



Daily Bulletin

Monday, February 2

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Welcome to the 2009 Houston Regional



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2009 Tournament Co-Chairmen

On behalf of Houston Unit 174 and the Unit 174 Board of Directors, we are delighted to welcome you to the 2009 Houston Lone Star Regional. We are glad you're here and hope you have a wonderful time and a successful tournament!

Once again the daily bulletins will be published in a booklet format; we hope you like the new layout. It should make finding information in the bulletin simpler.

Make sure you register and receive your registration gifts; when you're there don't forget to sign up for your free sheet of entry labels! Only one sheet per person, please.

The \$2 bill is still here! Section top winners in each strat in open pair events and event winners in team events win a \$2 bill. In the I/N events, overall winners in each strat get paper weights, and section top winners in each strat have the option of either mugs or glasses.

We also would like to make sure we get photos of

all overall event winners and all new Life Masters for the *Daily Bulletin* and the *D16 Scorecard*! Look for Donna Sparks in her special area by the entry desk where she will be taking pictures of 1st Overall winners.

We will have door prizes every day. Let's hope you are one of the "LUCKY WINNERS"

We will again give out \$1 coupons during -many sessions; these are redeemable at the concession stand in the playing area.

The hotel has a fine dining room in the hotel; be sure to try it out. In addition, there are many, many fine restaurants near the hotel; a map with addresses and telephone numbers is available at the registration table. Many of these restaurants have generously donated door prizes, so be sure to patronize some of them during your stay.

If you encounter any problems during your stay at the tournament, please don't hesitate to ask any member of the Board of Directors, any of the Tournament Committee Chairs, or any of the Tournament Directors for assistance. We are sincerely dedicated to making your memories of Houston only good ones, in hopes that you will come back next year and bring your friends!

Many, many, thanks to the huge number of volunteers whose hard work makes this tournament possible. There isn't enough gold in Fort Knox to compensate them for all their efforts!

Finally, may all your slams come home and may all your finesses work. Let's all more than honor our Zero Tolerance policy — be nice to your partner and to your opponents, and don't forget that the purpose of this game is to HAVE FUN!

Photographer

Overall winners of Open and I/N events are asked to see our photographer Donna Sparks at the Photo Station near the Director's Table in the Grand Pavilion for picture taking.

We've saved a place for you in tomorrow's DAILY BULLETIN and the D16 *Scorecard!*

Photographer Hours

Monday: 10:30-11:00pm

Tuesday-Saturday:

6:30-6:55pm & 10:30-11:00pm

Sunday: 30 minutes after the game

We also want pictures of anyone who has reached a new masterpoint rank at this tournament, especially you new Life Masters!



Ed Hoffing Memorial Bracketed KO I

Edgar Hoffing passed away on March 8th, 2008. He was 84 years old. Born in Chicago, he received his undergraduate degree in chemical engineering from the University of Illinois. Moving on to the Univ. of Southern California he received his doctorate. After an illustrious career with M.W. Kellogg, he retired as V. P. of Latin American sales.

Being the consummate bridge player, his contributions to the bridge world are many. In 1990, he volunteered and gave bridge lessons at Spring Branch Community Center. After 2 years of teaching, he wrote a booklet for beginners titled, "Competitive Bidding." At the same time he directed a non-sanctioned game once a week. Being the visionary he was, in 1992 he founded the ACBL sanctioned duplicate games at the community center, directing twice a week. This affected hundreds of bridge players and the games grew to other community centers. Many new players were added to the Houston membership. Again, volunteering his time at the community center, he taught advanced players the system of Max Hardy's "Two Over One Game Force." In August 2007, he achieved the rank of Gold Life Master.

Edgar is survived by Judith Hoffing, his wife of 26 years, son Glen, and four beautiful grandchildren.

Partnership Desk (Open & I/N)

Katherine & Bert Onstott and their crew will help arrange partnerships for the tournament at the partnership desk, located just inside the Grand Foyer as one enters from the hotel lobby.

Partnership Hours

Monday: 6-6:55pm; Tuesday-Saturday: 8:30-8:55am, 12-1:10pm, 6-6:55pm; Sunday: 8:30-9:55am

Tuesday Afternoon Intermediate/Newcomer Speaker Program

(I/N playing area)



Eddie Wold & Bob Morris
12:30pm - "Q & A by Houston's Finest"

Bulletins and Results may be found daily on the Texas Regional Conference Web Site

<http://www.d16acbl.org>.

2008 Defenders

*Defending today's events...
Can they do it again?*

KO I

- Bracket 1* Lou Ann O'Rourke, Marc Jacobus,
Geoff Hampson, Mike Passell, Eddie Wold
- Bracket 2* Marsha Berstein, Sanford Lobliner, Jane
Armstrong, Betty Starzec
- Bracket 3* Don Morgan, Gabriel Perry, David
Dyer, Ralph Herz
- Bracket 4* Sally Blewett, Patsy Pierce, Ann
Blohm, Phyllis Ogden
- Bracket 5* Robin Ladin, Stephen Reichek, Jay
Karkowsky, Jack Rawitscher
- Bracket 6* Hans Strohmmer, Nancy Strohmmer,
Robert Clarke, Alma Farley

Mon Eve Stratified Open Pairs

- Flight A* William Chan, Lorraine Coomes
- Flights B & C* Sue Kimbrell, Rosalind Howell

Parking at the NABC

Discounted parking for the Houston NABC, March 12-22, is available for \$5 with your convention card at the following locations:

Hilton Americas Houston/GRBCC Garage
Parking lot at Polk and Chenevert

Check www.acbl.org for parking updates.

NABC Raffle

Don't miss it! Thursday night we will have the raffle drawing for the NABCs. Some lucky person is going to win free plays for all games at the Houston NABCs in March. All raffle tickets have been sold and you don't need your ticket to win. Come and congratulate the LUCKY WINNER. Drawing will be at 6:45 p.m. Thursday night February 5th.

Dollar Coupons

\$1.00 coupons can be used at the concession stand in the playing area only.

Hospitality Desk

(Registration & Prizes)

Jane Armstrong and her volunteers will be eager to help you with registration gifts and prizes throughout the tournament.

Hospitality/Registration Desk Hours

Monday 5:30-6:55pm; Tuesday-Saturday: 8:30am-8:50am, 12:00-1:10pm, 6:00-6:55pm; Sunday 8:30-9:55am and 1/2 hour after final session of Swiss.

Register and pick up your welcome gift. You can also claim your prize for section tops, KO or Swiss wins starting the following day. Sunday's awards will be available immediately after the Swiss event.

Entry Labels

Unit 174 is providing labels with your Name, City, State and ACBL number for bridge entries - **FREE**. Provide your information to the Registration Desk and receive your labels the next day!

Book Store

Britain Beesley's OKLA. BOOKS store, specializing in bridge books and novelties, will be open before and after the sessions throughout the tournament.

Tuesday Evening Intermediate/Newcomer Speaker Program

(I/N playing area)



Dave Glandorf

6:15pm - "Yes, No, Maybe"

TODAY'S OPEN SCHEDULE – Sold in GRAND BALLROOM**Monday, February 2, 7:00pm****Ed Hoffing Memorial**Bracketed KO I 1st of 4 continues 9am, 1:15pm and 7pm Tues.**Henry Heebner Memorial**

Stratified* Pairs single

TODAY'S INTERMEDIATE/NEWCOMER SCHEDULE – Red Points – Sold in GRAND BALLROOM**Monday, February 2, 7:00pm**

0-5 if attendance warrants single

Stratified^ 49ers single

Stratified^ 299ers single

TOMORROW'S OPEN SCHEDULE – Sold in GRAND BALLROOM**Tuesday, February 3, 9:00am**Morning Stratified* Side Game Series 1st of 5 2 highest percentage sessions used for overall**Ed Hoffing Memorial**Bracketed KO I, continued 2nd**Tuesday, February 3, 1:15pm****Bertha Tucker Memorial**Bracketed KO III 1st of 4 continues Tues. 7pm, & 1:15pm & 7pm Wed.Stratified* Pairs 1st of 2**Milton Freedman's Friends**Afternoon Stratified* Side Game Series 1st of 5 2 highest percentage sessions used for overall**Ed Hoffing Memorial**Bracketed KO I, continued 3rd**Tuesday, February 3, 7:00pm**

Stratified* Swiss Teams single

Evening Stratified* Side Game Series 1st of 5 2 highest percentage sessions used for overall**Ed Hoffing Memorial**

Bracketed KO I, continued final

Bertha Tucker MemorialBracketed KO III, continued 2nd of 4Stratified* Pairs, continued 2nd of 2**Tuesday, February 3, 10:30pm**

Late Night Zip KO Teams single you lose, you snooze

TOMORROW'S INTERMEDIATE/NEWCOMER SCHEDULE – Sold in GRAND BALLROOM**Tuesday, February 3, 9:00am, 1:15pm and 7pm****Gary King Appreciation Day**

0-5 if attendance warrants single

Stratified^ 49ers single

Stratified^ 299ers single

*Open Stratified Event Breaks: A(1500+) B(500-1500) C(0-500)

**Strati-Flighted Event breaks: A/AX(3000+)/(0-3000) B/C/D(1000-2000)/(500-1000)/(0-500)

^299er Stratifications: A(200-300) B(100-200) C(0-100) 49er Stratifications: A(20-50) B(5-20) C(0-5)

°Entry Fees: \$12.00 per player per session, Mon-Fri Additional \$1 per player per session Sat-Sun