

February 1-7, 2010

Houston Lone Star Regional



# Daily Bulletin

Monday, February 1

Editor: Donna Compton

## Welcome to the 2010 Houston Regional



**Pat Levy**

**Paul Cuneo**

### 2010 Tournament Co-Chairmen

On behalf of Houston Unit 174 and the Unit 174 Board of Directors, we are delighted to welcome you to the 2010 Houston Lone Star Regional. This marks Houston's 49<sup>th</sup> Regional. We're glad you are here and hope you have a wonderful time and a successful tournament.

We will be publishing the daily bulletins in a booklet format and we hope it makes finding information easy.

Make sure you register and receive your registration gifts; and don't forget to sign up and then pick up your free page of name labels with your ACBL number.

Entries will be sold in the Grand Pavilion. The pair games will usually be played in the Grand Pavilion and the team games in the Grand Foyer. This year we will be using electronic Bridge Pads for automatic scoring at the tables in the pair games.

There will be prizes for section top winners in each stratum in pair events and event winners in the team events. In the I/N events, overall winners as well as section top winners will receive a prize.

We would like to get photos of all overall event winners and new Life Masters for the Daily Bulletin and the D16 Scorecard. Look for our photographer Donna Sparks in the Grand Pavilion near the I/N area where she will be taking pictures.

Unit 174 will be providing hospitality after the games on Tuesday thru Thursday evenings. Don't miss the opportunity to have a snack and talk over the hands with your partner and friends.

The hotel has a fine dining room, the Republic Grill. Be sure to try it out. The menu will change daily. They will be serving a specially priced lunch for bridge players every day.

There are many, many fine restaurants near the hotel. We have prepared a guide containing approximately 50 restaurants in the area. Several of these restaurants have agreed to give bridge players a 10% discount (food only) if you show your convention cards on arrival. These restaurants are noted with asterisks in the restaurant guide. The guide with addresses and phone numbers is available at the registration table.

If you encounter any problems during your stay at the tournament please don't hesitate to ask any of the tournament committee chairs for assistance. We are dedicated to making your memories of Houston good ones, in hopes that you will come back next year and bring your friends.

Many, many thanks to the wonderful volunteers whose hard work make this tournament possible and to the Committee Chairpersons: Partnership: Jolie Hess; Hospitality, Registration: Jane Armstrong; Caddies: Sandy Stevens, Speakers: Dianna Gittelman; Photography: Donna Sparks; Webmaster: Bert Onstott; Event Names: Marsha Bernstein; and Intermediate/Newcomer: Kathy Hughes.

Finally, may all your slams come home and may all your finesses work. Let's all honor our Zero Tolerance policy – be nice to your partner and to your opponents and don't forget the main purpose of this game is to have fun.

## 2009 Defenders

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

**KOI**

- Bracket 1* Eric Rodwell, Jeff Meckstroth, Allan Graves, Curtis Cheek, Reanette Frobouck  
*Bracket 2* Don Morgan, Ralph Hertz, David Dyer, Elton Lipnick  
*Bracket 3* Edwin Bain, Francine Hargrove, Adam Kaplan, Todd Kaplan  
*Bracket 4* David Russell, Paul Cuneo, RaeDonna Jones, Liz Karnicki  
*Bracket 5* Lucy Hofmann, Marilyn Jordan, Iretha Spinettei, Gail Waldo
- Mon Eve Stratified Open Pairs**  
*Flight A* Anita Cokins & Mildred Breed  
*Flight B* Jeff Nuttall & Lourdes Fletcher  
*Flight C* Johannes Koelman & Shirley Koelman

Bulletins and Results may be found daily  
on the Unit 174 Houston Web Site  
<http://www.acblunit174.org/>

### Monday Evening Intermediate/Newcomer Speaker Program (I/N playing area)



**Ed Groner**  
6:15pm "Thinking on Defense"

### 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

Tuesday-Saturday: 8:30am-8:50am,  
12:15-1:10pm, 6:00-6:55pm; Sunday 8:30-9:25am  
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.

### 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.

### Partnership Desk (Open & I/N)

Jolie Hess and her volunteers 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

Tuesday-Saturday: 8:30-8:55am,  
11:45-1:10pm,  
6-6:55pm; Sunday: 8:30-9:25am

### Photographer

Overall winners of Open and I/N events are asked to see our photographer Donna Sparks at the Photo Station near the Intermediate/Newcomer Desk 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

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!

**Tuesday Evening  
Intermediate/Newcomer  
Speaker Program**

(I/N playing area)



**Toni Snow**

**6:15pm "What to Do Over  
the Opponent's Takeout Double"**

**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!

**Tuesday Afternoon  
Intermediate/Newcomer  
Speaker Program**

(I/N playing area)



**Shawn Quinn**

**12:30pm "Planning the Play"**



**Eddie Wold Appreciation  
Bracketed KO I**

Houston is very fortunate to call home to Eddie Wold one of the world's top players. Having surpassed 55,000 masterpoints in 2009, Eddie is a Grand Life Master and #3 on the ACBL's masterpoint ranking list. Winner of 14 national titles, Eddie's lightning fast mind and bridge acumen are admired throughout the bridge world. Players in Houston have not only been privileged to compete against Eddie at local clubs but also to attend classes held by Eddie at various venues. Eddie's superb teaching ability is becoming increasingly well known as evidenced by his extremely successful bridge cruise in December with Bob Morris. (You can catch Eddie & Bob again on a bridge cruise to Alaska in August.) Eddie's delighted students say "thank you" to him for his willingness to share his bridge knowledge and his wonderful patience with our many missteps. Your girls – Betty, Bobbi, Dianna, Jane & Peaches

**Billie Kitchens Memorial  
Stratified Open Pairs**

Billie Kitchen was a true and valued friend, a beautiful person inside and out. When you saw her, she always had a smile on her face and greeted you with "Hello Darlin". Billie spent much of her life within the bridge world she loved playing and working at every level. She loved to entertain her friends and was extremely good at it. Her caring for others and giving of herself is missed by all fortunate enough to have known her and been in her presence.

**TODAY'S OPEN SCHEDULE – Sold in GRAND BALLROOM****Monday, February 1, 7:00pm****Eddie Wold Appreciation**Bracketed KO I 1<sup>st</sup> of 4 continues 9am, 1:15pm and 7pm Tues.**Billie Kitchens Memorial**

Stratified\* Pairs single

**TODAY'S INTERMEDIATE/NEWCOMER SCHEDULE – Red Points – Sold in GRAND BALLROOM****Monday, February 1, 7:00pm**

0-5 if attendance warrants single

Stratified^ 49ers single

Stratified^ 299ers single

**TOMORROW'S OPEN SCHEDULE – Sold in GRAND BALLROOM****Tuesday, February 2, 9:00am**Morning Stratified\* Side Game Series 1<sup>st</sup> of 5 2 highest percentage sessions used for overall**Eddie Wold Appreciation**Bracketed KO I, continued 2<sup>nd</sup>**Tuesday, February 2, 1:15pm****Donna Sparks Appreciation**Bracketed KO II 1<sup>st</sup> of 4 continues Tues. 7pm, & 1:15pm & 7pm Wed.**Army 2nd Battalion, 8th Calvary**Stratified\* Pairs 1<sup>st</sup> of 2**Sally Wheeler Appreciation**Afternoon Stratified\* Side Game Series 1<sup>st</sup> of 5 2 highest percentage sessions used for overall**Eddie Wold Appreciation**Bracketed KO I, continued 3<sup>rd</sup>**Tuesday, February 2, 7:00pm**

Stratified\* Swiss Teams single

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0-5 if attendance warrants single

Stratified^ 49ers single

Stratified^ 299ers single

\*Open Stratified Event Breaks: A(2000+) B(750-2000) C(0-750)

\*\*Strati-Flighted Event breaks: A/AX(2500+)/(0-2500) 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

\$2 additional per session for non &amp; unpaid ACBL Members