and congratulations Barbara



Barbara Wright

Local Milestones

I did mention this in the last *Scorecard*, but thought it worthy to give another shout out to some club member milestones. Marcie Perlman received her Silver Life Master and Carl McGill received his Gold Life Master status. We have great players at our club, who are also terrific mentors to us newer players. Congrats to you both. Enjoy their "Mug Shots."



Marcie Pearlman



Carl McGill

New Braunfels Bound

A large group from our club went to the recent New Braunfels Sectional tournament. All had a great time and everyone brought home some silver points! Thank you for representing our club. There is already buzz about going again next year.



Notable Scores

Another notable score for this reporting period goes to Neal and Marcie Perlman with a 71.19% score with seven tables. Fantastic job to team Perlman.



Neal & Marcie Pearlman

Bridge Lessons

Carol Diminnie has restarted Tuesday afternoon lessons which are open to anyone. Please watch for her emails about the lesson topic and coordinate directly with her.

Pro-Am Game

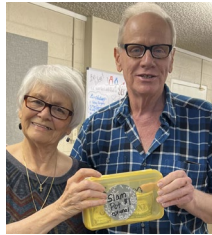
Carol has also implemented the first Tuesday of month as Pro-Am game. All amateurs are so appreciative for the "Pro" members as mentors. And especially appreciate their patience as well. Thank you, mentors!

Slam Pot winners

We should also give congratulations to several Slam Pot winners this cycle! Yahoo!



Peggy Jackson, Paige Ragsdale Barbara, Wright & Julie Moorman



Marty Simpson & Mary Jane McCord

D16 Royal STaC Winners

We participated in the D16 Royal STaC week. We had some notable scores:

September 30: Marty Simpson & Terri Tedford – 60.95%, 4th in C

October 1: Louetta Green & Judy Farmer – 64.81%, 6th in A, 5th in B

October 2: Neal Perlman & Joy Foster – 66%, 4th in A

October 3: Carl McGill & Troy Harvey – 62.91%, 7th in A, 6th in B

October 4: Carl McGill & Marcie Perlman – 62.2%, 7th in A, 3rd in B

Ginny Knolke & Norma Walker – 63.1%, 5th in A

New Member

We welcome new member Carol Bennet to San Angelo and hope to see more of you and often!



Carol Bennet & Sue Henry

Parties

There is never a shortage of parties at our club. Enjoy some of the highlights:



Upcoming Events

Our Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 14. Please contact Joy Foster to get involved with the holiday celebration.

Our club continues to recruit new members. If there are any suggestions to further that recruitment, please let me know and I will take the lead. Make sure to check out our [website](#) for our weekly game schedule.



Unit 205 - Amistad

By Mary Ann White

The Lake Chapala Club hosted the Tequila Regional tournament from September 24-29. This is the first time a regional tournament has been held in Lake Chapala and the organizers went all out to make it something special. The tournament was sponsored by the Mexican Bridge Federation and was held at the Hotel Boutique Sol y Luna Spa. Hospitality was the name of the game, with daily happy hour, complimentary dinner with live music on Friday night, and lots of drinks and snacks throughout the day. A fun time was had by all! Thanks to everyone who played.

Club Championships

Lane Galloway and Mary Ann White won the club championship game on September 10 with 62.59%.

The club championship on September 12 was won

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by Diane van Brocklin and Mike Roney with 64.58%.

In the 0-499 game on September 13, club champions were Melanie Wolski and Lucie Rosa-Stagi with 62.05%.

Congratulations to all our champions.

D16 Royal STaC Week

The Lake Chapala Club participated in the D16 Royal STaC during the week of September 30. Winners on October 1 were Cindy Thomson and Charles Chartier with 59.52%. On October 3, it was Janet Mitchell and Norm Rosenblatt who took the top spot with 69.79%. This was good enough to earn them 2nd place overall at the district level, where they picked up 8.30 masterpoints! Way to go. Also placing at the district level on October 3 were Cindy Thomson and Jimmy Reynolds who finished 9th overall with 61.46%.

More Winners

Winners in the ACBL Senior Pairs game on October 10 were Carol Cortez and Rob Rich with 56.94%. And a big shout out to John Gray and Carol van Parys who scored 70% on October 4 in the 0-499 game (three tables). Whoop! Whoop!

Masterpoint Milestones

Congratulations to Helen Lawson who advanced to the rank of Gold Life Master. Sonny Colvett also advanced, achieving the rank of Regional Master. Kudos to both of you. You earned it!



Unit 207 - Texas Capital Bridge

By Barbara Clements

Summer NABC Lures Austin Area Players

The NABC summer tournament in Toronto lured some of our bridge players out of the Austin area. I want to highlight some of our unit's members' accomplishments. Congratulations to you all.

- Sheinwold Grand National Teams Flight B was won by D16 team which included Kalyan Venkat of Round Rock (out of 32 teams).
- MacNab Grand National Teams Flight C had D16 team tied for 5th place. Members of the team were Christopher Steele of Pflugerville, Nora Fallon of Austin, Nathan Yee of Spring, and Mariah Stopper of Houston (out of 23 teams).
- Bruce LM had Wiley McMinn of Austin and Rebecca Brown of Lakeway in 28th place (out of 98 pairs).
- NABC+ Open listed Eddie Wold of Houston and

our own Finn Kolesnik of Austin in 23rd place (out of 248 pairs).

- Wagar Women's Pairs indicated that Lilly Justman of Austin and her partner Tracey Bauer of San Rafael, CA came in 27th (out of 110 pairs).
- NABC 0-10,000 Pairs had Steve and Sarah Chen in 11th place (out of 52 pairs).
- Roth Open Swiss Teams had Finn Kolesnik and his team in 11th place (out of 126 teams)
- ACBL National Youth Swiss Teams 3rd place winners were a team that included Charlie and Andrew Chen.

In the October *Bridge Bulletin*, we learned that Jarek Langer is listed in the Top Online Scores.

Local Event Winners

Make sure to check out the tournament winners for both the Austin Fall Sectional and the Austin 0-50 Fall Sectional in this [issue](#).

Upcoming Events

We are having a 0-750 Non-Life Master Sectional on November 2-3 and a 0-200 Sectional November 30-December 1. Both events will be held at the Bridge Center of Austin.

Unit 207 is having its Holiday Party and open games on December 14. The Bridge Center of Austin's Holiday Party and games is on December 21. On New Year's Eve there is one game at 10:30 a.m. These events are so much fun if you want to join us!

Club Closures

The Bridge Center of Austin will not have an evening game on November 27 and will be closed on November 28 and December 24-25 for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

Local Milestones

In September and October we had a number of members reach Life Master Milestones.

Diamond Life Master: Swadish Mahajcouran

Ruby Life Master: Stuart Litwin

Silver Life Master: Bob Allen, W. Kenneth Davis,
Loren Nyer

Bronze Life Master: Ann Denton, Virginia Miller,
Amy Salisbury

New Life Master: Bob Allen, Pam Beck,
Ann Denton

Lastly, we are sorry to note the passing of Mary Anne Laer.



Unit 209 - Great Permian Basin

By Ann Parish

Congratulations to KC Evans. She earned her Gold Life Master.

Odessa Bridge Club

We have a new location for the Odessa Bridge Club. This group is now meeting at Christ Lutheran Church, located at 2002 N. Lincoln in Odessa.

Lessons

Lessons are being conducted by both Belle Harris and Lonnie Yee. Belle's lessons are for beginners and are free. They are held on the last Monday of the month from 11:30-12:30 p.m. and again from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Lonnie's lessons are for more experienced players and cost \$2.00. They are held on Saturday mornings from 10:00-11:45 a.m.

Non-Life Master Player of the Month

Our new feature is highlighting the Non-Life Master (NLM) Player of the Month (usually a relatively new player).

Mary Anne Blair

November NLM Player



Mary Anne Blair

Family: I have one daughter and one granddaughter. They live with me in Midland. I have a brother who lives in Joshua, just south of Fort Worth.

Non-bridge activities: I enjoy spending time with my granddaughter. She is eight years old so she enjoys going to the movies, going out to eat, going to Urban Air and engaging in extracurricular school activities. I love spending time with her at all these activities. I also enjoy socializing with my friends (going out to eat, shopping, etc.) and going to the symphony.

Career/Job: I am retired from the Social Security Administration. I worked for the agency for 44 years. I was a technical expert, processing difficult cases and reviewing other employees' cases in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program.

How I learned bridge: Belle Harris taught me to play bridge at one of her classes about two years ago.

Cliff Hair

December NLM Player



Cliff Hair

Family: My wife and I were both born and raised in Houston, Texas. We moved to Midland, Texas in 1973. Except for five years when we lived in Denton, Midland has been our home. We've been married for 57 years. We raised three sons who have given us six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Non-bridge activities: My interests outside of bridge are farming and golf.

Career/Job: My working career consisted of jobs in the oil and gas industry until 1985 and then with an oil and gas company I formed and managed until I retired in 2021. My youngest son now manages the company.

How I learned bridge: I played contract bridge in school and learned the basics of the game. I was introduced to duplicate bridge while living in Denton where I played at Robson Ranch and Denton Bridge Studio. I joined the Allison Bridge Studio in Midland and play there and at the bridge club in Odessa. I have a bridge teacher and coach in Odessa, who has made a huge impact on my game.

Holiday Parties

The Midland Halloween Party is scheduled for October 24, with breakfast served at 6:15 a.m. before the game at 6:45 a.m.

The Midland Christmas Party is scheduled for December 5. We will have a feast, with ham and turkey before the game. Players are encouraged to wear festive outfits!

Betty Dickerson

We offer our condolences to the family of Betty Dickerson. She died on September 8, 2024. Her obituary stated that "She was a notable figure in the bridge community, serving on the board of the Allison Bridge Center and teaching the game for over 35 years. Recognized as a tournament bridge player, she was the youngest to achieve the rank of Diamond Life Master."

Have fun playing bridge!



Unit 225 - East Texas

By Deb Pascoe

[Pittsburg DBC](#)

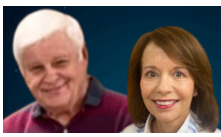
Gary Britt and Jo Britt recently passed the ACBL Club Director's test. They are welcomed to the Pittsburg DBC by Linda Harrison, Director and the entire Pittsburg Club players!



Gary & Jo Britt

Congratulations to the Britts on becoming ACBL Club Directors!

[Texarkana](#)



Cliff Smith
&
Michelle Shores

The Sheila Bell DBC is now on the map! Our club participated in the ACBL-wide International Game on Wednesday, September 11. A pair from our club, Michelle Shores and Cliff Smith scored a 76.85%. They placed 1st overall and earned 20 MPs. They had never played together before.

Michelle is a native of Shreveport. She has been playing for 17 years. Her mother, Betty Hastings who lives and plays in Shreveport, is also an excellent player. Michelle's original teacher was Sheila Bell. In addition, she took lessons from Stewart Angel and Lisa Looney.

Cliff, who lives in Marietta has played bridge since high school. He joined ACBL in 2015 and earned his Life Master in 2019. Cliff's wife, Kathy, also plays. Cliff drives to play in Texarkana, Pittsburg, and Longview.

Upon hearing about their win, both Michelle and Cliff affirmed their love of bridge and the opportunity it offers for playing with many people.

[Nacogdoches](#)

Please read about our [Rand James](#) in this issue.

70% + Games

Make sure to check out the 70% + Club to see all our talented players

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

A Pair of Life Masters

Unit 233 would like to recognize our two newest Life Masters: Pam and George Holmes, of Woodway. Pam satisfied her 500 masterpoint requirement for Life Master at the Tyler Tournament of Roses on August 23. Her husband, George, finished his Life Master requirement two weeks later at the Sul Ross Bridge Club in Waco. Pam had a slight head start while George was still working. All but 14 of their masterpoints were earned together and they are still married. Congratulations to both on reaching this milestone.



Pam Holmes



Pam Holmes
&
George Holmes
A Pair of Life Masters

Meanwhile Unit 233 continues to muddle along with its regularly scheduled games. The Waco 0 to 500 club has recently upped its top masterpoint level to 750 but has kept its name. Hope to see everyone at the bridge table.



Unit 353 - Wichita Falls

By Marsha May

Tournament Bound

Unit 353 was well represented at the New Braunfels Sectional in September. Anne Hoover, Marsha May, Carol Shelby and Suzanne Sosa went to the New Braunfels Sectional and played all four days (September 5-8). Anne drove all day on Wednesday, September 4, in the

pouring rain. The highlight of that day was stopping in Mineral Wells for lunch and taking a picture with Elvis.



Carol Shelby, Anne Hoover,
Elvis,
Marsha May & Suzanne Sosa

Anne is a new Club Master and this was her first tournament and her first silver points. Each of us won points three of the four days at the sections and played well together in the Swiss Teams events. Aside from the New Braunfels Sectional being a great first tournament for Anne, the New Braunfels Hospitality was exceptional.



Happy Silver Winners at the New Braunfels Sectional

D16 Royal STaC Week

Dave Hertzog held three Royal STaC games in October.

October 1

Carolyn Bell and Suzanne Sosa had a 56.25% game winning 1.12 masterpoints (MPs). Carolyn and Suzanne were the only team in Unit 353 to win ACBL extra points that day. Other winners were Anne Halsell and Margaret Kirkland (1.78 MPs), Faye Morrison and Lois Roberson (1.07 MPs) and Helen Cash and Dana Clay (0.74 MPs).

October 3

Anne Halsell and Nancy Purcell won 1st in District 16 with a 72.02% game winning 11.81 MPs. Other winners were Helen Cash and Faye Morrison (1.18 MPs), Dave Hertzog and Margaret Kirkland (0.85MPs) and Anne Hoover and Carol Shelby (0.74 MPs).



Nancy Purcell & Anne Halsell
72.02%
1st in District 16 Royal StaC
October 3

October 5

David Hertzog and Tomie Johnson had a 66.67% game which would have been 1st place in District 16 winning 14.45 MPs. However, David was a playing director and so he and Tomie could only win 1.59 MPs at the club level. Other winners were Lois Robinson and Cathy Zinn (1.11 MPs), Tuck Harvey and Marsha May (0.68 MPs) and Anne Hoover and Carol Shelby (0.68 MPs)

Congratulations to all of our winners.

Unit 353 really appreciated David Hertzog setting up and directing these games which gave our members a chance to win gold, silver, red and black points. Likewise, we appreciated District 16 and ACBL for making these games available.

I hope everyone has a nice Holiday Season with family and friends.





D16 Masterpoint Races

Quarter Ending 30-September-2024



Top 5 in 0-1000 MPs

Mini-McKenney Awards

0-5 MPs

1. Jessie Lee, Sugar Land 192
2. Joshua Roberts, Houston 72
3. Weijun Zhu, Sugar Land 58
4. Wei Xu, Sugar Land 57
5. Diane Martin, Midland 41
6. Troy Martin, Midland 41

5 to 20 MPs

1. Joe Edwards, Sugar Land 42
2. George Kieke, Odessa 41
3. David Hammer, Denton 41
4. Cissy Lara, Lubbock 38
5. Sherry Scarborough, College Station 32

20 to 50 MPs

1. Hao Deng, Sugar Land 88
2. Lesley Kellet, Houston 79
3. John Nairn, Roanoke 60
4. Jinrong Wang, Sugar Land 57
5. Tim Baris, Denton 52

50 to 100 MPs

1. Kamal Das, Arlington 109
2. Dennis Sucec, Houston 95
3. Maria Turner, Houston 93
4. Julie Moorman, San Angelo 82
5. Paul Alford, Austin 78

100 to 200 MPs

1. Hanuman Goel, McKinney 150
2. Gary Koenig, Georgetown 129
3. Beryl Booker, Houston 127
4. Robert Neal, McKinney 122
5. Jo Britt, Longview 111

200 to 300 MPs

1. Judi Whaling, Houston 152
2. Gwendolyn Atchison, Georgetown 144
3. Michael Atchison, Georgetown 138
4. Robert Domsalla, Tomball 138
5. David Sechrest, Cedar Park 134

300 to 500 MPs

1. Kyo Chen, Sugar Land 245
2. Hua Chen, Sugar Land 213
3. Pam Beck, Georgetown 208
4. Teresa Mack, Georgetown 191
5. Walter Netschi, McKinney 184

500 to 1000 MPs

1. Jin Chu, Plano 232
2. William Churchman, Pasadena 218
3. Brian Eaton, Fort Worth 171
4. Charlene Coor, Austin 162
5. Douglas Berke, Mansfield 154
6. Charles Spradlin, Longview 154

Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

0 to 5 MPs

1. Diane Martin, Midland 38
2. Troy Martin, Midland 38
3. Jessie Lee, Sugar Land 38
4. Wei Xu, Sugar Land 32
5. Joshua Roberts, Houston 31

5 to 20 MPs

1. Joe Edwards, Sugar Land 39
2. George Kieke, Odessa 36
3. David Hammer, Denton 34
4. Cissy Lara, Lubbock 29
5. Sherry Scarborough, College Station 29

20 to 50 MPs

1. John Nairn, Roanoke 54
2. Martha Huffman, Corpus Christi 49
3. Cliff Hair, Midland 42
4. Lesley Kellet, Houston 38
5. Elliott Orr, Plano 37

50 to 100 MPs

1. Julie Moorman, San Angelo 64
2. Louis Roman, Laredo 62

3. Karen Schmidt, Texarkana 57

4. Gaye Campbell-Baker, Kyle 47

5. Maria Turner, Houston 46

100 to 200 MPs

1. Beryl Booker, Houston 97
2. Hanuman Goel, McKinney 94

3. Robert Neal, McKinney 85
4. Steve Broderick, Montgomery 79

5. Robert Aylor , Sr., Flint 66

200 to 300 MPs

1. Edwin Louthback, Tyler 95
2. Patricia Good, Portland 82

3. Charles Good, Portland 82
4. Elouise Young, Beaumont 81

5. Sanjay Santhanam, Gilmer 76

300 to 500 MPs

1. Walter Netschi, McKinney 117
2. Lois McCallister, Houston 116

3. Paula Bayley, Midland 102
4. Robert Burrige, Houston 98

5. Earl Wright, Winona 96

500 to 1000 MPs

1. William Churchman, Pasadena 156
2. Travis Woodward, Odessa 119

3. Sarah Wright, Odessa 116
4. James Rozzell, College Station 106

5. Clifford Smith, Marietta 99

Virtual Ace of Clubs

0 to 5 MPs

1. Xiaoxing Yu, Pearland 34

2. Shuangxing Yu, Pearland 33

3. Debra Oakes, Bryan 32

4. Rebecca Lamar, Austin 11

5. Joshua Roberts, Houston 8

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District 16 Star Awards

It's time to choose one bridge player from your unit for the District 16 Star Award. The award honors volunteers who work steadfastly at the unit level to promote bridge and to further unit activities. Submissions should come from each unit's president with the recipient's name, short biography, and photo. Please email your package to Jerry Harrington, District Awards Chair at m_jharrington@yahoo.com so it is received by the deadline: December 31, 2024.

The District 16 Star Awards were established in 1995, formally the Texas Star Awards. Much like the Oswald and James Jacoby Service Award, the District 16 Star Awards are meant to honor worthy volunteers. Unlike the Jacoby Award, the Star awards honor unit level workers for service performed in their own units.

The selection of the D16 Star Award recipient for each unit is reserved to the Board of Directors of that unit. Once a recipient is selected, the president conveys the information to the District Awards Chair. If a unit does not select a recipient, no award is given that year for that unit.

A recipient is eligible to receive only one D16 Star Award, so previous awardees are not eligible. Star Awards will be presented between sessions on Saturday, February 8, at the 2025 Houston Lone Star Regional. Please inform your recipients so they can attend and be recognized for their good work.

Recipients will also be recognized in the March/April 2025 *Scorecard* and on the Awards/Honors tab of the district's website.

5 to 20 MPs		4. Patti Klein, Cedar Park	29	300 to 500 MPs	
1. Sandy Krusemark, Katy	10	5. Anita Moore,		1. Elizabeth Eisenach, Porter	96
2. Robert Krusemark, Katy	10	Aransas Pass	20	2. Joseph Rogers, Houston	91
3. Eric Sachs, Houston	7	100 to 200 MPs		3. Pam Beck, Georgetown	70
4. Joan Land, Houston	6	1. Barbara Craven, Cypress	42	4. Jim Nicas, Spring	67
5. Priscilla Mowinkel,		2. Judy Willig, Houston	40	5. Susan Henchal, Rowlett	65
Farmers Branch	6	3. Richard Eisenach, Porter	35	500 to 1000 MPs	
6. Steve Vandoorn, Houston	6	4. Susan Thompson, Dallas	35	1. James Bishop, Waxahachie	94
20 to 50 MPs		5. Warren Klein, Cedar Park	34	2. Dan Kahn, Dallas	85
1. Therese Perez, Houston	20	6. Anita Motard, Dallas	34	3. Kathy L'Hommedieu,	
2. Dana Clay, Bowie	18	200 to 300 MPs		Spring	76
3. David Dodson, Sunset	18	1. Thomas Dilger, Spring	67	4. Wayne Corbett,	
4. Keith Bozarth, Houston	12	2. Ladair Wright,		Fort Worth	70
5. Stephen Golub, Houston	9	Fifty Six AR	61	5. Richard Southworth,	
6. Donna Starnes, Dallas	9	3. Peggy Newsome,		San Antonio	70
50 to 100 MPs		Brookeland	38	For a complete list, click here .	
1. Sandy Lantz, Richardson	42	4. Dennis Anderson,			
2. Michael Graham, Spring	37	Fort Worth	36		
3. Elaine McPike, Houston	35	5. Kay Dabney, San Antonio	35		

The Longest Day ACBL Top 40 District 16 Teams



Many of the D16 clubs participated in the The Longest Day fundraiser for Alzheimer's Research. The following District 16 Teams made it into the ACBL top 40 teams:

183 Granbury Bridge Club	Granbury Bridge Club	Granbury	\$10,900 (22nd)
174 Clear Lake Bridge Club		Houston	\$10,538 (26th)

Some of the other D16 Teams that were reported are:

174 Bridge Acacemy of West Houston	Houston	\$ 3,800
174 Star DBC	College Station	\$ 3,600
174 Lone Star Bridge Club	Conroe	\$ 3,470
201 Beaumont Bridge Studio	Beaumont	\$ 3,000
225 Pittsburg DBC	Pittsburg	\$ 2,500
183 Arlington DBC	Arlington	\$ 2,054

Good Jobs, Everyone!

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District 16 Unit Goodwill Awards

It's time to select two Unit Goodwill Award recipients from your unit. Recipients are selected by each unit's board of directors. The recipients' names (only) are submitted by email to the District Awards Chair, Jerry Harrington, by each unit's president at m_jharrington@yahoo.com. Deadline for 2024 awards submission is December 31, 2024.

The District 16 Goodwill Awards are intended to recognize and honor District 16 players who exhibit a spirit of courtesy, kindness, and tact at the bridge table. These chosen individuals are our ambassadors of goodwill to all other players. Recipients should be frequent players at our clubs and tournaments within their unit, but no masterpoint requirements exist for this award.

Each unit's board of directors may designate two of its members to receive the Goodwill Award each year. The awards will be given to the unit president for presentation at the unit's convenience in 2025. If a unit does not select recipients by year end, no awards are given by that unit for that year. A recipient is eligible to receive the Goodwill Award only once, so previous winners are not eligible.

Recipients will be recognized in the March/April 2025 *Scorecard* and on the Awards/Honors tab of the district's website.

Sanders named District 16 2024 Oswald & James Jacoby Service Award Recipient

By Jerry Harrington

D16 Awards Chair



The Oswald and James Jacoby Service Award, established in 1982, is designed to honor those volunteers who, after many years of outstanding service to bridge, have worked diligently at the unit level and risen to recognition at the district level after. It is the District 16 Premier Service Award.

This year's Jacoby Award was presented to BJ Sanders of Austin on Saturday, August 31 by District 16 President Jack LaVigne. Nominated for the Jacoby Award by her Austin Unit 207, BJ served as representative to the D16 Board of Directors from 2019-2023. Also, she was named chair of the 2021 Austin NABC, the first national tournament held after COVID lockdowns. Deftly navigating ACBL's COVID rules, she organized a team of volunteers to pull off a nearly flawless tournament.

Currently, BJ serves as Executive Secretary of the D16 Board of Directors, a position she manages with the same dedication and talent as in her other roles.

Congratulations, BJ on this well-deserved recognition!



BJ Sanders of Austin (l) receives the D16 2024 Oswald & James Jacoby Service Award from D16 President Jack LaVigne



Intermediate/Newcomer Resources

Games & Classes for Newer Players - Come Join us!

D16 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 East 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

Click [here](#) to see the flyers for the D16 0-50 and the Nite Club Games

Lecture Series

Zoom® Spanish Lecture Series - Third Saturday of every month at 12:00 p.m. (México CT),
12:00 p.m. (CT)

November 16 – Guera Belden

December 21 - Patricia Herrera sobre "Michales: Cuando y como usarlo"

Zoom® Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture Series - Fourth Saturday of every month at
11:30 a.m. (CT) 11:30 a.m. (Mexico CT)

November 20 – Thomas Rush on “Ogust, Feature or Both”

December 28 – Mary Jane Orock on TBD

Click [Zoom® Link](#) for either lecture.

Remember that if you are unable to attend the live lecture, all are recorded so you can watch when you have the time. Here is the [link](#) where they are located on the D16 website.

Texas Capital Bridge, Unit 207

Austin Sectional



NON-LIFE-MASTER 0-750

Bridge Center of Austin

6700 Middle Fiskville Road ♥ bridgecenteraustin.com

November 2-3

Saturday, November 2nd, 10:00 & 2:15

Single-Session Stratified Pairs

Sunday, November 3rd, 10:00 & 2:15

Single-Session Stratified Pairs

All Events are Single Session. Play in One or Both Each Day

Entry Fee: \$14 per session

(\$18 for unpaid ACBL members)

**Free Coffee
& Snacks**

♠ **Strat A: 200 - 750**

♥ **Strat B: 50 - 200**

♣ **Strat C: 0 - 50**

Note: *Players may not be life masters and must have fewer than 750 Masterpoints.*

Strats may be adjusted at director discretion.

No food or drink will be allowed at the tables. A break will be provided halfway through the session.

♦ *This is a fragrance-free tournament* ♦

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Link to Register for Partners Online after October 15th ➡ <http://tinyurl.com/atxbridge>

reWalls.com

The Flannery Convention for ♠ Intermediate/Newcomers ♣

By Ken Monzingo

Like most bridge players my favorite bidding approach is the 2 Over 1 system (2/1), a treatment that handles most bidding problems at the low levels and also makes game and slam bidding easier. One problem with both 2/1 and standard bidding is how opener rebids after opening 1♥ and partner responds 1NT when opener holds a minimum 12-15 hand with distribution of exactly:

♠xxxx ♥xxxxx ♦xx ♣xx

Just insert aces, kings, queens or jacks anywhere to total 12-15 HCP.

The bidding is:

Opener	Opponent	Partner	Opponent
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
?			

1. In standard bidding partner's response of 1NT over either major suit opening is non forcing and limits a hand to less than 12 points. If balanced (no singletons, voids, long suits or additional suits) opener usually passes and lets the chips fall.

2. But in 2/1, the response of 1NT by an unpassed partner is artificial and forcing. Therefore, with the above hand opener is faced with two choices: rebid the five card heart suit (yuk), or choose between 2♣ or 2♦ (double yuk). No good choices.

Flannery to the Rescue

A popular solution to this awkward rebid problem is to open these 4-5-2-2 distribution hands 2♦ Flannery. This convention precisely describes the above holding as four spades, five or six hearts and a 12-15 point hand. It gives partner definitive information to place the contract or do further exploration. Once you open Flannery 2♦ you are not required to rebid a five card heart suit or choose a two card minor suit rebid. You have told your story and can now relax and let partner take over.

Responding to 2♦

There are two popular options when making game tries after a Flannery 2♦ opening. Bill Flannery, in

his 1984 book suggests responder's only forcing bid is 2NT; all other minimum bids are natural and non forcing. Bill's suggested responses are:

- Pass (6+♦), 2♥, 2♠ Natural and to play (signoff).
- 2NT Strong, forcing bid (artificial) asking opener to further describe the opening hand.
- 3♣ (6+) Natural and to play (signoff).
- 3♦ (6+), 3♥ (3+), 3♠ (4+) Invitational (10-12 points) in the invited diamond suit or notrump.
- 3NT, 4♥ (3+), 4♠ (4+) To play (signoff, auction is over).
- 4♣ Transfer to 4♥.
- 4♦ Transfer to 4♠.

Opener's rebids after the 2NT Response

- 3♣, 3♦ = 3 cards in that bid suit (i.e., 4-5-1-3 or 5 3 1).
- 3♥ = 4-5-2-2, 11-13 points.
- 3♠ = 4-5-2-2, 14-15 points with weak minor suit doubletons
- 3NT = 4-5-2-2, 14-15 points, but good minor suit doubletons.
- 4♣, 4♦ = 4 cards in the bid suit (i.e., 4-5-0-4 and 4-5-4-0 distribution, respectively).
- 4♥ = 6 card heart suit, for those who play this variant.

My Flannery Response Preferences

In my younger days I kibitzed the great Paul Soloway often and was surprised to see him open Flannery 2♦ with a 4-6-2-1 hand pattern. I figured if it was good enough for him with six hearts instead of five, I would do the same. I also like Flannery openings 11-16 points, giving me more hands to use it.

My Preferred Partner's Responses to Flannery 2♦

- Pass, 2♥ or 2♠, 3♣ are natural and to play and 2♠ might be with a three card suit if responder holds a singleton or void in hearts.
- 2NT Forcing and requires further description from opener.
- 3♦ Invitational with 6+ diamonds.
- 3♥, 3♠ Invitational with weak heart or spade holdings.
- 3NT Auction has ended.
- 4♣, 4♦ RKC Gerber for Hearts (4♣) or spades (4♦).

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BRIDGE HOUSTON

499^{er} Sectional Nov 14th – 17th, 2024

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Need a Partner?

Contact Kas Rangan 539-210-1333
kas.rangan99@gmail.com
Ambassador available for all Pairs Sessions.

Stratification*

A (300 to 499) B (100-300) C (0-100)
** Strats may be modified by director*

Entry Fees

(Per Session - Cash Only)

Current ACBL Members \$10
Lapsed ACBL Members \$14
ACBL number required to play. 120 day guest membership available free at <https://www.acbl.org/membership/>

Snacks / Lunch

Free snacks and drinks all days.
Lunch available for \$7 **Cash** on Thurs, Fri., and Sat. if ordered by 10am. No Sunday meal.

Tournament Chair

John Montgomery
jon3mon@gmail.com

Event Schedule

Thursday thru Saturday

Nov 14th – 16th

♠ 499er Pairs 10am
♠ 499er Pairs 2pm

Sunday, Nov 17th Swiss Teams

♠ 499er Swiss Team 1:30pm

Hand Review

On Sunday, Nov 17th, from 12:30 to 1:15pm, an expert will answer your questions on tournament hands.

Notes

- ♠ BCOH is a fragrance free facility.
- ♠ Life Masters with less than 500 pts can play.

Lodging

SpringHill Suites by Marriott 20303 Chasewood Park Dr., Houston, TX 77070 has a discount rate of \$105 + tax per night, and free cancellation 24 hours before check-in. Contact hotel directly at 832-953-2228 and ask for Imagine Peels and mention BCOH Bridge Tournament.

Silver Points – Silver Points – Silver Points

My Preferred Opener rebids to 2NT

- 3♣ = Singleton or void in clubs.
- 3♦ = Singleton or void in diamonds.
- 3♥ = 5-4-2-2 distribution with minimum 11-13 points.
- 3♠ = 5-4-2-2 distribution with maximum 14-16 points.
- 3NT = 5-4-2-2 distribution with maximum 14-16 points with an honor doubleton in both minors.

Things I vary from most Flannery players:

1. I use Flannery with four spades and both five or six hearts.
2. I use 11-16 HCP instead of the common 12-15.
3. Following responder's 2NT forcing bid, I prefer opener's minor suit rebids to show shortness (if any) rather than length.
4. After a 2NT invitation bid by responder a game somewhere must be reached if opener holds any maximum 14-16 HCP, or extreme distribution.

Success Story

I have had enormously good results using Flannery.

A top board is often enjoyed as the opponents enter the auction wrongly thinking they will make a good minor suit catch from partner. Quite often we have either escaped a bad fit or inflicted severe penalties on the eager opponents.

A Tip: My partner and I have decided there is no reason to respond 1♠ to partner's 1♥ opening when holding less than five spades. If partner had four spades the opening bid would have been 2♦ Flannery, or if too strong for Flannery (17+), opener will now rebid 2♠ so we never miss a 4-4 spade fit.

Therefore, holding only four spades responder uses a forcing 1NT (non forcing by passed hand imo). Further, if responder bids 1♠ over an opening 1♥ it is assumed to be five cards long and opener should raise with three card spade support.

Lots of fun and groovy options.

Next Month: A History of the Dallas Aces.

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

District 16 Teacher of the Year

Is there a bridge teacher who has inspired you? Now is the time to reward that individual's enthusiasm, passion and patience! Celebrate your teacher! Nominate your teacher for the D16 Teacher of the Year award.

The nomination process works like this:

1. You ask your teacher if he/she would like to be nominated.
2. Your teacher agrees.
3. You send an email to district16TOY@gmail.com with your teacher's contact information.
4. We take it from there.

Please submit nominations by **November 30, 2024**, so that your teacher has time to put together a portfolio by **December 31, 2024**.

The winner will be announced at the **2025 Lone Star Regional**.

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

Nov 30th - Dec 1st
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: Sharon Hoger,
skhoger@att.net
512-284-4600

Partnerships: Brett Leach,
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THE 99er Nite Club East

**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 East"!

When: 6pm, 7 days a week
Where: ACBL Clubhouse*

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 East

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


**D16's 199er NITE CLUB EAST GAME
ON BBO IS YOUR NEXT STEP!**

7 DAYS A WEEK AT 6:00 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

SHOWTIME

ACBL in association with

**District 16 and
Denton Bridge Studio**

Presenting 0-50 MPs Game Starring YOU
Every Monday at 4:00 PM (CST) on BBO
\$5/12 boards

Producer: Jack LaVigne For help signing into BBO (click here) or contact
Director: Ken Javor Ken Javor at KDJavor@yahoo.com.



In Memoriam

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| * Margie Beegle, Houston | Leslie S. Langhus, Schertz |
| * Julie L. Benson, Levelland | * Tod Pontius, Austin |
| * Nadia Branisa, Houston | * Mrs. Sarah Paschal Robin, Allen |
| * Tom Edwards, Austin | * Charles C. Raines, Arlington |
| David S. Finger, Houston | * Virginia A. Zilic, Houston |
| * J. N. Gittelman, Houston | |
| * Mrs. Joan M. Hataway, Beaumont | *Life Master |

Phyllis Rola Ogden

By Linda Warren

Phyllis Rola Ogden, beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother and friend died on June 26. She was born to Robert and Rola Saibara and married to Wayne Ogden of Houston who preceded her to heaven. She is survived by her son, Mike, his two children, Kayla and Ryan, her sisters, Judy Ferguson and Margie Saibara, her brother-in-law, James Ferguson and niece and nephew, Mark and Holly Ferguson.

Phyllis was a graduate of Milby High School and attended Sam Houston State University in Huntsville. At Milby, Phyllis was sergeant of the Swing Flags on the Drill Team and she was voted as princess on the 1955 May Royal Court.

After graduating from Sam Houston State, she joined the business world. One of her most unusual jobs was working for Nunn Electric during the construction of Johnson Space Center where she couriered classified design plans from the office to the construction site. After the birth of her son, Mike, she dedicated her time to raising him.

Phyllis was a longtime player in Unit 174 where she played in many groups in the Greater Houston area and competed in local tournaments. Her most recent clubs were Bear Creek, Cypress/Northwest and Katy. She was just shy of her Life Master. Phyllis was always dressed to perfection and loved to laugh. This lovely lady is missed.

Virginia Ann Zilic 1938 | 2024

Virginia Ann Zilic passed away peacefully under the care of hospice on September 13. She is survived by her husband of 53 ½ years, John Zilic. Virginia was an avid bridge player with more than 7400 master-points and enjoyed playing at Bridge Academy of West Houston and the Apple clubs in Unit 174. Per Virginia's wishes there will be no service or memorials. Her obituary may be read here.

Fern “Tina” Epstein 1958 | 2024



Tina Epstein of Dallas was married to the love of her life, Leonard Epstein, for 37 years. In addition to Leonard, Tina is survived by parents David (Elvie) Luzzatto and Marie Luzzatto and mother-in-law Sylvia Epstein, children Benjamin Epstein (Ayelet Weiss), Sarah Epstein (Brian Fromm), Sam Epstein (Rebecca Galin), and granddaughters Alyssa and Emily Fromm. She is also survived by siblings Marc Luzzatto and Françoise (Rich) Olschwanger, and brothers- and sisters-in-law Barry and Dia Epstein, Jeff and Stephanie Epstein, Kevin and Lisa Epstein, and Barbara Luzzatto.

Tina fought her Parkinson’s tenaciously, and toward the end of her life, made it her focus to enlighten the world through social media about the disease.

Tina’s friends in Unit 176 held a Special Recognition Event at the recent Dallas Labor Day Regional celebrating Tina. Enjoy the photos dedicated to her.



The Tina Epstein Mob



♥ **Austin Fall Sectional Winners** ♦

Unit 207

Thursday, September 19 - Friday, September 20 - Open Pairs



Thursday AM - B
Anita Albert,
Linda Anthony (np)



Friday AM - A
Pat McMullen,
Jimmy LaFountain

Saturday, September 21 - Sunday, September 22 - Stratified Swiss Teams



Saturday - A
Ed Davis,
Sharon Hoger,
Tricia Kane,
Mark Craig



Sunday AX - X
Stan Pushkarsky,
Anita Albert,
Frank Floca,
Linda Griffith



Sunday BCD - B
Michael Atchison,
Gwen Atchison,
Gary Koenig,
Bill Horton

♥ **Austin Fall 0-50 Sectional Winners** ♦

Unit 207

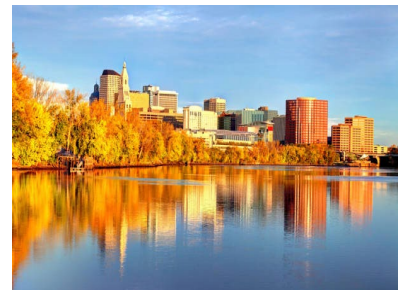
Saturday, October 12 - Sunday, October 13 - Pairs



Saturday - A
Phyllis Jordan,
Jeannie Phelps



Sunday - A
Gina Williams,
Jim Michalski



2025

Texas Capital Bridge Unit 207

January Sectional

Bridge Center of Austin * 6700 Middle Fiskville Rd.

JANUARY 2-5, 2025

Free Coffee & Snacks

STRATIFICATIONS

(Pair & team games based on average MPs)

Open Pairs & Stratified Swiss Teams:
(Thursday – Saturday)

A: 3000+, B: 750-3000, C: 0-750

299er Pairs:

A: 200-300, B: 100-200, C: 0-100

No player may have over 300 MPs

Sunday Stratiflighted Swiss Teams:

**A: 3000+, X: 0-3000, B: 1500-2500,
C: 500-1500, D: 0-500**

No player with over 2500 MPs can play in the BCD Swiss

All stratifications are at the director's discretion

Basic Chart for 299ers

Basic+ Chart for BCD Swiss

Open Chart for all other events

This is a Fragrance-Free Tourney

Thurs, Jan 2nd - Sat, Jan 4th

**Stratified Swiss Teams, single session
10am, 2:30pm**

**Open Pairs, single session
10am, 2:30pm**

**299er Pairs, single session
10am, 2:30pm**

Sun, Jan 5th

**Stratiflighted A/X & BCD Swiss Teams
10am & TBD**

**\$140 per 4 person team, includes lunch
Additional players, \$6 each**

Entry Fees: \$14/session

Students and players with 0-5 Masterpoints pay
\$7 per session Thursday-Saturday

(\$4 additional per session for unpaid &
non-ACBL members)

This is a **CASHLESS ONLY** Tourney

Chair: Sharon Hoger, skhoger@att.net, 512-284-4600

Partnerships: Brett Leach, brettlea@mac.com, 512-294-0901

Director in Charge: Scott Humphrey

**Online Partnership Registration For
This Tourney Is Open December 2nd.**

Use this link:

<http://tinyurl.com/atxbridge>



♥ Fort Western Sectional Winners ♦
Unit 183

Tuesday, October 8 - Wednesday, October 9 - Open Pairs



Tuesday AM - A
Jo Smith,
Alan Copeland



Tuesday AM - B
Beryl Cobb,
Sanjay Santhanam



Tuesday PM - A
Bill Staats,
Kimmel Jones



Tuesday PM - B
Darrick Chee,
Ivan Uys



Wednesday AM - A
Jo Smith,
Alan Copeland



Wednesday AM - B
John Fee,
Ivan Uys



Wednesday PM - A
Mary Jane Orock,
Greg Resz

Tuesday, October 8 - Wednesday, October 9 - 0-499 Pairs



Tuesday AM - A
Rita Scott,
Cheryl Glenn



Tuesday PM - A
Brenda Schrader,
John Fee



Tuesday PM - B
Diana Clive,
Pete Clive



Wednesday AM - A
Brenda Schrader,
David Urbel



Wednesday PM - A
Rita Scott,
Cheryl Glenn

Thursday, October 10 - Bracketed Swiss Teams Games



Bracket A
Mary Jane Orock,
Billy Leeper,
Peter Hudson (np),
Jin Chu (np)



Bracket B
Cynthia Benton,
Randy Eads,
Brian Eaton,
Ross Ramsey

♥ Halloween Sectional & I/N Regional Winners ♦
Unit 174

Friday, October 27 - Sunday, October 27 - Open Pairs



Friday AM & PM - A
Thomas Rush,
Jack LaVigne



Saturday AM - A
Danuta Parzych,
Romeo Bodrogi
Podoaba



Saturday AM - C
Francis Gay,
Paula Gay



Saturday PM - A
Debbi Balter,
Christoph Eick



Sunday AM - A
Brigitte Sandifer,
Linda McReynolds

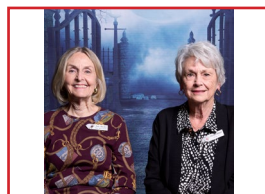


Sunday AM - A
Sarah Springer,
Paddy Fiorino

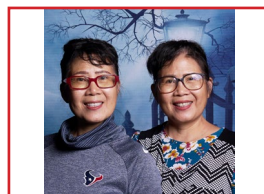


Sunday AM & PM - A
Verna Dahlquist,
Wilbur Dahlquist

Friday, October 26 - Saturday, October 26 - Gold Rush Pairs



Friay - A
Joan Slayden,
Phyllis Dillard



Saturday - A
Xiaoxing Yu,
Shuangxing Yu



Friday, October 25 - Bracketed Swiss Teams Games



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



Saturday, October 26 - Bracketed Swiss Teams Games



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



Saturday - Bracket 2
Linda Drake,
Jane Boozalis,
Hasin Jinna,
Rosalind Kokolis



Saturday - Bracket 3
Judi Whaling,
Kathleen McDougall,
E Edgar Cosman,
Betty Westbrook



Saturday - Bracket 3
Kyo Chen1, R
yo Chen,
Hua Chen,
Jessie Lee

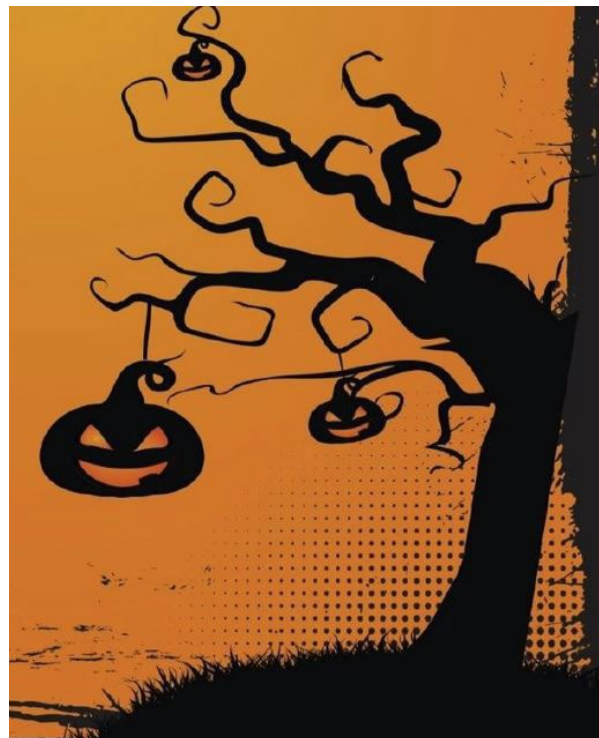
Sunday, October 27 - Bracketed Swiss Teams Games



Bracket 1
Buddy Hanby,
Sally Wheeler,
Jack LaVigne,
Timucin Erkoc



Bracket 2
Jane Boozalis,
Linda Drake,
Rosalind Kokolis,
Hasin Jinna



♥ Dallas Labor Day Regional Winners ♦ Unit 176

Tuesday, August 27 - Sunday, September 1 - Bracketed Swiss Teams Games



Tuesday - Bracket 1
Robert Hollman,
Billy Cohen,
Berend Van Den Bos
Joris van Lankveld



Tuesday - Bracket 2
Kari Smith,
Jacqueline Brown,
Mary Chaffin,



Tuesday - Bracket 3
Pete Clive,
Tom Moore,
Hassan Kasseba,
Dorothy Moore



Tuesday - Bracket 5
Louise Shanley,
Gari Martin,
Marcia Messinger,
Margie Portela



Wednesday - Bracket 2
Roz Smith,
Mary Lynn Genovesi,
Martyn Cooper,
Cara-Lyn Lappen



Wednesday - Bracket 3
Jean Kiesel,
Jane Ardoin,
Ginger Hebert,
Jane Schmidt



Wednesday - Bracket 6
Jenise Young,
Paulette Armstrong,
Frances Coleman,
Allan Chernov



Wednesday - Bracket 7
Kathy Russler,
John Peart,
Phil Brown,
Kent Baxter



Wednesday - Bracket 8
Jackie Sanders,
Gail Davis,
Jim Hathaway,
Jim Wilkins



Thursday - Bracket 2
Ed Yetter,
Tony Arthur,
Bonnie Yetter,
Carol Arthur



Thursday - Bracket 3
Bob Clarke,
Alma Farley,
Larz Smith,
Anne Smith



Thursday - Bracket 4
Laura Onsgard,
Cheryl Rider,
John Ellis,
Jim Rider



Thursday - Bracket 8
Louise Shanley,
Gari Martin,
Marsha McNatt,
Jean Debnam



Friday - Bracket 2
Jean Kiesel,
Jane Ardoin,
Ginger Hebert,
Jane Schmidt



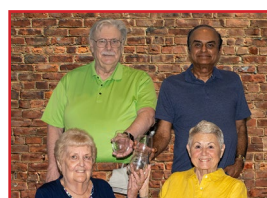
Friday - Bracket 3
Allan Chernov,
John Luebkmann,
Nancy Young,
Sharon Tomnitz



Friday - Bracket 5
Leonard Epstein,
Alan Josephson,
Stuart Litwin,
Susan Moss



Friday - Bracket 6
Dee Norris,
Ann Haynes,
Laura Kelly,
Fran Pilch



Friday - Bracket 7
Larry Fritz,
Uday Chandra,
Carol Black,
Mary Russell



Saturday - Bracket 2
Roz Smith,
Mary Lynn Genovesi,
Martyn Cooper,
Cara-Lyn Lappen



Saturday - Bracket 3
Jianbo Chen,
Tiger King,
Stuart Litwin,
Kalyan Venkat



Saturday - Bracket 4
Dion Dubois,
Travis Woodward (np),
Kathy Young,
Jean Kiesel



Saturday - Bracket 5
Karim Abuhamad,
Paramjeet Ahluwalia,
Paulette Armstrong,
Allan Chernov



Saturday - Bracket 6
Chuck Thomas,
Amy Anderson,
Cheryl Bradford,
Judy Wood



Saturday - (Tie) Brkt 7
Gary Britt,
Tom Spradlin,
Jo Britt,
Carol Kinsey



Saturday - (Tie) Brkt 7
Jean Debnam,
Mary Earley,
Marsha McNatt,
Sandy Lansing



Sunday - Bracket X
Eric Diamond,
Scott Nason,
Ari Sippola,
Pawel Hanus



Sunday - Bracket B
Leonard Epstein,
Alan Josephson,
Randy Patterson,
Stuart Litwin

Tuesday, August 27 - Sunday, September 1 - Pairs



Tuesday GR- C
Patty Degenhardt,
Al Joersz



Tuesday Open - A
Ellen Hessel,
Ira Hessel



Tuesday Open - B
Kathleen Carr,
James Richman



Tuesday Open - C
Randy Eads,
Brian Eaton



Wednesday GR - A
Pam Holmes,
George Holmes



Wednesday Open - A
Norm Beck,
Burton Shepard



Wednesday Open - B
Jim Harp,
Mary McGinnis



Thursday GR - A
Caye Cook,
John Redfern



Thursday Open - A
Cheryl Brunson,
Loralee Berg



Thursday Open - B
John Bromberg,
Barry Schaffer



Friday GR - A
Caye Cook,
John Redfern



Friday Open - A
Jerry Harrington,
Jack LaVigne



Friday Open - C
Kathy Russler,
Burton Shepard



Saturday GR - A
Linda Gurasich,
Linda Harley



Saturday Open - C
H. Scott Norville,
Heather Norville



Sunday AM & PM
Open - A
Bob Scallan,
Suresh Agrawal

**New Life Masters &
Grand Life Master**



Life Master Linda Morrison,
Unit 134, Metairie, Louisiana



Life Master Debbie Doan,
Unit 161, Little Rock, Arkansas



Life Master Delores McCuistian,
Unit 183, Denton



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LONE STAR REGIONAL FEBRUARY 3-9, 2025



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Tournament Hotel

Marriott Houston Westchase
2900 Briar Park Drive
Houston, TX 77042



- ♣ \$129 Room Rate
- ♣ Call (713) 978-7400
- ♣ Ask for ACBL Bridge rate
- ♣ Cut-off Date: Jan 12, 2025
- ♣ Reserve Early before it's sold out!
- ♣ <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1694898652688&key=GRP>

Hospitality

- ♥ Complementary ACBL labels
 - Email in advance to lsrlabels@gmail.com
 - Include Name, City, State, ACBL #
 - Pickup at Hospitality Desk
- ♥ Awards at Hospitality Desk
- ♥ Welcome gift
- ♥ Daily Breakfast items
- ♥ Hot Dog lunch on Friday
- ♥ Ice Cream on Saturday
- ♥ Buffet Lunch on Sunday

Future Life Masters



- ♦ New 0-20 game on Tues & Sat
- ♦ 1 Free play on Tues or Sat for 0-99ers

Game Fees

- ♠ Mon-Fri \$16
- ♠ ACBL Charity Game \$17
- ♠ Saturday \$17 (\$1 for NABC)
- ♠ Sunday \$18 (lunch included w/2 session entry)
- ♠ Cashless = cc only



Best Practices Teacher Workshop

- ♦ Sat-Sun Feb 1-2 9:00-3:00
- ♦ Registration Fee \$50
- ♦ Contact Karen Nussbaum
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Houston Marriott Westchase Convention Center

Monday, February 3

ACBL Charity Fund Pairs	Double Sessions	10 & 2:30
Morning Side Pairs	Single Session	10
99er Pairs	Two Sessions	10 & 2:30
299er Pairs	Two Sessions	10 & 2:30
Gold Rush Pairs	Double Sessions	10 & 2:30
Bracketed Swiss Teams	Double Sessions	10 & 2:30
Afternoon Side Pairs	Single Session	2:30
Evening Side Pairs	Single Session	7:00

Tuesday, February 4

Morning Side Pairs	Single Session	10
0-20 Pairs	Two Sessions	10 & 2:30
99er Pairs	Two Sessions	10 & 2:30
299er Pairs	Two Sessions	10 & 2:30
Open Pairs	Double Sessions	10 & 2:30
Gold Rush Pairs	Double Sessions	10 & 2:30
Bracketed Swiss Teams	Double Sessions	10 & 2:30
Afternoon Side Pairs	Single Session	2:30
Evening Side Pairs	Single Session	7:00

Wednesday, February 5

Morning Side Pairs	Single Session	10
99er Pairs	Two Sessions	10 & 2:30
299er Pairs	Two Sessions	10 & 2:30
Open Pairs	Double Sessions	10 & 2:30
Gold Rush Pairs	Double Sessions	10 & 2:30
Bracketed Swiss Teams	Double Sessions	10 & 2:30
Afternoon Side Pairs	Single Session	2:30
Evening Side Pairs	Single Session	7:00

Stratification & Flighting

Open Pairs:	A: 3500+	X: 1250-3500	Y: 0-1250
299ers:	B: 200-300	C: 100-200	D: 0-100
Gold Rush:	B: 500-750	C: 300-500	D: 0-300

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

Hospitality Chair

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Event Naming

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Thursday, February 6

Morning Side Pairs	Single Session	10
99er Pairs	Two Sessions	10 & 2:30
299er Pairs	Two Sessions	10 & 2:30
Gold Rush Pairs	Double Sessions	10 & 2:30
Open Pairs	Double Sessions	10 & 2:30
Bracketed Swiss Teams	Double Sessions	10 & 2:30
Afternoon Side Pairs	Single Session	2:30
Evening Side Pairs	Single Session	7:00

Friday, February 7

Morning Side Pairs	Single Session	10
99er Pairs	Two Sessions	10 & 2:30
299er Pairs	Two Sessions	10 & 2:30
Gold Rush Pairs	Double Sessions	10 & 2:30
Open Pairs	Double Sessions	10 & 2:30
Bracketed Swiss Teams	Double Sessions	10 & 2:30
Afternoon Side Pairs	Single Session	2:30
Evening Side Pairs	Single Session	7:00

Saturday, February 8

Morning Side Pairs	Single Session	10
99er Pairs	Two Sessions	10 & 2:30
0-20 Pairs	Two Sessions	10 & 2:30
299er Pairs	Two Sessions	10 & 2:30
Gold Rush Pairs	Double Sessions	10 & 2:30
Open Pairs	Double Sessions	10 & 2:30
ON-LINE Open Pairs	Double Sessions	10 & 2:30 *
Bracketed Swiss Teams	Double Sessions	10 & 2:30
Afternoon Side Pairs	Single Session	2:30
Evening Side Pairs	Single Session	7:00

* Instructions on the Unit 174 website at acllunit174.org

Sunday, February 9

Open Pairs	Double Sessions	9 & 1:30
Bracketed Swiss Teams	Double Sessions	9 & TBA

* Early start to finish in time for Super Bowl LIX.

I/N Chair

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NOTE: Be scent-sitive - this is a fragrance-free tournament.
No offensive odors.