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Wold Wins Mott-Smith Trophy! Wold & Morris Win Open Pairs; Compton 2nd in Vanderbilt; Zilic & Peters 2nd in Silver Ribbon; Sutherlin 2nd in Women's Swiss; Blount & Hughes 2nd in NAP Flight C



Eddie Wold



Bob Morris



Chris Compton



John Zilic



Tom Peters



Peggy Sutherlin



Inger Lise Blount



Jeanette Hughes

By David Sokolow

District 16 players made a strong statement at the Spring NABC in Pittsburgh from the get-go, as Eddie Wold and Bob Morris of Houston won the aptly-titled opening event of the tournament, the Open Pairs. In the final session, Eddie and Bob had a whopping 67% game to vault from 28th place to the top spot. Although each had won NABC events with other partners (Eddie had 11 wins, and Bob one), this was their first NABC win as a pair. Congratulations to this popular duo! Eddie's victory in the Open Pairs also helped him capture the Mott-Smith Trophy (his second!), awarded to the player who wins the most masterpoints at the Spring NABC. Kudos to Eddie as the ACBL's top dog in P'burgh!

Chris Compton of Dallas had an amazing run in the Vanderbilt. His team, originally seeded #23, made it all the way to the finals, before falling to the original #4 seed. Along the way, Chris's team dispatched four higher-seeded teams, including the illustrious Nickell squad. As the immediate past president of the United State Bridge Federation (the organization in charge of international competition for the United States), Chris deserves both our thanks AND our congratulations. Mike Passell, Plano, and Eddie Wold had a fine showing in the Vanderbilt, too,

finishing tied for third-fourth.

John Zilic of Houston and Tom Peters of Grapeland finished second in the Silver Ribbon Pairs. (Bit o' trivia: the winner was my high school English teacher, with whom I played bridge 40 years ago!) John and Tom have had success as a pair before at the nationals—they won the Open Pairs II in 1994.

Dallas denizen Peggy Sutherlin finished second in the Women's Swiss Teams. Peggy is on a roll: she has finished first or second in the last four NABC women's team events. As a result, Peggy's team has a bye to the semifinals of the Women's International Team Trials in Las Vegas this June. The winners and runners-up will represent the United States in the Venice Cup, to be held in Estoril, Portugal, in October. Good luck, Peggy!

Success in NABC events was not confined to District 16 luminaries. Inger Lise Blount of Horseshoe Bay and Jeanette Hughes of Marble Falls finished second the North American Pairs-Flight C. Congratulations on a fine showing!

A number of District 16 players had top-ten finishes in national events. Dan Morse, Houston, and Bobby Wolff, were third in the Open Swiss Teams, and 5/8 in the Vanderbilt. Bob Hamman, Dallas, was 5/8 in the Vanderbilt on another team. Sidney

Lazard and Bart Bramley of Dallas finished fourth in the North American Pairs-Flight A. Hemant Lall, Plano, was eighth, in the Open Pairs. Lynn Baker of Austin was ninth in the Women's Swiss Teams. In the Women's Pairs, Shawn Quinn, Richmond, and Grace Hunt, Dallas, were fifth, and Peggy Sutherlin was eighth. Petra Hamman, Dallas, and Hemant Lall finished sixth in the Mixed Pairs. Finally, Patricia Lozano, San Antonio, and Justin, Lall, Plano, were ninth in the North American Pairs-Flight B, while Wanwan Ren and Jeff Ford of Austin were fifth in Flight C.

The Summer 2005 NABC is in Atlanta. Good news for the heat-averse: all events will be played at the host hotel, so you don't ever have to go outside during ten-and-a-half days of play if you don't want to! Come experience Southern hospitality at its finest, along with a peach daiquiri or mint julip if you're so inclined. See ya there!

Congratulations to all of the winners at the Pittsburgh Spring NABCs: **International Fund Game B3.** Wistie Oppenlander, The Colony **NAOP Flt A 4.** Sidney Lazard-Bart Bramley, Dallas 13. John Zilic, Houston-Thomas Peters Grapeland **Educational Fund KO Teams Bkt I 2.** Barry Turner,

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Dan Morse
District 16
Representative



Despite the Snow Flakes and Rain the tournament was a successful championship with about 9600 tables in play. District Director Sharon Fairchild, Tournament Chairwoman Roni Gitchel and their local volunteers worked hard to make everyone happy – and that's not an easy job. Their fund raising was extraordinary as were their Hospitality gifts. We thank all of District 5 for their hospitality.

This is a special year for the ACBL as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the National Goodwill Committee. Chairwoman Aileen Osofsky would like the Units to consider sponsoring a Unit Goodwill Committee. District 16 already has in place The Texas Star Award for outstanding workers of each Unit. I would like to ask the Units to consider this program to see if we can become a friendlier group and keep more of the new players. I would like to ask the members who have been given a Goodwill Pin to help in this project. If any of you are interested, please call Joan Morse at 713.599.0047 or Dewitt Hudson at 817.784.1313. Thank you.

We were happy to have Roger Smith 2005 ACBL President to be present at our recent Houston Regional. I hope those of you who wanted to visit with Roger were able to do so.

Tournaments: The ACBL had a record setting year in 2004 with the highest number of tournament tables of all time. (463,409). Member numbers are rising and retention of first year members has increased to a record 66%. I think we can do even better on membership numbers if we all recommend Duplicate Bridge to our non-bridge playing friends.

Clubs: Club participation was up 66% in the North American Pairs for 2004. Starting on January 1, 2005, any Club Official or Teacher recruiting 25 new members during a calendar year will receive a \$100.00 Gift Certificate to the ACBL Product store.

If any of the Unit, Clubs, or

individuals would like to promote Bridge in an event such as Senior Games, Health Fairs, etc. the ACBL will send a variety of promotional items including an ACBL display.

Membership: The ACBL Board of Directors approved an increase in the quarterly rebate that Units receive for their members. The new rate is 11% of full dues payments and Life Master Service fees.

ACBL membership is the sum of all PAID Members and active UNPAID Life Members.

ACBL Committees: District 16 members 2005 National Committee appointments: Bob Hamman to Competitions & Convention Committee; Mildred Breed to Ethical Oversight Committee; Tom Peters to ACBL Disciplinary Committee and Dan Morse to Real Estate Committee.

A strategic Five-Year Plan for the ACBL was approved.

An Insurance Committee was appointed to study all liability insurance policies of the ACBL, Districts, Units, & Clubs and make a report in July.

A Real Estate Committee was appointed to study the Real Estate needs of the ACBL Home Office.

A Century Club will be established for our members that reach 100 years of age and an appropriate mention will be made in the Bulletin.

A sub-committee will be appointed to review the Regional Tournament Allocations.

The Board of Directors recommended to the Hall of Fame Committee that it increase the number of members who will be allowed to vote.

World Bridge: The ACBL will request our member countries (USA, Mexico, and Canada) to establish an appropriate dress code for teams representing us in International competition.

U.S. Junior Fund will limit its contribution to \$50,000 annually to support International Junior Bridge.

If any Unit would like me to attend a unit meeting or have any questions or problems I could help with, please E-mail me at danmorse@sbcglobal.net or call 713.599.0047.

See you at the tables!

Mott-Smith Trophy

This trophy is awarded every year to the player with the best overall individual performance record in the North American Bridge Championships. Donated by friends in memory of Geroffrey Mott-Smith in 1961, it was made retroactive to 1958 to include all the winners.

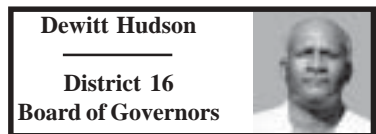
District 16 Winners

1973 Bobby Wolff; 1978 Mike Passell; 1983 Mike Passell; 1989 Eddie Wold; 1990 John Sutherlin; 1997 Bart Bramley; 1998 Eddie Wold; 1999 Petra Hamman; 2005 Eddie Wold.

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Dewitt Hudson
District 16
Board of Governors

Do you remember the song – “Baby, It’s Cold Outside”? Pittsburgh was COLD, but in spite of the weather, District #5 had a great Spring NABC. The staff did almost everything possible to make you feel comfortable. The table count was 9593 and was less than had been anticipated. Additionally, the senior participation was less than normal – was the weather a factor?

Goodwill Celebrates Its 50th Anniversary: While playing bridge in Pittsburgh with partner Aileen Osofsky, National Chairperson for the ACBL Goodwill Committee, one young player, as he sat down to play, stated that “had he known that she was going to be here, he would have brought some of his old clothes (smile). Let’s start today to better the bridge environment. Welcome people to your table and be kind to your partner and

your opponents.

Volunteer Of The Year Award: Bruce Reeves, former president of the ACBL and currently the District #7 representative, is the creator of the Volunteer of the Year Award. He stated that many individuals take for granted all the effort and work donated by our volunteers. It costs very little to say “thanks” or a pat on the back.

ACBL Educational Foundation: Yearly, when you pay your ABCL service fees, don’t forget to add \$2.00 for the ACBL Educational Foundation. Comparison of the funds received from February 2004 through February 2005 reflected a sharp decrease in funds collected. The bulk of the funds go to support the Junior Education Program and Scholarship.

Atlanta 2005 Summer NABC: If you are planning to attend Atlanta for the summer NABC, the 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. schedules are best suited for the Atlanta area. Traffic conditions are horrendous during the noon and 4:00 p.m. hours. See you in Atlanta.

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Richardson-John Schwartz, Plano-Bill Staats, Southlake-Mark Bumgardner, Carrollton TX **Pittsburgh Pirates Strat Open Prs** A4. John Zilic, Houston **Fri Eve Eat’N’Park Strat Open Prs** A2. Marsha Bernstein-Sanford Lobliner, Houston **Howard Lebow KO Teams Bkt I** 2. Charles Weed, Dallas 3/4. Chris Compton, Dallas **Bkt III** 3/4. Dewitt Hudson Jr, Arlington **Bkt VII** 3/4. Linda Anthony, Austin **Fri-Sat Aft/Eve Strat Series** A1. Othella Muzzio-Henry Muzzio Jr, Flower Mound B4. Wistie Oppenlander, The Colony **USX Strati-Flted Open Prs Strat BCD** B4/5.C3/4. Bert Sheldon, San Antonio **George Barry Strat Swiss Teams** A3. John Zilic, Houston **Silodor Open Prs** 1. Eddie Wold-Robert Morris, Houston 8. Hemant Lall, Plano 23. John Schwartz, Plano-Barry Turner, Richardson 24. Bob Hamman, Dallas 28. Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio 47. Mark Lair, Canyon **George Lamproplos Compact KO Teams Bkt I** 3. Barry Schaffer, Frisco 4. Joan Jackson-Donna Compton, Dallas **Bkt III** 4. Terry Currie-Pat McMullin, Houston-Carolyn Pinto, Fort Worth-James Thurtell, Dallas **Bkt V** 2. John Mc Connell-Carol McConnell, Desoto-Jane Hopkins-Charles Brown, Denton **Bkt VI** 4. Bryan Morgan, Dallas-Anthony Eckman, Austin-Margot Hirsch, Arlington **Bkt IX** 1. Mike Huiatt-Terry Bickerton-Janet Huiatt-Pamela Bickerton, Fair Oaks Ranch **George Lamproplos Compact KO Consol Teams Bkt VIII** 3. Diane Washabaugh-Janet Jordan, Aledo-Sue Semple, Southlake-Ann Couch, Fort Worth **Jim Shaw Sat Morn Strat Open Prs** A5. Marsha Bernstein-Sanford Lobliner, Houston **Ist Sun Strat Open Prs** A7. Stephen Kornegay-Nancy Kornegay, N Richlnd Hls B4/5. Lynnnda Paukune-Victoria Castleberry, Houston C4. Robert Benson, Georgetown **Marge Tamres KO Teams Bkt VI** 3/4. Diane Washabaugh-Janet Jordan, Aledo-Sue Semple, Southlake-Ann Couch, Fort Worth **Ethel Halpern Strati-Flted Open Swiss Teams A/X** X2. Marsha Bernstein-Sanford Lobliner, Houston **84 Lumber Strati-Flted Swiss Teams Strati BCD** B3/4. J Wiegmann-Pamela Wiegmann, Lewisville-Bruce Brown-Elizabeth Brown, Denton **Norma Lace Strat Swiss Teams** B6.C1. Sue Semple, Southlake-Janet Jordan-Diane Washabaugh, Aledo-Ann Couch, Fort Worth C2. Barbara Traphagen-Carolyn Marks-Kathy Coleman, Fort Worth **Silver Ribbon Prs** 2. John Zilic, Houston-Thomas Peters, Grapeland 28. Judy Kay-Wolff, Dallas **Levin Furniture Strati-Flted BCD Prs** B6.C3. Bert Sheldon, San Antonio D5/6. Robert Benson, Georgetown **Mon Eve Strat Open Prs** B1. Charles Gibson Jr, Arlington-Carol McConnell, Desoto B3.C1. Linda Anthony, Austin **Mon Compact KO Teams Bkt III** 1. Justin Lall, Plano **Bkt VII** 1. Bryan Morgan, Dallas-Anthony Eckman, Austin **Mon Compact KO Consol Teams Bkt IV** Barry Turner, Richardson-John Schwartz, Plano **Marge Newman Morn Strat Open Prs** A6. Marsha Bernstein-Sanford Lobliner, Houston B6.C2. Sue Semple, Southlake-Ann Couch, Fort Worth C3. Margot Hirsch, Arlington **Dorothy Glick Fast Strat Open Prs** B3. Joe Freeman, Flower

Mound International Fund Game A5.B2. Bruce Brown-Elizabeth Brown, Denton **Sam Gold Strat Swiss Teams** B1/3. Bryan Morgan, Dallas **Greensburg BC Strat Open Prs** B4. Bert Sheldon, San Antonio **ACBL Charity Game** C4. Britt Siem, Houston-Lotte Optekamp, Katy **Tyes-Gifties KO Teams Bkt I** 3/4. Mark Lair, Canyon **Bkt II** 2. Justin Lall, Plano **Bkt IV** 3/4. Michael Heymann, Fort Worth **Wed Aft Strat Open Prs** A1. Thomas Corlett, Waco-Henry Muzzio Jr, Flower Mound A4. Joan Morse, Houston **Rockwell Mixed Prs** 6. Petra Hamman, Dallas-Hemant Lall, Plano 33. Mildred Breed, Austin **Clint Burns Strat Swiss Teams** A6/8. Judy Kay-Wolff, Dallas **Café Amante Strat Open Prs** A3. Greg Hinze, San Antonio **Wed Compact KO Teams Bkt I** 2. Joe Quinn, Richmond-John Zilic, Houston **Bkt IV** Joe Freeman, Flower Mount **Bkt VI** 2. J Wiegmann-Pamela Wiegmann, Lewisville-Bruce Brown-Elizabeth Brown, Denton **Bkt IX** 3. Barbara Traphagen, Fort Worth-Margot Hirsch, Arlington **Bkt X** 1. Lorraine Little-Shirley Prewitt-Kathy Coleman-Carolyn Marks, Fort Worth **Wed KO Consol Teams Bkt II** 3. Jyme Schmieder-Richard Schmieder, Boerne **Bkt V** 1. Eddie Bass, Houston-Lisa Burton, Austin **Wed Eve Zip Strat Swiss Teams** A3. Thomas Corlett-Ethel Corlett, Waco-Nancy Peterson, Eules-Jimmy Reynolds, Arlington A4.B2. Joe Freeman, Flower Mound **Rodef Shalom Strat Open Prs** A1.B1.C1. Steven Tuggle, Pearland-Jeremy Dilbeck, Houston **Bernadine Patesic Strat IMP Prs** A6.B3. Eileen Smith-James McCommons, Dallas **Louis Cohn KO Teams Bkt I** 3/4. Charles Weed, Dallas **Bkt III** 1. Carolyn Jackson, Sugar Land **Orlando Stevenson Morn Strat Open Prs** B5.C2. Kathy Coleman-Carolyn Marks, Fort Worth **WV Bridge Club Strati-Flted Swiss Teams AX** A1. Robert Morris, Houston-Edith Rosenkranz-Miguel Reygadas, Mexico City **Strati BCD** B1. Sanford Lobliner, Houston B2. Anthony Eckman, Austin **Fri Aft Strat Open Prs** A1. Othella Muzzio-Henry Muzzio Jr, Flower Mound **Fri Eve Strat Swiss Teams** A2. Richard Schmieder-Jyme Schmieder, Boerne **Lebhar IMP Prs** 12. Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio 24. Jack Lacy, Round Rock-James Thurtell, Dallas 33. Tobi Sokolow, Austin **Whitehead Women’s Prs** 5. Shawn Quinn, Richmond-Grace Hunt, Dallas 8. Peggy Sutherlin, Dallas 21. Mildred Breed-Claudette Hartman, Austin 27. Joan Jackson, Dallas **Bill Bazeman Strat Open Prs** A7. Patricia Lozano-

Greg Hinze, San Antonio B7. Bert Sheldon, San Antonio **Fri-Sat Morn Compact KO Teams Bkt II** 3. Bryan Morgan, Dallas **March Madness Compact KO Teams Bkt I** 3. Robert Morris, Houston-Miguel Reygadas-George Rosenkranz, Mexico City **Bkt V** 3. Joe Freeman, Flower Mound **Bkt VIII** 3. Margot Hirsch, Arlington-Barbara Traphagen, Fort Worth **March Madness Compact KO Consol Teams Bkt IV** 2. Anthony Eckman, Austin **Bkt V** 1. Judith Lotridge, Plano -Eileen Smith-James McCommons, Dallas **Bkt VIII** 1. Gladys Ulrich, The Woodlands **Fri Eve Zip Strat Swiss Teams** A2. Justin Lall, Plano B3. Bob Scallan, Dallas-Suresh Agrawal, Rowlett **Oxford Development Strat Open Prs** C2. Shirley Prewitt-Lorraine Little, Fort Worth **5th Avenue Place Strat Swiss Teams** A3. Elaine Wood, Southlake **Stable Strati-Flted Open Prs AX** A2. John Zilic, Houston A5. Michael Heymann, Fort Worth A7. Barry Schaffer, Frisco X7. Shirley Matthews, Lindale **Murray Goldman Strati-Flted Prs Strati BCD** B4. Bryan Morgan, Dallas B7. Joe Freeman, Flower Mound **H J Heinz KO Teams Bkt II** 1. Carolyn Jackson, Sugar Land **Orlando Stevenson Strat Open Prs** A6.B5.C2. Inger Lise Blount, Horseshoe Bay-Jeanette Hughes, Marble Falls **Golder N.A. Prs Flt B** 9. Patricia Lozano, San Antonio-Justin Lall, Plano 11. Suresh Agrawal, Rowlett-Bob Scallan, Dallas **President’s Cup NLM Prs** 2. Inger Lise Blount, Horseshoe Bay-Jeanette Hughes, Marble Falls 4. Wanwan Ren-Jeff Ford, Austin **Leeds Strati-Flted Open Prs AX** A1. Chris Compton, Dallas A6. Shirley Matthews, Lindale A7. George Rosenkranz-Miguel Reygadas, Mexico City A8. Mildred Breed, Austin TX **Strati BCD** B3.C3. Steven Tuggle, Pearland-Jeremy Dilbeck, Houston **Anderson Group Senior Strat Swiss Teams** A6. David Sokolow, Austin **Women’s Swiss Teams** 2. Peggy Sutherlin, Dallas 9. Lynn Baker, Austin **Jacoby Swiss Teams** 3. Dan Morse, Houston-Bobby Wolff, Dallas 10. Mark Lair, Canyon 12. Bart Bramley, Dallas 13/14. Eddie Wold, Houston-Mike Passell, Plano 17. Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio-Hemant Lall, Plano-Ira Chorush, Houston **Sun-Mon Aft/Eve Side Series** 5/6. Wanda Meyer, Houston 5/6. Shirley Stanton, Houston **Vanderbilt KO Teams** 2. Chris Compton, Dallas 3/4. Mike Passell, Plano-Eddie Wold, Houston 5/8. Bob Hamman, Dallas 5/8. Bobby Wolff, Dallas-Dan Morse, Houston 9/16. Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio 17/32. Bart Bramley-Sidney Lazard, Dallas.

Attention!!!

Scorecard Photographers Swiss Team Winners

Please arrange swiss teams with the
2 shortest players standing in the back
and the two tallest players
sitting down in chairs in the front.

If it is a 5/6 person team, arrange players 3 and 3.
Carefully label the players left to right, back to front

Pair Winners

Please place players standing side by side with shoulders
touching. Carefully label the players left to right.

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Other Upcoming Events

Cavendish Invitational (Las Vegas)	May 3-8
United States Bridge Championship (Houston)	May 12-22
United States Women’s Bridge Championship (Las Vegas)	June 4-12
2nd European Open Bridge Championship (Canary Island)	June 18-July 2
United States Senior’s Bridge Championship (San Antonio)	July 4-7
Summer NABC (Atlanta)	July 21-31

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DEADLINE for the July/August Issue

Advertising: June 1st
Articles and Columns: June 6th
Copy must be typed.
E-mail preferable.
Pictures cannot
be returned.

ALERT!

**DALLAS CELEBRITY INDIVIDUAL
to be held during the Memorial Day Sectional
is CANCELLED**

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Letter from the District President...



DeWitt Hudson

As I travel around the District I find many warm and receptive people. To date, I have visited the following area tournaments: Rockport, McAllen, Kerrville, Lubbock, Temple and Grapevine. My wife, Elizabeth, and I have enjoyed traveling and meeting so many wonderful folks. Plans are underway to visit Richardson, Austin and Fort Worth in the next couple of months. During my visits with local unit officials I have heard about many incredible programs being implemented across our District. The following are just a few of these ideas which you may want to consider for your unit.

Charity Unit Grant Rebate: San Antonio Unit 172 tops ACBL's Charity Rebate with \$852.00. We currently have four other units - 201, 204, 209 and 224 - due for a charity rebate if they initiate the request prior to November 31, 2005. Call Kelly McQuire at 901.332.5586 for the required form. Unit 172 schedule four charity games per year and the unit pays the difference between what is due to the ACBL charity and the normal cost of an entry. This means more masterpoints at no increase to the members. This is a winning situation for the players, club owners and units!

Volunteer Recognition: We have so many individuals who are doing everything possible to better bridge in our District and they are not being recognized. District-9 Unit presidents

(Florida) are currently awarding two deserving individuals per year District-9 Goodwill Pins. I think this is a great idea and I would like to hear your comments prior to the San Antonio District Board meeting. I will have the District 9 Goodwill Pins available for your viewing at the regional in July.

Newcomer Bridge: Another very successful program is the FUNWAY BRIDGE in Unit 237. Delores and Don Jensen are the club managers and have created this program to increase the Valley membership. A short mini-lesson is given prior to the game and a critique of the hands with refreshments is offered after the game. Fewer hands are played and extra time is given per round which creates a very relaxing atmosphere. The program lasts three hours from the start of the mini-lesson to the end of the follow-up critique.

Unit Growth Seminar: Donna Compton just recently presented a very successful seminar in Austin. I expect to see Unit 207's membership numbers increase dramatically over the next year. The main idea of the program is to increase unit members and increase interest in local clubs and tournaments. This program is FREE to the units and I would like to see all of our units take advantage of this program. For additional information call Donna at 214.373.7055 or email her at donna.compton@acbl.org.

Teacher Accreditation Program: District 16 is in desperate need of teachers. We need more members to become accredited teachers and start classes in their respective areas. To this end, I strongly suggest that anyone interested in becoming an ACBL Accredited Teacher should take advantage of the TAP course being offered during the San Antonio Regional in July (See p.4 for more information). District 16 will supplement the cost for all District 16 members to take the course. Additionally, Unit 172 is giving their members an even further discount on the course. We need to take bridge out into our communities and to do this we need more teachers. So sign up now for the San Antonio Teacher Accreditation Program!

Attention!!!

New Life Masters

When you become a Life Master Please send your picture to Scorecard, 4744 Alta Vista Circle Dallas, TX 75229 or email to scorecard@mindspring.com

Reported in Scorecards' Past ... by Chris Compton

35 Years Ago

At the Spring Houston Sectional: Florence Mae Schudy and Dottie Ann Goodloe won the Women's Pairs; John Gerber and Bill Brown won the Men's pairs; Barry Hagedorn, Brad Gentry, Mickey Finch and Bill Johnson won the Swiss Teams.

An ad for the Lubbock Sectional advertised card fees of \$3.25 for the main events and \$2.00 for the side games.

The report of the first ever Amarillo Regional showed: Bloody Marys served in the morning side games and Paul Orlett of Kansas City scooping 112.03 masterpoints!

30 Years Ago

District Director Ira G. Corn reported that the ACBL made \$80,000 for the year 1974. He also said that an event for amateurs only was approved. Excluded from the definition of amateurs was any player with a national championship or 1000 masterpoints.

At the Spring Fort Worth Sectional: Fran Beard and Carolyn Majors won the Unmixed Pairs; Charlie Price and Jeri Allen were second in the Open Pairs; and Blair Fedder, David Hadden, Roy Jambor, Hugh Hillaker and Charles Price tied for first in the Swiss.

District 16 won a zonal play-off in the Grand National Teams. Team members were Bob Hamman, Bobby Wolff, Charlie Weed, Dr. John Fischer, and Jim Hooker.

At the Lubbock Regional: Mark Lair, Robert Baldwin, Ron LaCour, John Potter and Lester Dewey won the Knockout; Dr. James Tucker, Gaylor Kasle, Ron LaCour, Henry Divis and David Seibert won the 158 Swiss Teams.

Bob Hamman advertised his services as Chartered Life Underwriter.

The advertisement for the Austin 4th of July Regional listed hotel prices beginning at \$19.50 for the Sheraton Crest.

25 Years Ago

The District 16 GNT was won by Bob Hamman, Bobby Wolff, Ira Corn, Mike Passell and Eddie Wold.

District club owners Bud Creed, Bob Norwood and Steve Honet opposed the new \$.25 player participation fee.

At the Dallas Winter Regional Hemant Lall and Jan Elkins won the Mixed Pairs; Jerry Crooker and E.X. Snovel won the Men's Pairs; Jack Kennedy, Betty Ann Kennedy, Barry Crane, Charlie Gabriel and John Fischer won the Swiss Teams.

At the Rockport Sectional: Chris

DISTRICT 16 NEW LIFE MASTERS

Doug Boswell
SpringWilliam Byrnes
EulessPeggy Byrnes
EulessMichael Childs
AledoAnita Cokins
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AustinDianne Ebert
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Dallas

Life Masters

Doug Boswell, Spring; David Buck, Temple; Michael Childs, Aledo; Anita Cokins, Austin; Jerrell Cosby, Fort Worth; Hal DeShong, Austin; Dianne Ebert, Austin; James Esker, Richardson; Bill Gervais, Cypress; Jim Greeney, Georgetown; John Linden, Houston; Vangie Lindsey, Midland; Marilyn Livingston, Fort Worth; Mary Lundblad, Houston; Sylvere Luquette, Van; Martha Mickey, Houston; Carol Nicoud, Dallas; Eric Sandberg, Houston; Harry Selldin, Houston; Christian Stevens, Garland; Vincent Toepp, Houston; Carol Van Dyke, Friendswood; Elaine Wood, Southlake; Ima Ruth Wood, Friendswood; Randolph Worsham, Dallas, Charles Zander, Missouri City.

Milestones

Platinum (10000 MP's)

Ed Groner, Houston; Steve J. Lawrence, Athens; George M. Pisk, Manchaca; Steve A. Shirey, Fort Worth.

Emerald (7500 MPs)

Compton and Gary King won the Open Pairs; Ed Rawlinson, Jerry Crooker, Grady Watkins, and E.X. Snovel won the Swiss Teams.

20 Years Ago

The District GNT Flt A was won by Lorand Tritter, Clay McFarland, Paul Kelley and George Pisk. Flt B was won by Kim Cox, James Leibfarth, George Olivari, and Tom Dunn.

El Paseo scheduled the first Senior Regional held in District 16.

At the Galveston Sectional: Jo and Bill Granberry and Marty and Patsy Arndt won the Swiss Teams; Barbara and Dawkins won the Open Pairs.

An advertisement for the San Antonio Regional listed Terry Riely as the Unit President; Cisse Horton as the Tournament Chairman, Rosemary Maguire as the Caddy Chairman; Darlene Riley as Partnership Chairman.

15 Years Ago

Fort Worth and its Tournament Chairman Ann Carb hosted an 11,302 table NABC. The report from the

Derrell Childs, Garland; Georgiana C. Gates, Houston; Tipton Golias, Beaumont; Hugh J. Hillaker, Grand Prairie; Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio; Hemant S. Lall, Plano; Jim Miller, Dallas; Robert F. Morris, Houston; Thomas J. Peters, Grapeland; Joe Quinn, Richmond; Terry Riely, San Antonio; Kenneth R. Schutze, Austin; Linda L. Spangler, Duncanville; Jacqueline S. Tucker, San Antonio; Grady T. Watkins, San Antonio.

Gold (2500 MPs)

Koy Bass, San Antonio; Joe Cointment, III, Dallas; John Erickson, Houston; Melody Gann, Arlington; Elizabeth Sturkie, Harlingen.

Silver (1000 MPs)

Janet Adams, Mansfield; JoAnn Brown, Dickinson; Victoria Castleberry, Houston; Steven Chiosini, Tyler; Marion Collins, Magnolia; Charles Grimes, Midland; Anton (Tony) Haddad, Houston; Michael Heymann, Fort Worth; Shirley Hyde, Bedford; Pat Krannichfeld, Fort Worth; Willamae Laird, San Antonio; Mary

Jeanne Moore, Lockney; Phyllis Ryan, Orange; Ralda St. Pierre, Houston; Mary Terry, Beaumont; Diane Van Brocklin, Laredo; Sandra Weber, San Antonio; Lynne Wood, Richardson; Dorothy Young, Alamo.

Bronze (500 MPs)

Mark Craiker, Carrollton; Peggy Jo Dugger, Beaumont; Jackie Everett, Houston; Ervie Freeman, Houston; Constance Heugel, Hemphill; Jimmy Hubbard, Wills Point; Mary Lundblad, Houston; Glenda Marshall, Georgetown; Bobby McNamee, Port Isabel; Peggy Naughton, Houston; Jean Palmer, McAllen; Daniel Renault, Houston; Harry Selldin, Houston; Fred Steger, Jr., McAllen; Ann Taylor, Houston; Vincent Toepp, Houston; Roxana Tom, New Braunfels; Ima Ruth Wood, Friendswood.

Other Achievers

1000 MPs

Madeline Hyman, San Antonio.

500 MPs

Lovelle Byrd, Lubbock; Betty Mahoney, Bryan; Billie Moses, Waco.

Chris.

At the Victoria Sectional: Marilyn German and Marina Mann won a Flight A Pairs; Ed Haley and Cynthia Cunningham won a Flight A Pairs.

Tom Whitesides was promoted to National Director and Field Supervisor.

5 Years Ago

The Results of the Cincinnati NABC showed: Robert Hamman won the Vanderbilt.

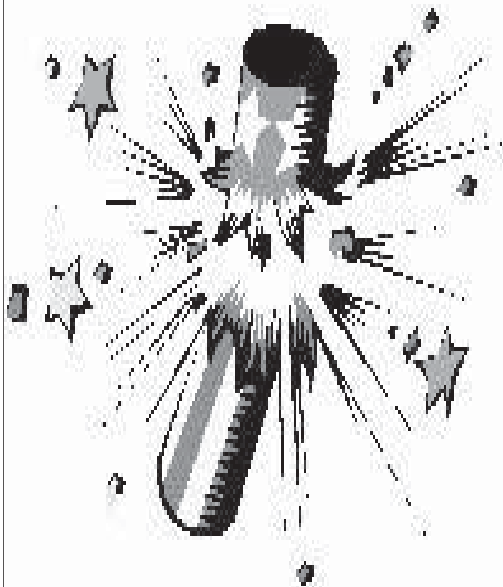
Jimmy Breihan won the National Mini-McKinney Master of the Year.

Dr. George Rosenkranz was inducted into the ACBL Hall of Fame.

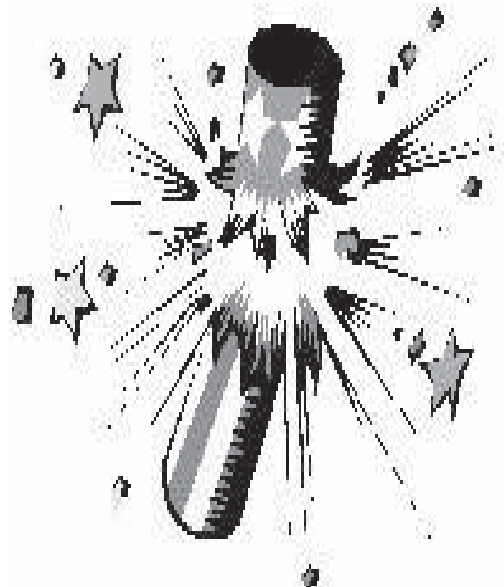
Greg Hinze and Nagy Kamel were third in the Cincinnati NABC.

At the Edinberg Sectional: Donna and Ken McBride won the Stratified Open and the Stratified Swiss.

The results of the 2000 Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup showed: Robert Hamman won the Bermuda Bowl; Shawn Quinn and Tobi Sokolow lost the Venice Cup by half an imp after teammates were penalized more than an imp for slow play!



San Antonio July 4th Regional



June 28-July 4, 2005

Omni Hotel

I-10 & Wurzbach, San Antonio, TX

210.691.8888 or 1.800.843.6664 Bridge Rate \$94

Open Pair Events

Tues	Win-an-Entry Pairs*	7 pm
Wed	Stratified Pairs	1 & 7 pm
Fri	Stratified Pairs	1 & 7 pm
Sat	Strati-Flighted Pairs	1 & 7 pm
Sun	Stratified Pairs	1 & 7 pm
Mon	Stratified Pairs	10:30 am & TBA

Team Events

KO I	Tues 7 pm and Wed 9 am, 1 & 7 pm
KO II	Wed 1 & 7 pm and Thur 1 & 7 pm
KO III	Thurs-Sun 9 am
Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams	Thurs 1 & 7 pm
KO IV	Fri 1 & 7 pm and Sat 1 & 7 pm
KO V	Sat 1 & 7 pm and Sun 1 & 7 pm
Compact KO I	Sat and Sun 9 am
Compact KO II	Sun 1 & 7 pm
Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams	Mon 10:30 & TBA
Stratified Swiss Teams, single sessions	Wed and Sun 7 pm
Board-A-Match, single session	Sat 7 pm
Zip KO, single sessions	Wed-Sun 10:45 pm

Senior Pairs (55 or older)

Wed	2 Sessions	10 am & 3 pm
Thurs	2 Sessions	10 am & 3 pm
Fri	2 Sessions	10 am & 3 pm
Sat	2 Sessions	10 am & 3 pm
Sun	2 Sessions	10 am & 3 pm

Side Game Series

Each side game runs five days Wednesday-Sunday
Your best 2 sessions count toward the overalls

Morning Side Game Series	9 am
Afternoon Side Game Series	1 pm
Evening Side Gam Series	7 pm

Stratification and Flighting

Pair Events: A: 2000+, B: 500-2000, C: 0-500
Strati-Flighted Events: A: 3000+, AX: 0-3000 (play together)
B: 1000-2000, C: 300-1000, D: 0-300 (play together)
KOs may be handicapped and/or shortened
to three sessions at DIC's discretion

Tournament Co-Chairs

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Photographer - John Bowers
Bulletin Editors - Ira & Ellen Hessel

The Marie Bailey I/N Program

299er Events

Tues	Stratified Pairs	7:00 pm
Wed	Stratified Pairs	10 am & 3 pm
Thurs	Stratified Pairs	10 am & 3 pm
Fri	Stratified Pairs	10 am & 3 pm
Sat	Stratified Pairs	10 am & 3 pm
Sun	Stratified Pairs	10 am & 3 pm

Stratifications: A: 200-300, B: 50-200, C: 0-50

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Wednesday-Sunday
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Kerrville Spring in the Hills Sectional, March 31-April 3, 2005



Thurs Aft Strat Open Prs ABC
Beula Pearce & Virginia Wynne



Fri Aft Stat Open Prs A
Patricia Lozano & Greg Hinze



Fri Aft Strat Open Prs B
David Pennington & Richard Cunningham



Fri Aft Strat 299er Prs AB
Frances Kent & Janice Bartlett



Fri Eve Strat Open Prs A
Cisse Horton & Jo Grabow



Fri Eve Strat 299er Prs ABC
Janet Siefert & Robert Siefert



Sat Aft Strat Open Prs A
Ira & Ellen Hessel



Sat Aft Strat Open Prs B
David Ewing & Bill Nickles



Sat Aft Strat 299er Prs ABC
Frances & James McMillon



Sat Eve Strat Open Prs B
June Barnebey & Evelyn Weaver



Sat Eve Strat Open Prs C
Diana & Richard Frankeny



Sat Eve Strat 299er Prs AB
Donald Jackson & Patricia Bailey



Thurs Strat BAM Teams A
Bill Walker & Ed Rawlinson
Donna & Kenneth McBride



Sun Strati-Fltd Teams B
Chris Hull & Carole Price
Bea Williamson & Sally Armstrong



Sun Strati-Fltd Teams C
Sally Parker & Barbara Altgelt
Susie Willerson & Jane Maclin



Sun Strati-Fltd Teams D
Rosemary Suess & Patricia Bailey
(NP) Leonidas Jones & Linda Jones



Sat Morn KO Teams Bkt III
Shirley Naumann & Rita Shackelford
Inger Blout & Sandra Davis



Thurs Strat BAM Teams B1/3C
Carlos Humphrey & Willene Humphrey
Rowena Gorman & Jim Gorman
Rowena & Jim also won
Sat Eve Strat 299er Prs C
Carlos & Willene also won
Fri Aft Strat Open Prs C



Thurs Strat BAM Teams B1/3
Linda Anthony & Vera Chimene
Laura Delfeld & Raj Nayar
Linda & Raj also won
Fri Eve Strat Open Prs B



Thurs Strat BAM Teams B1/3
Betty Marriett & Irene Oppenheim
Joyce Seitz & Charles Grimes
Betty & Joyce also won
Sat Morn Strat Open Prs B



Sat Morn KO Teams Bkt I
Sun Strati-Fltd Swiss Teams A
Babu Koneru & Terry Riely
Virginia Noelke & Carolyn Riely

Carlos Humphrey-Willene Humphrey B1/3. Linda Anthony-Vera Chimene-Laura Delfeld-Raj Nayar C2/3. Doris Little-Thomas Little-Corinne King-Melba Long C2/3. Joanne Chadderdon-Ann Blohm-James McMillon-Frances McMillon.

Fri Aft Strat Open Prs A1. Greg Hinze-Patricia Lozano A2. Clifton Miller Sr-Tony Haddad B1. Richard Cunningham-David Pennington B2.C1. Carlos Humphrey-Willene Humphrey C2. Marilyn Jacobs-Howard Janotta.

Fri Aft 299er Strat Prs A1.B1. Frances Kent-Janice Bartlett A2.B2. Dawne Church-Caroline Barker.

Fri Eve Strat Open Prs A1. Cisse

Horton-Josephine Grabow A2.B1. Linda Anthony-Raj Nayar B2. Anthony Eckman-Dean Truair C1. Randall Roberts-Phil Brown C2. Horatio Aldredge-Jacquelyn Aldredge.

Fri Eve 299er Strat Prs A1.B1.C1. Janet Siefert-Robert Siefert A2.B2.C2. Kay Laird-Pat Prichard.

Sat Morn KO Teams Bkt I 1. Venkatrao Koneru-Carolyn Riely-Terry Riely-Virginia Noelke 2. Alan Copeland-Kathryn Locke-Anton (Tony) Haddad-Clifton Miller Sr, **Bkt II 1.** Pam Phillips-Kathy McCabe-Vera Chimene-Laura Delfeld 2. William Lynch-Doralu Lynch-Corinne King-Melba Long **Bkt III 1.** Inger Lise Blount-Rita Shackelford-Shirley

Naumann-Sandra Davis 2. Jean Blilie-W Kyle-Patricia Jackson-Katherine Pearce.

Sat Morn Strat Open Prs A1. Betty Marriett-Joyce Seitz A2. K Voges-Edith Weston B1. Patti Horton-Nancy Little B2. Patsy Rogers-Brenda Chapman.

Sat Aft Strat Open Prs A1. Ellen & Ira Hessel A2. Eddie Bass-Karen Snyder B1. David Ewing-William Nickles B2. Chris Hull-Bea Williamson C1. Phil Brown-Randall Roberts C2. Connie Matz-Clifford Jensen.

Sat Aft 299er Strat Prs A1.B1.C1. James & Frances McMillon A2.B2.C2. David Hettema-Susan Hettema.

Sat Eve Strat Open Prs A1. Herbert

Wilton-Richard Kieper A2. Thomas Corlett-Ethel Corlett B1. June Barnebey-Evelyn Weaver B2. Patrick Long-Charles Hampton C1. Diana Frankeny-Richard Frankeny C2. Randall Roberts-Phil Brown.

Sat Eve 299er Strat Prs A1.B1. Donald Jackson-Patricia Bailey A2.B2. Glorianne Perrizo-Brockett Hudson C1. Jim Gorman-Rowena Gorman C2. Janet Siefert-Robert Siefert.

Sun Strati-Fltd Swiss Teams AX A1. Virginia Noelke-Venkatrao Koneru-Terry Riely-Carolyn Riely A2. Kenneth Schutze-Stephen Wood-James Griffin-Patricia Griffin X1. Gene Gammill-Neal Perlman-Marcie Perlman-J Bachman Nabors III X2. Jean Pistole-Flo Curry-Jimmie Penn-Gloria Crites **Strati BCD B1.** Carole Price-Sally Armstrong-Chris Hull-Bea Williamson B2/3. Richard Hamm-Michael Boulette-Bobbie Jones-Kenneth McAllister B2/3. Wright Barnebey-Evelyn Weaver-Malcolm Barnebey-June Barnebey C1. Susie Willerson-Sally Parker-Barbara Altgelt-Jane Maclin C2. William Nickles-David Ewing-Lucy Terrill-Elizabeth Ghrist D1. Leonidas Jones-Linda Jones-Rosemary Suess-Patricia Bailey D2. Homer Stevens-Stephanie Stevens-Wilberta White-Bobbi Hale.

Unit 172
San Antonio
Beverly Santos



A Celebration of her Life ...
"A friend may well be described
as a masterpiece of nature"

Marie Bailey
???-2005



We remember Marie...
Has it been twenty years since Marie started the "Tuesday Game" and changed bridge in San Antonio? Marie is a success story. We loved her. She worked so hard. And we will miss her so much.

-Toni Reinhart

Marie provided a service for many people. She gave people a reason to get up every morning and look forward to the day. She did things for everyone that no one else does and will be missed every time bridge is played.

-Ruth Lerner
Marie had been a close friend of ours for 30 years. From the day she opened her first club, we have been ardent supporters. We have happy memories of going dancing after the bridge game and she catered our wonderful wedding. She helped me learn to become a Director. We will miss her greatly.

-Donna and Grady Watkins
Marie was the dearest, most caring person. She will be missed. Our love goes to her family, which were so dear to her.

-Betty Hickman
Marie provided us with not only a place to play, but provided us with added concern, affection, wonderful food, a sharp wit and her love and

knowledge of our game.
-Bill and Carol Campbell
Wilson Davis Jr. went first to gather the produce and find a location. Now Marie has joined him in preparing the game(and food) for us all-looking forward to the great bridge game in the Sky!

-Linda Williams
Marie brings to mind: Deep sense of humor. Generosity of Spirit. Lover of people, pets Bandit "Specially". Chef of all Chefs. Unique, amazing, one in a million. A person to think of fondly, often.

-Myra Ribak
Marie was a giver. She gave her faith and hope and sense of humor for a single cause "that all of us have one common heart." Andy and Christine, your Mother left a legacy to each one of us that we will remember in a personal way with a smile.

-Beverly Santos
One of Marie's outstanding contributions to bridge was her

encouragement of new players. She was always welcoming, always willing to answer questions about the play and bidding of hands, and always made the game fun. I will always remember her spirit and kindness.

-Helen McCrae
I will miss Marie's sense of humor. She worked awfully hard and I can't imagine what life will be without her.

-Jo Gayle Carter
We will miss Marie. We enjoyed so much playing bridge and being taught by her.

-Nora Scott
When I was a new player, Marie kept me playing when I tried to quit. Thanks! You improved my way of life.

-Sandra Weber
There were so many things to love and admire about Marie—her sense of humor, much needed to cope with many cantankerous bridge players! I admired that what you saw and heard from Marie was always direct and to the point—no hedging- always the

straight stuff! We will always miss her.
-Barbara Ridgeway

Unit Overall Winners: Charity Championship Event. (37 tables) Gene and Mary Britton Flight A & B, Cho Mayo and Mary Lou Click Flight C. Our gracious hostesses were Helen McCrea and Phyllis Giffin. The March Madness Event was hosted by Janise Saul, Roger Boeke and our fun loving Patrick Cardullo. Flt A winners were Kitty Hookman and Bill Cohn, Flt B Barbara Ridgeway and Clifford Jensen, Flt C Charles Abbott and Lewis Purnell. Congratulations to the winners and many thanks to the event hosts.

Marilyn Arnold is working in a new frontier, Iraq. She extends her thanks to all the San Antonio, Austin, Houston and Dallas players and her all time favorite bridge partner, Darrell Childs, that came to her send off party.

What does it take to make a day? A lot of love along the way.
-William L. Stidger

Unit 183
Fort Worth
Kay Jones



Please come to the Fort Worth Sectional which will be held June 10-12 at the Will Rogers Exhibit Hall, 3401 W. Lancaster Ave, Fort Worth, Texas. Free Parking!

You may also meet one of our most successful newer players (he won the Mini-McKenney the last 3 years and the Ace of Clubs the last 2 years in his category) who is an absolute delight to know. He has a big grin that crinkles his eyes almost shut except for the twinkles that emerge bringing a smile to everyone. He is very intelligent, quite courteous at the table, has a wonderful sense of humor and loves bridge. His name is Jim Chaffee.

Jim was born in Fort Worth, earned a math degree from TCU and was hired as a pilot for American Airlines six weeks after graduation. At age 29, he reached the rank of captain, a very unusual feat, and on March 27, 2001, he retired as American's most senior pilot (one of only 30 to reach that goal during the time Jim worked there.) During his career, he flew everything from DC-6's to B-777's, flew international for 20 years as well as two years to Vietnam. He made many trips to Paris (a favorite destination) and learned to speak the language in total immersion schools in France and made his public announcements in French when flying to Paris.

His wife of 35 years, Jeannie, was a flight attendant when they met and they have four children-three boys and one girl-as well as seven grandchildren. Jeannie has served as special events

coordinator for the TCU chancellor but now only works part time for the producer of the Mrs. America and Mrs. World pageants, a position she has held for over 30 years. She recently returned from India and the Mrs. World pageant. (She sounds more interesting than Jim!!) They have a lovely home overlooking the zoo and park and share a love of the symphony and opera. Jim owns a rather prestigious wine collection (he has his own wine cellar) and Jeannie needlepoints beautiful Christmas stockings.

They have traveled extensively including Tokyo, Hong Kong and Bangkok; they went to Peru where they went part way down the Amazon. They spent two weeks in the Soviet Union in 1974, as well as Ireland and Continental Europe. They went to Greece, Kenya, Tanzania, India and spent a week in Nepal trekking through the foothills of the Himalayas. They've been to Australia, Egypt and Hawaii several times. They used to

own a 30 foot sailboat and raced for several years, made five trips to the Chesapeake Bay and two to the Caribbean for sailing. They had no paid captain or crew unless you consider Jeannie paid (though Jim says She sure ain't cheap!)

Jim played a little bridge in college but did not play any more until Jim Lee invited him to play in August of 2001. He took lessons from-guess who! - Mary Jane Orock and earned his final life master points with Billie McMahan. He doffs his hat to Darlene Shirey for agreeing to play with him when he was still a relative novice and teaching him a lot. Some of his favorite partners are Darlene, Pat Cassidy and Larry Howell although he enjoys the game with whomever he is playing. He enjoys mentoring and has taken several of the new players under his wing in an effort to increase his and their expertise as well as give something back to the Fort Worth bridge world. Happy you're with us, Jim!

Justin Lall Wins 2004 National Youth Player of the Year Other D-16 Members Place Nationally



Justin Lall

Justin Lall, Plano, won 849.38 points and is the 2004 National Youth Player of the Year. This category is for players 19 years and younger. He also placed 7th in the Mini-McKenney Silver Life Master category and 9th in the Junior Player category.

The top 25 2004 winners that ranked nationally in the following categories:

Ace of Clubs

Rookie-2. Bill Gervais, Cypress, 10. Joe Davis, Pampa, 11. Bea Boechel; Junior Master-8. Tom Pearce, Dallas, 13. Jim Middleton, Houston, 16. Karen Tabak, Sugar Land, 19. Barbara Babbitt, Houston; Club Master-23. Linda Adamchik, Beaumont; Sectional Master-2. Theron Lindsey, Houston; Life Master-15. Jim Chaffee, Fort Worth;

Bronze Life Master-6. Svetlana Oden, Missouri City, 11. Carol Price, San Antonio, 17. J. T. Lindsey, Houston; Silver Life Master-11. Wolf Schroeter, Houston; Gold Life Master-6. Jeanne Linzel, Stafford, 24. Randy Ausmus, Fort Worth; Diamond Life Master-18. Donna Watkins, San Antonio, 24. Ron Woodsum, Houston; Grand Life Master-9. Esta Van Zandt, Houston, 10. John Zilic, Houston.

Mini-McKenney

Rookie-2. Bill Gervais, Cypress, 21. Penny Mixon, Arlington, 23. Susan Webb, Fort Worth; Junior Master-9. Tom Pearce, Dallas, 10. Kevin Pfeiffer, Dallas, 25. Charles Ensor, Seabrook; Life Master-20. Anthony Eckman, Austin; Silver Life Master-7. Justin Lall, Plano; Gold Life Master-17. Greg Hinze, San Antonio; Grand Life Master-3. Mike Passell, Plano, 4. Eddie Wold, Houston, 19. Bob Hamman, Dallas.

Other MP Races

Junior-9. Justin Lall, Plano; Youth-1. Justin Lall; Sectional-14. Greg Hinze, San Antonio, 19. Paul Kelley, Austin, 24. Marilyn Arnold, San Antonio; Online-14. Buf Slay, Paris, 25. Pat McMullin, Houston, 26. Jo Granberry, Grapeland.



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Fort Western Summer Sectional - June 10-12, 2005

Friday, June 10

Stratified Open Pairs, single sessions
299er Stratified Pairs, single sessions
Bracketed KO, Session 1

1:30 & 7:30 pm
1:30 & 7:30 pm
7:30 pm

Saturday, June 11

Bracketed KO, Sessions 2 & 3
Stratified Open Pairs, single sessions
299er Stratified Pairs, single sessions

1:30 & 7:30 pm
1:30 & 7:30 pm
1:30 & 7:30 pm

Sunday, June 12

Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams
299er Swiss Teams, single sessions

10:00 am & TBA
10:00 am & TBA

Bridge Lectures Friday & Saturday at 7 pm
Section Top Prizes
Student Discounts

Players with 0-20 MP
Play Free on Saturday Afternoon!

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Playing Site
Amon Carter Exhibit Hall
Directly behind Fort Worth Science Museum, Free Parking
Take Montgomery exit off I-30 (exit 11)
North to second light, right onto Burnett-Tandy



Stratifications

Open Prs: A: 1500+, B: 750-1500, C: 0-750
299er Prs: A: 200-300, B: 100-200, C: 0-100

Strati-Flighted

A: 3000+, AX: 0-3000, B: 750-1500, C: 0-750
(B & C play together)

Dinner between sessions on Sunday

Non-smoking with breaks

Single Sessions \$10/player; 2-Session Swiss \$88/team
Extra \$1.00 per session for non-ACBL members

Tournament Chairperson

Tom Hughes 817.737.7575


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Magic Valley Sectional McAllen - March 4-6, 2005

**Unit 237
Magic Valley**
Donna Ahlquist



Board elections were held in March for Unit 237 and the Harlingen Bridge Club. New to the Unit board are Iris Henson and Rene Wallace; Herman Westbrook was elected for a second term. Thanks to you folks for running for office. We really need people like you.

At the following Unit board meeting Rene Wallace was elected President; yours truly, Vice President; and Herman Westbrook kept the job of Secretary. Previous to elections our Treasurer resigned and Martha Hensel was appointed to the position which she will hold for at least another year.

A big thanks goes to outgoing board member, Barbara Cooper. She has really worked hard for the Unit these last couple years. We could always count on her for game set up, party planning, baked goods etc.

The new members of the Harlingen board are Bette Sturkie, President; Joanne Thorne, Secretary; Penny Tesla; and Dodi Waters. Many thanks to you ladies too for volunteering.

Polly Bentzinger had multiple bypass heart surgery and is doing fine. She is playing some bridge now and hopefully can resume all her regular games soon.

Rosemary Dunn and Judy O'Leary had a 70.05% in the Monday, March 14th game. Good going ladies!

John Prothro died in April. We're going to miss him. His address is in the

Unit Bridge Directory if you would like to send a card to his family.

Larry Harrington is a new Director. We're proud of you Larry!

Congratulations to Alan Johnston who became a life master.

The McAllen Sectional tournament held on March 4, 5 & 6 had a good turnout. Herman has winners and all participants' points won listed on the net if you are interested. Our Unit's top winner was Darlene Thomasson with 14.76 points. Way to go, gal!

Many of our Winter Texan bridge players have headed home and we certainly notice their absence. Lots of good folks, they are. (Lots of good bridge players too.)

That's all for now. Till next time...

**Unit 353
Wichita Falls**
Shirley Bond

Susan Brower, Unit 353 Board Member and Treasurer, is very busy introducing and teaching about 20 Wichita Falls residents the game of bridge. They meet every Thursday evening for approximately 2 1/2 hours. Recently on a Monday night we were delighted to welcome 2 tables from this class at the Bridge A Gap Club to experience a supervised game of duplicate bridge. Board President, Dr. Stefan Davis, and several of the regular Monday night players came in and welcomed the newcomers during the supervised play. The newcomers also observed the regular Monday night game. The students reported they were

made to feel very welcome by the Bridge A Gap players. We are looking forward in the future to having them join in our regular games. Thank you, Susan, for your dedication and hard work.

I understand some of our Wichita Falls members played in the Vernon game recently and had a great time. The Vernon Club has games on Wednesday at 1:00 at the Vernon Country Club and on Friday at 1:00 at Merrill Gardens. They welcome anyone who would like to play in their games. For additional information, please contact Dr. Susan Couch at 940.552.6818.

Another one of our members who serves our community is Cathy Zinn. Cathy works full time as a nurse. She uses her lunch hour one day a week to deliver Meals on Wheels.

Tournament Chairpersons, Wanda Gaynor and Gail Simpson, are busy making plans for the Wichita Falls Sectional Tournament on September 30, October 1 and 2.

The Tournament site is the Shrine Maskat Temple, 5101 Henry S. Grace Freeway, Wichita Falls, Texas phone 940.766.4511.

Partnership Chairperson Gladys Barley will be ready to assist you if you need a partner. Food Chairperson Shirley Bond and unit members are busy trying new recipes for the Tournament. Helen Cash, Decorations Chairperson, is making plans to use her unique talent in decorating. Please mark your calendar for September 30, October 1 and 2. Phone numbers and E mail addresses will be provided in the July/August edition of the *Scorecard* and will be on the Unit 353 web site.



Fri Morn Strat Open Prs A
Rosemary Dunn & Chuey Lum



Fri Morn Strat Open Prs B1/2
Irene & Anthony Toogood



Fri Morn Strat Open Prs B1/2 C
Esther & Curtis Nordhogen



Fri Aft Strat Open Prs A
William Riley & Mary Tryer



Fri Aft Strat Open Prs BC
Nancy Wentzel & Doreen Olson



Sat Aft Strat Open Prs A
Bill Walker & Ed Rawlinson



Sat Aft Strat Open Prs C1/2
Helen & George VanAmburg



Sun Strat Swiss Teams A
Andrea Klein & Elizabeth Sturkie
Darleen Thomasson & Doris Waters

Results: Magic Valley Sectional

Ed Rawlinson, Helotes, and Bill Walker, Bulverde, were the top masterpoint winners with 16.04.

Fri Morn Strat Open Prs A1. Rosemary Dunn-Chuey Lum A2. Ed Rawlinson-Bill Walker B1/2.C1. Curtis Nordhogen-Esther Nordhogen B1/2. Anthony Toogood-Irene Toogood C2. Richard Papineau-Mike St. James.

Fri Aft Strat Open Prs A1. William Riley-Mary Tryer A2.B1.C1. Nancy Wentzel- Doreen Olson B2. Richard Burgess Jr.,-Lorraine Barkey C2. Curtis Nordhogen-Esther Nordhogen.

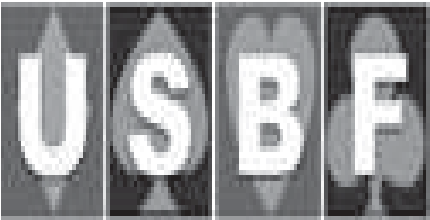
Sat Aft Strat Open Prs A1. Bill Walker-Ed Rawlinson A2. James Gormong-Marlene Estes B1. Joanne Thorne-Ilse Drawe B2. Richard Lowry-Peyton Pratt C1/2. George

VanAmburg-Helen Van Amburg C1/2. Lawrence Durland-Vivian Durland.

Sat Eve Strat Open Prs A1.B1. Joanne Thorne-Ilse Drawe A2. Beverly Welter-Darleen Thomasson B2. John Johnson-James Bagley C1. Alla Mae Westbrook-Fred Steger, Jr. C2. Donna Ahlquist-Nancy Almond.

Sun Strat Swiss Teams A1. Andrea Klein-Elizabeth Sturkie-Darleen Thomasson-Doris Waters A2. Roxana Tom-Roxana Tom-Bill Walker-Ed Rawlinson B1. Walter Lauckner-Rene Wallace-Lorraine Barkey-Marlene Estes B2. Iris Henson-Pauline Gage-Richard Thompson-Russ Townsend C1. Nancy Almond-Jean Burgoine-Donna Ahlquist-Priscilla Baker C2. Charlotte Lunsford-Julia Cortright-Stan Oftelie-George Kirby.

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Beaumont Spindletop Sectional - Port Arthur, March 3-6, 2005



Thurs Eve Strat Open Prs A
John & Nancy Smalley



Thurs Eve Strat Open Prs B
Loretta Gary & Mary Engelking



Thurs Eve Strat 199er Prs A
Helen Freeman & Sue Patterson



Thurs Eve Strat 199er Prs B
Alan & Connie Bath



Fri Morn Strat Open Prs AB
Martha Bookman & Joe Lattimore



Fri Morn Strat Open Prs C
Rita Guerin & Gail Gillespie



Fri Morn Strat 199er Prs A
Edwina & Jim Landrum



Fri Aft Strat Open Prs A
Jayne Eisen & Nancy Smalley



Fri Aft Strat Open Prs BC
Loretta Gary & Barbara White



Fri Aft Strat 199er Prs ABC
David Woodson & Buck Buckhannah



Fri Eve Strat Open Prs AB
Kaz Bell & Betty Poindexter



Fri Eve Strat Open Prs C
Ronald Stueber & Ossie Osberg



Sat Aft Strat 199er Prs A
Helen Freeman & Sue Patterson



Sat Morn Strat 199er Prs A
Patricia Schiwart & Frankie Hall



Sat Strat Choice Prs A
A. Bharathi & Tipton Golias



Sat Strat Choice Prs B
Donna Sparks & Fred Feigley



Sat Strat Choice Prs C
Linda Adamchik & W Osberg



Sun Strati-Flted Swiss Teams A
Jack & Barbara Lavigne
Paul Nimmons & Wolf Schroeter



Sun Strati-Flted Swiss Teams X
Lela Wilson & James Woodard
(NP) Jayne Eisen & Marian Jones




Sun Strati-Flted Swiss Teams B
Bill Boyer & Natalie Wernet
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Sun Strati-Flted Swiss Teams CD
BK Singh & Sharon Louvier
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Results: Beaumont Sectional
Tipton Golias and Aiyannadar Bharathi, Beaumont, were the top masterpoint winners with 21.10. Helen Freeman and Sue Patterson were the top 199er masterpoint winners.
Thurs Eve Strat Open Prs A1. John Smalley-Nancy Smalley A2. Aiyannadar Bharathi-Tipton Golias B1. Loretta Gary-Mary Engelking B2. Dolores Belton-Linda Adamchik.
Thurs Eve Strat 199er Prs A1. Helen Freeman-Sue Patterson A2. Jimmy Landrum-Edwina Landrum B1. Alan Bath-Connie Bath B2. Tom Engelking-B Matthews.

Fri Morn Strat Open Prs A1.B1. Martha Bookman-Joe Lattimore A2. Tipton Golias-Aiyannadar Bharathi B2. Blanche Sibley-Juanell Jones C1. Rita Guerin-Gail Gillespie C2. Lance Van Zandt-Frankie Hall.
Fri Morn Strat 199er Prs A1. Jimmy Landrum-Edwina Landrum A2. Katherine Fouts-Martha Reed.
Fri Aft Strat Open Prs A1. Jayne Eisen-Nancy Smalley A2.B1.C1. Barbara White-Loretta Gary B2. Betty Poindexter-; Arline Meyers C2. Rita Guerin-Gail Gillespie.
Fri Aft Strat 199er Prs A1.B1. James Buckhannah-David Woodson III A2. Ray Ramer-Maribeth Ramer B2.

Edward O'Stein-Jo Anne Hill.
Fri Eve Strat Open Prs A1.B1. Kazue Bell-Betty Poindexter A2.B2. Donna Sparks-Fred Feigley C1. W Osberg Jr,-onald Stueber C2. Nirmala Chintapalli-Prasad Chintapalli.
Sat Strat Choice Prs A1. Tipton Golias-Aiyannadar Bharathi A2. Natalie Greene-Dale Crumbaugh B1. Donna Sparks-Fred Feigley B2. Charles Lanni-Robert Watkins C1. Linda Adamchik-W Osberg Jr C2. Sally Blewett-Patsy Pierce.
Sat Morn Strat 199er Prs A1. Patricia Schiwart-Frankie Hall A2. Tolene Mc Greevy-Marjorie Rhodes.
Sat Aft Strat 199er Prs A1. Helen

Freeman-Sue Patterson A2. Alan Bath-Connie Bath.
Sun Strat-Flted Swiss Teams AX A1. Barbara La Vigne-Jack La Vigne-Wolf Schroeter-Paul Nimmons A2. Tipton Golias-Aiyannadar Bharathi-Shawn Quinn-Joe Quinn X1. Lela Wilson-Jayne Eisen-Marian Jones-James Woodard **Strati BCD** B1. William Boyer-Marsha Boyer-Natalie Wernet-Connie Harmon B2.C1.D1. Robert Graber-Sharon Louvier-Birendra Singh-Brent McDaniel C2. Renee Shapiro-Paul Olstad-Sue Olstad-Charles Raines D2. Prasad Chintapalli-Peter Imm-Hilda Hahn-La Verne Harris.

At the beginning of the year one of our most inveterate directors, Joyce Cox, retired after serving over 25 years with two games per week. Just imagine how many days and hours were spent to serve us! A Thank You-Retirement Party was held for her in appreciation of her work.

To take her place for these games, both Beverly Walker and Pat Wilson joined forces and became proprietors of the Wednesday and Sunday Games. We really appreciate their faithfulness to the game.

The Unit's new officers are: Mary Lou Gross, president, Beverly Walker, vice president, Mary Ann Hall secretary, Elbert Hess, treasurer and Martha Murphy, club manager. Winners of the first of the International Fund Games were: N/S Howard Wilkins & Dee Stearns-A, Daisy Shivers & Bobbie Olson-B and Mary Ann & Robert Hall-C; E/W Coyota Bowker & Fran Herchenhahn-A&B and Mary Murry & Lera Lewis-C.


We've had a couple of serious falls lately keeping both Jeane Brittain and Desa Lee Laird hospitalized and home-bound for awhile. We welcome back Bonnie Cartledge to the bridge table who has fully recovered from a broken arm.

We not only welcomed Jim Tucker, former member, on a visit here but also new players: Barbara Bridges, Janice Buckner, Sonona Teinert from Albany and Ladelle Boyd and Lois Timmons from Throckmorton who find Sundays their opportunity to play.

Congratulations to Howard Wilkins fro reaching the status of Diamond Life Master!

AND please get your partners for the October Regional (10th through the 16th) at the Abilene Civic Center. We're looking forward to seeing all of you here!!

Unit 201
Sabine Neches
Joan Burnett



Beautiful springtime is here at last, and our Spindletop Sectional held March 3-6 was great. Many thanks to all who helped make it possible, especially Betty Poindexter, Kaz Bell, Marian Jones and the Smalleys. If you missed it, we are having another the first week in October. Nancy Smalley began a very successful beginners' program on March 17. Congratulations to Tipton Golias on becoming an Emerald Life Master!
The February Thursday Morning Club birthday party feted Hugh Smith. Winners in this game were: 1st and 2nd respectively; N/S: Mary Jane Garth and Lois Mathews; and Edna Mazzola and Hugh Smith; E/W: Jean Davis and Katherine Fouts; and Delores Belton and Bessie Hebert.
The winners on February 19 in the Flights B & C Grand National Teams were: 1st in B were Bill Ginger, Tim Stelly, Don Holst and Beverly Leger;

2nd, Phyllis Ryan, Maggie Brossette, Ruby Collins and Dee Payne; 3rd, Loretta Gary, Betty Long, Mary Jo Nix and Naldia Reeves; 4th, Arline Meyers, Thelma Stockdale, Marian Jones and Jayne Eisen. First in C were Barbara White, Ron Stueber, Mary Jane Garth and Billy Matthews.
In other February special games: Dr. Bharathi and Tipton Golias were 1st overall on February 7 in the Junior Program game. Don Holst and Bill Ginger were 1st in B and 2nd in A.
On February 10, in a club championship game, Lela Wilson and Marian Jones were 1st in A. Jayne Eisen and Bill Ginger were 1st in B and 2nd in A.
On February 23, in a Junior Program game, Tipton Golias and Merrill Lott were 1st in A, Marian Jones & Jane Eisen were 2nd and Martha Sigler & Flo Gillispie were 3rd. Bill Ginger and Tim Stelly were 1st in B.
The ACBL Senior Pairs game starred Golias & Bharathi as 1st. Martha Sigler & Beverly Leger were 2nd, and Thelma Stockdale & Helen Kay were 1st in B and 3rd in A. Ron Stueber and Billy

Matthews were 1st in C and tied for 2nd and 3rd in B with Joyce Bordage and Edna Mazzola
There were two open club championship games in March. In the game on March 7, Earl Fitch & Jerry Heckman were 1st in A & B; Flo Gillispie & Arline Meyers were 2nd in A and Bill Ginger & Don Holst were 2nd in B. On March 20, Bill Ginger and Tim Stelly were 1st in A & B and Sue Patterson & Joan Burnett were 2nd.
In a 199er club championship held March 23, Edwina & Jim Landrum were 1st in A. Wanda Ramsey & Ronnie Spector were 1st in B & C and 2nd in A.
In the ACBL-wide Charity Game held in the afternoon of March 23, Vivian Breedlove and Mary Johnson were 1st in A; Joan Hataway & Arline Meyers were 1st in B. 2nd in A were Merrill Lott and Tipton Golias and 2nd in B were Tim Stelly and Bill Ginger.
In another charity club championship on March 24, Blaine Thomas and John Smalley were 1st in A. First in B & 2nd in A were Jean Davis & Naldia

Reeves.
The March birthday party held by the Thursday Morning Club honored Marilyn Maxum, Peggy Dugger and Walt Wagner. 1st and 2nd place winners, respectively, were: N/S: Hugh Smith and Annette Riegel; and Vivian Breedlove and Dessie Crow; E/W: Peggy Dugger and Frances Floyed; and Marilyn Maxum and Bootsie Snell.
At the Orange club, there were three special games: On March 8, at a Life Master party for Bo Brannick, winners in Strat A were Steve Gerhard and Cora Lee Book; in B, Penny DeRose and Bill Tiger; in C, Maggie Brossette and Fran David.
On March 29, there was a Silver Life Master party for Phyllis Ryan. The N/S winning pair in A was Don Holst and Blaine Thomas. Betty Poindexter and Marian Jones were 1st in B and C. Bo Brannick and Don Hastain were 1st in A, B and C sitting E/W.
On March 30, there was a unit championship team game. The winning team consisted of Stan Hall, Bill Tiger, Violet Branch and Ruby Collins.
Happy Summertime to all!

Temple Sectional, April 15-17, 2005



Fri Aft Strat Open Prs A
Bea Williamson & Robbie Borchers



Fri Aft Strat Open Prs BC
Clint Schuhmacher & Hal DeShong



Fri Eve Strat Open Prs A
Dale Allen & Marion Snyder



Sat Aft & Eve Open Prs AB
Shaun Chooi & Brady Allen



Sat Aft Strat Open Prs C
Tom Denson & Lynn Sykes



Sat Eve Strat Open Prs C
Bobby Hays & Ruby Waggoner



Fri Bktd KO Teams Bkt I
Mark Bumgardner & Jack Smith
Hugh Hillaker & Mike Bukala



Fri Bktd KO Teams Bkt II
Jo MaDaniel & Helen Simonette
Mickie Damon & Beverly Greer



Sat Bktd KO Teams Bkt I
Mike Bukala & Mark Bumgardner
Hugh Hillaker & Alex Kolesnik



Sat Bktd KO Teams Bkt II
Chris Stevens & Johathan Ernest
David Farris & Peter Hudson



Sat Bktd KO Teams Bkt III
Jean Townsend & Caroline Baumann
Beverly Greer & Mickie Damon



Sun Strati-Fltd Swiss Teams AX
Bud & Linda Sutton
Richard & Sue Strahm

Results: Temple Sectional

Mike Bukala, Waco, Mark Bumgardner, Carrollton, and Hugh Hillaker, Grand Prairie, were the top masterpoint winners with 26.67 masterpoints.

Fri Aft Strat Open Prs A1. Robbie Borchers-Bea Williamson A2. Thomas Davis-Jim Vick B1.C1. Hal DeShong-Clint Schuhmacher B2. Bobbie Perley-Bernice White C2. Bennie Hansson-Jacque Ekhooff.

Fri Eve Strat Open Prs A1. Dale Allen-Marion Snyder A2. Paul Kelley Jr-Louis Sachar B1/2. Ross Sams Jr-Ila Bates B1/2.C1. Caroline Baumann-Jean Townsend C2. Dick Erdenberger-Robert Allen.

Fri Bktd KO Teams Bkt I 1. Mark Bumgardner-Jack Smith-Mike Bukala-Hugh Hillaker 2. Melody Euler-James La Fountain-Genie Kaplan-Jon Richard Ware **Bkt II 1.** Jo MaDaniel-Beverly Greer-M Damon-Helen Simonette 2.

Lynn Sykes-Belva Barrington-Kathleen Midkiff-Tom Denson.

Sat Aft Strat Open Prs A1.B1. Brady Allen-Shaun Chooi A2. George Pisk-Buf Slay B2. Marcia Joy Varel-Milton Aston C1. Lynn Sykes-Tom Denson C2. Janet Anderson-Everett Anderson.

Sat Eve Strat Open Prs A1.B1. Shaun Chooi-Brady Allen A2. Lucy Wilson-Richard Wall B2. William Garrard Jr-Donna Garrard C1. Bobby Woods Hays-Ruby Waggoner C2. Everett Anderson-Janet Anderson.

Sat Bktd KO Teams Bkt I 1. Mark Bumgardner-Hugh Hillaker-Alexander Kolesnik-Mike Bukala 2. Marilyn Arnold-Rosemary Kelley-Paul Kelley Jr-Derrell Childs **Bkt II 1.** Peter Hudson-David Farris-Christian Stevens-Jonathan Ernest 2. Jo MaDaniel-Dick Erdenberger-Harvey Browning-Helen Simonette **Bkt III 1.** Beverly Greer-Caroline Baumann-Jean Townsend-M Damon 2. Dianne Decker-Marilyn Sharratt-Evelyn



Sun Strati-Fltd Swiss Teams BC
Bill & Lenora Parrish
Ross Sams & Ila Bates
Ross & Ila also won
Fri Eve Strat Open Prs B1/2



Sun Strati-Fltd Swiss Teams D
Jean Townsend & Caroline Baumann
Dee Els & Carolyn Gilmore
Jean & Caroline also won
Fri Eve Strat Open Prs B1/2 C

Ajijic Sectional February 10-13, 2005

Norinne and Richard Nelson, Ajijic, were the top masterpoint winners with 19.28 masterpoints.

Thurs Eve Strat Open Prs A1. Tom Henry-Cheryl Frizzell A2.B1.C1. Deborah Ringel-Alfredo Ringel B2. Diane Van Brocklin-Helen Malcolm C2. Gerald Censky-Mary Jeanne Censky.

Fri Strat Open Prs A1. N Richard Nelson-Norinne Anderson Nelson A2. Goldie Redner-J Anderson B1. Diane Van Brocklin-Helen Malcolm B2. Sue Gerard-John Taylor C1. Armida Murguia-Sally Aron C2. Deborah Ringel-Alfredo Ringel..

Fri Strat 49er Prs A1.B1. Michael Closs-Patria Bailey A2. John Pfeiffer-Rudy Ware B2. Fran Smith-Norman Smith.

Sat Strat Open Prs A1. Alan Doane-Sharron Josey A2. Gonzalo Herrera-Gabriela Castaneda B1.C1. Kay Jennings-Cary Jennings B2. Wanda Zakrzewski-Rose Perey C2. Mickey Edholm-Ursula Varma.

Sun Strat Swiss Teams A1. N Richard Nelson-Norinne Anderson Nelson-Tom Henry-Cheryl Frizzell A2. Mary Payne-Joseph Fox-Jim McMullin-Mauro Viale B1/2. Robert Cordingley-Margaret Cordingley-Peter Sederis-Ann Szarka B1/2. Helen Malcolm-Audrey Jukes-Diane Van Brocklin-Marcia Sommers. C1/2. Alfredo Rodriguez-Martha Rodriguez-Armida Murguia-Sally Moel C1/2. Melvin Wellstead-Sy Barasch-William Tinsworth-Walt Apley.

Unit 225
East Texas
Ginger Rhamey



Unit 225 hosted their annual awards luncheon and game on April 8 and the winners are: **Ace of Clubs** Rookie: 1. Charles Ford 2. Dee Gemmel Junior Master: 1. Charles Tea 2. Frances Tea Club Master: 1. Marcille Kallerson 2. James Rhamey Sectional Master: 1. Ursula Brooks 2. Ginger Rhamey Regional Master: 1. Ann Steger 2. Wayne Rogers NABC: 1. J. L. Allen 2. Norma Marvel Life Master: 1. Richard Bryant 2. Billie Lewis Bronze LM: 1. Alta Peck 2. Edwin Stewart Silver LM: 1. Mike Graham 2. Frauline Gresham Gold LM: 1. Brenda Baker 2. Sara Granger Diamond LM: 1. Steve Lawrence. **Mini-McKenney** Rookie: 1. Connie Mettau 2. Portia Gaines Junior Master: 1. Charles Tea 2. Frances Tea Club Master: 1. Marcille Kallerson 2. James Rhamey Sectional Master: 1. Sylvere Luquette 2. Wilma Luquette Regional Master: 1. Ann Steger 2. Mona Buchanan NABC: 1. J. Lynn Allen 2. Elizabeth Smith Life Master: 1. Diane Estep 2. Mamie Stafford Bronze LM: 1. Steven Chionsini 2. Marilyn Chionsini Silver LM: 1. Jonathan Ernest 2. Mike Graham Gold LM: 1. Brenda Baker 2. Sara Granger Diamond LM: 1. Steve

Lawrence.

Congratulations to Joyce Simmons of Athens on becoming a Silver Life Master and to Shelby Weaver of Athens and Megan Porter of Tyler, for taking their first step towards Life Master by joining ACBL.

Unit 225 players that obtained a 70%+ game are: Jack & Edna Wilder 70% and Pauline Hynard & Mike Graham 70%, Patsy Williams & Mike Graham 76% both at Longview DBC; Pat Jeffery & Louise Fleetwood 71% Mineola DBC; Ron Perkins & Dick Rehm 72% at Emily Leake's DBC in Tyler; Joe & Jane Ellis 70% Mid-Cities DBC in Gun Barrel City; Jim Clendenen & Sylvia Glover 71% at Dottie Pirkle's DBC in Athens; Gail Beaupre & Frances Sanders 70.36% at The Bridge Studio at Cedar Creek; Out of the 254 pairs participating nationally in the March 24, Inter-Club Championship game, Jim Clendenen & Sylvia Glover placed 7th in A; Ann & Gunner Thomas placed 13th in A; George & Loyce Watts placed 9th in B.

Our next Unit games will be May 7 and June 11.

Tyler Rose Tournament will be July 15, 16 & 17 at the Holiday Inn on South Broadway. Make your plans now to attend.

Unit 225 will sponsor a 299're game in Athens on September 16 & 17th at the Spanish Trace Inn.

Tyler Tournament of Roses July 15-17, 2005

Holiday Inn Select (Formerly Sheraton Inn)
5701 S. Broadway Tyler, Texas

Friday, July 15

COMPACT KNOCKOUTS (1st of 2 sessions) 9:00 am
Stratified Open Pairs, single sessions 1:30 & 7:30 pm
Stratified 199er Pairs, single sessions 1:30 & 7:30 pm

Saturday, July 16

COMPACT KNOCKOUTS (2nd of 2 sessions) 9:00 am
Stratified Open Pairs, single session 9:00 am
Stratified 199er Pairs, single session 9:00 am
Stratified Open Pairs, 2 sessions 1:30 & 7:30 pm

(Single session entries available on Saturday)

Stratified 199er Pairs, single sessions 1:30 & 7:30 pm

Sunday, July 17

Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams 10:00 am & TBA

Stratifications

Open Pairs: A:1250+, B: 500-1250, C: 0-500

199er Pairs: A: 100-200, B: 50-100, C: 0-50

Team: A: 3000+, AX: 0-3000, B: 500-1250, C: 200-500, D: 0-200

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Dallas Board Meeting - September, 4 2004

Meeting Called to Order: There is a quorum.

Voting Members present: G. Poplawsky, Unit 172; Gerrie Owen, Jolie Hess, Unit 174; Unit 176; Tom Hughes, Unit 183; Carol Schoenhals, Unit 197; Larry Davis, Unit 207; Gay Roach, Unit 225; Tom Corlett, Unit 233; Charlie Price; DeWitt Hudson

Non-Voting Members present: Dan Morse; Chris Compton; Tom Whitesides; Donna Compton; John Zilic; Sandy Campbell

Distinguished Guests present: Betty Byrd; Coleen Palmer; Kevin Perkins

There is a Quorum. Approval of Minutes: Moved by Dan – Seconded by Dewitt Hudson **APPROVED**
District Representative Report (Dan Morse): A real estate committee has been formed to relocate the Memphis office. The Committee will meet in Memphis on September 20th, 2004.

A new video – Pay for view channel will be in 1000 homes by June 2005. ACBL is looking at placing a program on this channel. The format of the show is still being discussed but perhaps the show may be one of experts playing with celebrities.

As of September 1, 2004 the ACBL is up 1500 members. However, District 16 is down 187 members. Since 1990 we have lost 1-2% yearly. I think we are getting new members, we are just not retaining them.

Treasurer's Report (Tom Hughes) We have \$13, 866.00 in the bank. The District insurance is not going up this year which is the only outstanding bill.
Committee Reports:

Appellate (Scott Humphrey) All is well.

Awards (Eric Snow) Jacoby award will be presented this evening before the session begins. Please start thinking about possible candidates for next year's award. This award is a great opportunity to show your appreciation for those countless volunteers in our District.

Charity (Carol Schoenhals)

Our charity game is scheduled for Friday September 24th, 2004.

Our District has been awarded the 2006 \$20K to distribute to a Texas charity. Perhaps we will have 4 charities. I am forming a committee to review possible cities and charities to donate this money.

Tom Corlett: As you go back to your units, mention this fund and send charity nominations to Carol.

Dan Morse: Keep in mind that charities & the Press are the focus of this donation.

GNT (Sandy Campbell)

We submitted the conditions of contest changes to make the qualifying round a swiss format and the Top Flight will be a 20 victory point scale.

GNT representative should be the contact person in the case of cancellation. There may be time to contact the next team in line for representation at the National level. But if no one knows of the cancellation we cannot possible send an alternate team.

Membership (Donna Compton)

Membership numbers are down for District 16. The ACBL has a free Unit Growth Seminar and it is available to any Unit. You just need to contact Donna Compton at donna.compton@acbl.org to reserve your seminar. Unit 183 hosted a UGS in April and both their membership recruitment and retention numbers have begun to increase.

Tom Corlett: I think the District Board should STRONGLY suggest that every unit in District 16 host this seminar in the near future.

Su Doe: University Interscholastic League is an excellent organization to contact regarding bridge in schools.

I/N Coordinator (Su Doe)

The District Education Liaison/ Intermediate Novice reception was a success – 6 out of 17 units were present. Many ideas were shared and discussed. There are many wonderful programs going on in our District.

Internet (Charles Richards)

This year, District 16 website cost \$19.99.

NAP (John Zilic)

A packet is sent out each year for the NAP and the units are not receiving the information. The sanctions are late and incomplete. We need the coordinators to be coordinators.

Special Events are supposed to send it to the NAP Coordinator but oftentimes the coordinator contact information is not current so the packets are not received by the units. Please make an effort to update your unit's contact information regularly.

Tournament (Charles Price)

We are having lots of tournaments.

Disciplinary (Sandy Campbell)

All is well.

Scorecard (Donna Compton)

All is well. Rates were raised and all the units paid their bills.

BOG (Dewitt Hudson)

University College Competition is an excellent place to recruit members and there are lots of funds for this program.

Mark Shuman is asking for a \$3,500.00 grant to put bridge in schools in Richardson ISD. District 4 in DISD is open to having bridge. If there is anyone in that District interested in teaching in schools, please contact me.

NEW BUSINESS

Players would like to have the sections scored across the field.

Tom Whitesides: We do score across the sections in the Flight A & AX. But there is a slight advantage to the better players and there are technical difficulties.

The International, Junior and Charity games are all equal. Beginning in 2005 you can designate any club game as one of these games.

OLD BUSINESS

Chris Compton: The District is being very helpful in hosting the upcoming USBF regionals and International Team Trials. We thank you.

Tom Corlett: Thank you Dallas for your tournament. Meeting Adjourned.

Rockport Beach Sectional February 25-27, 2005



Fri Aft Strat Open Prs A
Rosemary & Paul Kelley



Fri Aft Strat Open Prs B
Dona Hatthorn & Beth Wilkinson



Fri Aft Strat Open Prs C
Kay Mrazek & Pat Kubicek



Fri Eve Strat Open Prs A1/2B C
Mahesh Maruvada & Karur Krishnan



Sat Strat Open Prs B
Roma & Stan Marshall



Sat Strat Open Prs C
John & Pat Shoesmith



Fri Eve Strat Open Prs A1/2
Sat Strat Open Prs A
Tom Marsh & Ed Rawlinson



Sun Strat Swiss Teams BC
Pam Bickerton & Jan Huiatt
Terry Bickerton & Mike Huiatt

Results: Rockport Sectional

Tom Marsh, San Antonio, and Ed Rawlinson, Helotes, were the top masterpoint winners with 26.31.

Fri Aft Strat Open Prs A1. Paul Kelley Jr-Rosemary Kelley A2. Ed Rawlinson-Tom Marsh B1. Beth Wilkinson-Dona Hatthorn B2.C1. Pat Kubicek-Kay Mrazek C2. Allen Brandt-Jean Brandt.

Fri Eve International Strat Open Prs A1/2. Tom Marsh-Ed Rawlinson A1/2.B1.C1. Mahesh R Maruvada-Karur Krishnan B2.C2. Rebecca Hyzer-Sandra Parker.

Sat Strat Open Prs A1. Ed

Rawlinson-Tom Marsh A2.B1. Stanley Marshall Jr-Roma Marshall B2. Mildred Vollick-Ann Jensen C1. John Shoesmith-Pat Shoesmith C2. Rebecca Hyzer-Sandra Parker.

Sun Strat Swiss Teams A1. Paul Kelley Jr-Rosemary Kelley-Ed Rawlinson-Tom Marsh A2. George Fox-Carolyne Fox-Eric Snow-Toni Snow B1.C1.Mike Huiatt-Terry Bickerton-Janet Huiatt-Pamela Bickerton B2. Donald Varvel-Eleanor Sherwyn-Mahesh R Maruvada-Karur Krishnan C2. Jacqueline Fetzer-Donna Maddox-Terry Harrison-Eleanor Lipscomb.

Tournament chairperson, Martha DeCou, sends thanks to all who helped with arrangements as well as cleanup.

Winners of the March 15 charity game were Kim Cox and Milton Flanagan, Flight A and Eleanor Sherwyn and Don Varvel, Flight B. Winners from the Los Amigos Club of Laredo were Karen Henderson and Linda Mott playing north/south; and Bessie Dodier and Anita Macdonald playing east/west. Bessie and Anita were also the club's high scorers for March. Roslyn Mandel and Linda Mott were high scorers for February.

Jack's Bridge Club has three new memorial card tables in honor of Gertrude Alvord, Monte Pat Bryant and Norman Como. All of these players are greatly missed. If you would like to honor anyone with a table please call Martha DeCou for details.



Unit 187
Corpus Christi
Dee Schade

The Rockport tournament was a great success with record attendance. The only snag was the rain on Saturday. Talk about a bunch of drowned folks-the heaviest downpour was during the dinner hour. We were privileged to have District 16 President, Dewitt Hudson, and his wife with us Friday and Saturday. Delightful people with lots of good ideas to gain new players for our beloved game. Eric and Toni Snow also were here from Houston. Eric, District 16 Second Vice President and Texas Star Awards Chairperson, presented Dee Schade with the Unit 187 Texas Star Award on Friday night. Tournament hospitality was wonderful, from the cookies and candy provided by the Rockport club, the pizza and sub sandwiches after the evening sessions, to the excellent barbeque lunch served between Swiss Team sessions on Sunday.

**District Board Meeting
July 2, 2005
San Antonio Regional**

Christmas In July Sectional

July 8-10, 2005

Convention Center - Ruidoso, NM

Unit # 388, District 17

Come Early or Stay Late and "Play"
**Horse racing, shopping, casino games,
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Friday, July 8

Sierra Blanca KOs
Stratified Open Pairs, single sessions
Stratified 299er Pairs, single sessions

9:00 am, 1:00 & 7:00 pm
1:00 & 7:00 pm
1:00 & 7:00 pm

Saturday, July 9

The Downs & Dirty KOs
Stratified Open Pairs, single sessions
Stratified 299er Pairs, single sessions

9:00 am, 1:00 & 7:00 pm
1:00 & 7:00 pm
1:00 & 7:00 pm

Sunday, July 10

Strati-Flighted Swiss Team (Lunch included)

10:00 am & TBA

Stratifications

Stratified Pairs: A: 1500+, B: 500-1500, C: 0-500
Strati-Flighted Swiss: A: 3000+, AX: 0-3000
B: 1000-1500, C: 500-1000, D: 0-500

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Entry Fees:

Pairs: \$16. KO Teams: \$32. Swiss Teams: \$72
NonACBL members \$1. extra/session

Make Reservations for the Aspen Gold Regional in Ruidoso, NM October 3-9, 2005

Bailey's Valentine Day Sectional

February 10-13, 2005



Thurs Aft Strat Open Prs A
Justin Lall & Jamie Bass



Fri Aft Strat Open Prs A
Richard Kieffer & Tommy Splittgerber



Fri Eve Strat Open Prs A
Ed Rawlinson & Phillip Grothus



Fri Eve Strat Open Prs B
Louise Wissler & Patrick Cardullo



Sat Strat Open Prs A
Ed Rawlinson & David Hadden



Sun Strat Swiss Teams A
Gary Anziani & Diane Olson
Scott Humphrey & Phillip Grothus



Sun Strati-Flted Swiss Teams B
Kathryn Gary & Dorothy Rippstein
Rozana Tom & Roxana Tom



Sun Strati-Flted Swiss Teams D
Randy Roberts & Phil Brown
Buella Mae Pearce & Virginia Wynne



Sun Strati-Flted Swiss Teams C
Helen McCrae & Linda Williams
Rosemary Quirk & Phyllis Giffin

Results: Bailey's Sectional

Ed Rawlinson was the top masterpoint winner with 25.63.

Thurs Aft Strat Open Prs A1. Justin Lall-Jamie Bass A2. Art D'Entremont-Robbie Borchers B1.

Myra Ribak-Sally Sanders B2. Judith Williams-Helen Lawrence C1. Jo Neesvig-Barbara Richmond C2. Carol Ashbacher-Richard Ashbacher.

Thurs Eve Strat BAM Teams A1. David Hadden-Ellen Hessel-Ira Hessel-Ed Rawlinson A2/3. Darlene Riely-C David Mitchell-Donna Watkins-Bill Tseng A2/3. Justin Lall-Jamie Bass-Greg Hinze- Patricia Lozano B1. Carole Price-Bette Allen-Sally Armstrong-Joanne Young B2. Linda Williams-Phyllis Giffin-Helen McCrae-Rosemary Quirk C1. Richard Ashbacher-Carol Ashbacher-Nancy Fisher-Eleanor Bump.

Fri Aft Strat Open Prs A1. Richard Kieffer-Tommy Splittgerber A2. Paul Kelley Jr-Rosemary Kelley B1. Myra Ribak-Antoinette Reinhart B2. Joanne

Young-Madeleine Wolf C1. Paula Warren-Mary Rita de Hoyos C2. Howard Janotta-Marilyn Jacobs.

Fri Eve Strat Open Prs A1. Phillip Grothus-Ed Rawlinson A2. Paul Kelley Jr-Rosemary Kelley B1. Patrick Cardullo-M. Louise Wissler B2. Dean Truair-Anthony Eckman C1. Mike Huiatt-Janet Huiatt C2. Randall Roberts-Phil Brown.

Sat Strat Open Prs A1. David Hadden-Ed Rawlinson A2. Phillip Grothus-Kenneth McBride B1. Bette Allen-Cecelia Zachar B2. Beverly Santos-Sandra Weber C1. Richard Ashbacher-Carol Ashbacher C2. Betsy Berg-Abraham Ribak.

Sun Strati-Flted Swiss Teams AX A1. Scott Humphrey-Phillip Grothus-R Anziani-Diane Olson A2.X1. Mike Doyle-Jamie Bass-Jan Lall-Justin Lall X2. Charles Jefferson-Wayne Rauschuber-Cheryl Gamez-Judy Lewis.

Strati BCD B1. Roxana Tom-Roxana Tom-Katherine Gary-Dorothy Rippstein B2.C1. Phyllis Giffin-Helen McCrae-Rosemary Quirk-Linda Williams C2.D1. Phil Brown-Randall Roberts-Beula Mae Pearce-Virginia Wynne D2. Lewis Purnell-Charles Abbott-Clifford Jensen-Andrew Bailey.

winning knockout team with Rita Shackelford and Shirley Naumann. Another winning KO entry consisted of Pam Phillips, Kathy McCabe, Chimene, and Delfeld. Richard and Diana Frankeny took first in the C stratum of an open pairs event.

Austin hosted an NLM sectional March 5-6. Martha Norman and Diane Sobolak were double winners, taking both the Saturday and Sunday afternoon games. Saturday evening was won by David Hettema and Terry Richardson. Others who scored well in the tournament were Zane O'Keefe,

Stan Kurtzer, Harriette Bowles, and Dianne Decker.

For many years our unit has benefited from the contributions of Steve Bruce. He continues to serve as the unit's webmaster and photographer. It is very appropriate that Steve has been chosen as the recipient of the Texas Star award.

We have three new life masters to congratulate in this issue: Anita Cokins, Hal DeShong, and Dianne Ebert. Forgive me for expressing a personal opinion here, but these are not just good bridge players; they are some of the world's finest people.

Austin NLM Sectional

March 5-6, 2005

Sat Aft Strat Prs A1. Martha Norman-Diane Sobolak A2.B1.C1. J.P Sugarbroad-Jonathan Wildstrom B2. Paula Wissman-Jay Thone C2. Sam Griggs-Laura Nash.

Sat Eve Strat Prs A1.B1. David Hettema-Terry Richardson A2.B2. Harriette Bowles-Dianne Decker C1.

Stan Kurtzer-Zane O'Keefe C2. Sam Griggs-Laura Nash.

Sun Aft Strat Prs A1. Martha Norman-Diane Sobolak A2. Joe Black-Tamas Hausel B1.C1. James Keiger-Micah Markman B2. Tom Pearce-Kevin Pfeiffer C2. Stan Kurtzer-Zane O'Keefe.

Unit 233
Central Texas

Helen Levy



Oops, it was my picture and it said Unit 233 Central Texas, but it was Unit 353's write-up in the March/April Scorecard. The good news was that a lot of folks asked about it!

We are pleased to welcome new members and transfers to our Unit, Caroline Baumann and James Brown, Georgetown; Roy Butler, Betsy Butenhoff, Jeanne Cunningham, Janet Grobowski, and Lennie Wilkins, Temple; Gladys Oliver, Waco; and Twalah Jackson, Whitney.

Congratulations to Raby Smalley, recipient of the Texas Star Award in January; new Life Masters David Buck, Evelyn Smith, and Jim Greeney; new Bronze LM Glenda Marshall; 1000 MP achiever Clyde McCauley; and 500 MP achiever Billie Moses.

Winners of the GNT Unit Qualifying game Feb. 13: Flt. B, 1. Belva Barrington, Ila Bates, Peggy Kenny, Ross Sams, Jr.; 2. Puddin Barnes, Bachman Nabors, Betty Goolsby, Richard Wall; 3. Mary Adams, Helen Simonette, Jan Hart, Suzanne Guess. Flt. C, 1. Jim Greeney, Mickie Damon, David Buck, Juanita Buck. 2. Stephen Olson, Evelyn Smith, Bennie Hansson, Stafford Norman. 3. Jacque Ekhoft, Carol Ann Wadley, Edna Lassetter, Frank Hefley. Players are reminded that the Unit will reimburse entry fees for Flt. A members and Flt. B and C members who qualified at the Unit level who compete in the District GNT Qualifying games at the Richardson Sectional May 28-29. Let the secretary know the number of sessions entered.

We were saddened by the death of Lenny Hedgecoth January 10. Lenny was diagnosed with terminal cancer before he started playing bridge with his brother-in-law, Jim Hicks, at Sul Ross BC. In an e-mail to Judy Bales before his death, he wrote, I never thought I would love the game of bridge as much as I do. I sure hated to give it up . . . He became a very good player and was a pleasure to know. We miss him.

Get well wishes to Betty Cloud, David Buck, and Lyndon Phelps who are recovering from surgeries. We hope they will soon be back to the bridge table. A big thank you for the many get well wishes during my eye surgery in Philadelphia in March. The eye is still in the healing process.

Congratulations to 2004 Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney winners: Ace of Clubs Rookie of the Year, (1) Beverly Greer, (2) Maxine Cure, (3) Jerrilynn Shoaf. Junior Master, (1) Susan Lambert, (2) Jo McDaniel, (3) Marilyn Holmes. Club Master, (1) Frank Hefley, (2) Martha Carlson, (3) Donna Towns. Sectional Master, (1) Bobbie Perley, (2) Jean Townsend, (3) James Hunt. Regional Master, (1) Clyde McCauley, (2) Tom Denson, (3) Mickie Damon. NABC Master, (1) Marjorie Dickenson, (2) Walt Winters, (3) Margaret McLennan. Life Master, (1) Melody Euler, (2) Ila Bates, (3) Janis McIntosh. Bronze Life Master, (1) Julia Bales, (2) David Pennington, (3) Lanell Boone. Silver Life Master, (1) Tom Davis, (2) Genie Kaplan, (3) Richard Wall. Gold Life Master, (1) Carol Mencke, (2) James LaFountain, (3) Mike Bukala.

Mini-McKenney Rookie of the Year, (1) Beverly Greer, (2) Maxcene Cure, (3) Betty Moody. Junior Master, (1) Jo McDaniel, (2) Gary Cox, (3) Susan Lambert. Club Master, (1) Frank Hefley, (2) Pat Johnson, (3) Donna Towns. Sectional Master, (1) Jean Townsend, (2) Bobbie Perley, (3) Wanda Carter. Regional Master, (1) Mickie Damon, (2) David Buck, (3) Juanita Buck. NABC Master, (1) Stephen Olson, (2) Evelyn Smith, (3) Marjorie Dickenson. Life Master, (1) Melody Euler, (2) Ila Bates, (3) Janis McIntosh. Bronze Life Master, (1) David Pennington, (2) Julia Bales, (3) Mary Adams. Silver Life Master, (1) Genie Kaplan, (2) Tom Corlett, (3) Ethel Corlett. Gold Life Master, (1) James LaFountain, (2) Mike Miller, (3) Carol Mencke.

Since deadline for the May/June Scorecard is April 6, we will have comments on the tournament in Temple April 15-17 in the next issue.

The Waco Sectional will be held August 12-14 at the convention center. Don't miss it!



Austin Non-Life Master Sectional

July 16-17, 2005

Northwest Recreation Center
2913 Northland Drive
Austin, TX 512.458.4107

Saturday, July 16

Stratified Pairs, single session 12:30 pm

A: 200-NLM, B: 50-200, C: 0-50

Stratified Pairs, single session 5:00 pm

A: 200-NLM, B: 50-200, C: 0-50

Sunday, July 17

Stratified Pairs, single session 1:30 pm

A: 200-NLM, B: 50-200, C: 0-50

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In just a few days the Austin Spring Sectional will begin; I hope to see everyone at the Clarion on South I-35. Other coming events that may interest capital-area players include an Ice Cream Social June 11 and an IMP pairs game June 25. No doubt many players from our unit will be competing in San Antonio's 4th of July Regional; it is not too early to be lining up your partnerships and teams. Finally, there will be a non-life master sectional here in Austin July 16-17.

Unit 207 did not send a large contingent to the Pittsburgh NABC. However, a few local players came home with something to brag about. Inger Blount and Jeannette Hughes won 2nd place in flight C of the North American Pairs competition, while Jeff Ford and Wanwan Ren took 4th. Linda Anthony and Malou Flato won the C stratum in a side game, and Tony Eckman played on a winning compact KO team.

Closer to home, some of the same names surfaced as winners in Kerrville. Anthony won the B stratum in a pairs game; she also played on a winning board-a-match team with Vera Chimene and Laura Delfeld. Blount played on a

Gary King
299er Editor



Intermediate/Novice



In bridge, as in life, there are generally good and bad aspects about any subject you choose. The subject of this column is mentoring. Mentoring is a process through which a player of greater experience takes on the teaching role for a player with lesser experience. Many 299er players live in areas that have active and organized mentoring programs. In other areas mentoring is kind of a hit or miss thing that often just occurs when a more experienced player decides to take on the task of "passing on the wisdom" that he or she has gained over the years. In broad terms mentoring is a good thing. I think that anyone that gives of their time to the benefit of others should be applauded.

If you are reading this and you are a 299er that has a mentor I think you should cut it out and make sure your mentor gets a copy. You can do it personally or anonymously, that is up to you. If you are reading this and you perform as a mentor to a lesser experienced player then please read on and think about my suggestions.

I have taught a fair number of students over the years and I have heard many stories about what they have been told about this game we love. What I would like to achieve is to improve your results so that the time you invest is better spent and the outcome is a valuable one for your student and for the game as a whole.

As a mentor, what is your job when

you play with your protégé? If you answered that is it to win the game or event, I would submit that your priorities are wrong. I think your job is to provide a solid and steady platform by which your student can learn. You are not a professional bridge player. Your job is not to win. Your job is to instruct.

At times, the required attitude can be difficult or even contrary to your natural instincts. Everyone wants to win, that is just normal. But when you are playing with a student your job is to play your side of table and let partner play theirs.

First Rule: Always make the proper bid and resist the temptation to "take charge."

If you have every just leaped to game or slam instead of making the correct bid, then you are not helping.

Sxxx
HAKxx
D KJ
C Q10xx

Partner	You
1D	1H
2C	???

Bidding 3NT is not right, and you know it. "But partner won't know what to do if I bid 2S!" you cry. Maybe he or she won't know what 2S means

and will do the wrong thing. Need I point out, that is why you are there? You should bid 2S and let the chips fall where they may. If partner does that right thing over 2S then you should note it and give positive reinforcement. If partner looks quizzical and leaps to 4S getting you to a 3-3 fit, then you look upon this as a learning opportunity to discuss (later, of course, not at the table) responder's job and the use of fourth suit forcing.

Second Rule: Be careful with your descriptions when discussing any element of the game.

Please just remove the words "always" and "never" from your vocabulary. I cannot tell you how many students have ask a question, "I was playing with Billy Bob last weekend and he told me that I should ALWAYS return the opening lead." Think about what you are saying. It is much better to patiently explain that returning partner's opening lead is frequently or often the correct defense, but that there is no substitute for thinking and considering all the possibilities before deciding what to do. You didn't really mean always, so please do not say so. Students respect your opinion and will take your advice to heart. Be careful with your words.

Third Rule: Do not feel compelled to point out or discuss every error on any hand or during any session.

Pointing out every mistake just works to demoralize your partner. Pick three or four things at most to discuss

after the game (or after the hand if you must). A case in point:

You
Sx
HAKJxx
D QJxx
C Kxx

Partner
SAxxx
H Q
D Kx
CAQxxxx

You	Partner
1H	1S
2D	3NT
Pass	

The opening lead is a spade which partner ducks. The defenders continue spade and partner ducks again. The opponents now cash the diamond ace and lead another diamond. Partner manages to come home with the rest of the tricks, making 630.

You have so many choices...

(1) With a game going hand bid the suits naturally by starting with the longest (2C as an initial response).

(2) With two suited hands you should strive to explore both suits and the value of a trump fit.

(3) Hand evaluation and pointing out the unused bidding space between 2D and 3NT.

(4) The proper use of the hold-up play.

(5) Counting tricks and making a plan for the play.

(6) Suit breaks and the fact that hearts are >50% to produce five tricks.

(7) The proper slam is 6C and your partnership never even bid the suit.

Should you discuss all of these with partner? Not a chance. Pick ONE and talk about it. Let the others go. It is of little value to try to correct all the issues. Work on whichever you feel is important. If bidding has already come up on a previous hand, then pick one of the play issues.

As a mentor your best results will come from a slow and methodical process, one of continuous improvement. Don't try to make a super star of your partner over night. A number of 35% games early on will produce better and more consistent results in the long-term.

In closing, thank you for taking the time. Make it as effective as possible. Let me hear from you.

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June 3-5, 2005

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Friday, June 3

Stratified Pairs	2:30 pm
Stratified Pairs	7:30 pm
Handicapped Knockouts, session 1	7:30 pm

Saturday, June 4

Early Bird Pairs	9:00 am
Knockouts, session 2	9:00 am
0-10 Pairs	1:30 pm
Stratified Pairs	1:30 pm
Stratified Pairs	7:00 pm
Knockouts, sessions 3 & 4 (if needed)	1:30 & 7:00 pm

Sunday, June 5

Lunch Served between Sessions

Stratified Swiss Teams	11:00 & TBA
Stratified Pairs	1:30 pm
0-10 Pairs	1:30 pm

Stratification

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

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Bailey's 299er Sectional

May 6-8, 2005

HERE!!!

Friday, May 6

Stratified 299er Pairs (Lunch at 10:15 am)	11:00 am
Stratified 299er Pairs (Dinner at 6:15 pm)	7:00 pm

Saturday, May 7

Stratified 299er Pairs (Breakfast at 10:15 am)	11:00 am
Stratified 299er Pairs (Lunch following morning session)	3:00 pm

Sunday, May 8

Single Session Stratified Swiss (Breakfast at 10:15 am)	11:00 am
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Unit 176
Dallas

Bob Scallan



The Memorial Day Dallas sectional will be held on May 26-30 at the Richardson Civic Center. During the sectional, the District 16 GNT finals will be held in Flights A, B, and C. While there is no unit qualification round in Flight A, and Flight B qualification is still to be determined at the time this article went to press, our congratulations go out to the teams who qualified from Unit 176 in Flight C. The 1st place qualifiers were the team of Jeff Dater, Steve Birnbaum, Tom Pearce, and Kevin Pheiffer. The 2nd place qualifiers were Mark Dumdei, Kenneth Haley, Colin Chang, and Barbara Chang. The 3rd place qualifiers were Nancy Harralson, Adele Hudgins, Mary Norfleet, and Norma Edsel. The 4th place qualifiers were Elaine Wood, Roger Arockiam, Frank Vlach, and Karen Vlach. The final qualifiers for the District tournament were Edward Greene, Shirley Ashby, Freddie O'Bannon, and Judy Edmiston.

Congratulations are also in order to Justin Lall and Patty Lozano for placing 9th, and to Suresh Agrawal and Bob Scallan for placing 11th, at the NAP Flight B finals at the Nationals in Pittsburgh.

All members are strongly encouraged to participate in the various fundraising activities that will occur during the next several months to raise money for the Dallas Nationals next spring. Only eleven months remain before the

beginning of the nationals and much money still needs to be raised. The next fundraising activity will be playing with the pros during Saturday morning, May 28, at the Memorial Day sectional.

Sherman 299er Sectional

April 8-10, 2005

Friday Aft Strat Prs A1.B1.C1, Kay Johnstone - Robert Johnstone A2.B2.C2. Mary Casteel-Bert Dempsey.

Fri Eve Strat Prs A1.B1. Sam Sneed-David Reynolds A2. Gene Kincaid-Judy Kincaid B2.C1. Ann Vieira Ramsey-Garrett Staples C2. Heidi Karriker-Bob Karriker

Sat Morn KO Teams 1. Susan Webb-Penny Mixon-Glen Terrell-Steve Hibbard-David Pearlman.

Sat Aft Strat Prs A1. Bonnie Shearalynn Cameron A2. Gene Kincaid-Judy Kincaid B1. Daniel Potkalesky-Cole Musselman B2. Allen Grissom-Ann Thompson.

Sat Eve Strat Prs A1. Marcia Hansen-Hilda Lacher A2. Mike Davis-Lyn Davis.B1. Burty Lauck-Amy Lauck B2. Callie Weller-Ellen Heck.

Sat Celebrity Pro-AM A1.B1.C1. Gene Kincaid-Judy Kincaid A2/3.B2.C2. Eileen Smith-David Pearlman

A2/3. Hemant Lall-Cole Musselman.

Sun Swiss Teams I 1. Susan Webb-Penny Mixon-Glen Terrell-Steve Hibbard 2. Burty Lauck-Amy Lauck-Christine Bost-Frances Townsley II 1. Steve Hibbard-Glen Terrell-David Pearlman-Stewart DeJournett.

Pittsburgh Spring NABC 299er Winners

March 10-20, 2005

Thurs Aft 299er Strat Prs A2.B2. Hal Noelke, Mertzon **1st Sun 299er Strat Swiss Teams** A1. Linda Anthony, Austin **Mosites Co Strat 299er Prs** B5. Jeanne Ingraham-Frank Ingraham, Houston **2nd Sat Aft 100/200/300 Strat Prs** B6. Jeanne Ingraham-Frank Ingraham, Houston.

Houston Election Sectional, April 8-10, 2005

Results: Houston Sectional

Tom Peters and John Zilic were the top masterpoint winners with 37.57 masterpoints.

Fri Aft Strat Open Prs A1/2. Thomas Peters-John Zilic A1/2.B1.C1. Ralph Herz-Gabriel Perry B2.C2. Hortense Brinkley-Herbert Estes.

Fri Aft Strat 299er Prs A1. Douglas Richardson-Bailey Moore A2.B1. Rebecca Hyzer-Sandra Parker B2.C1. Herbert Warner-Marcia Warner C2. Jim McCormick-Richard Wright.

Fri Aft Strat 49er Prs A1.B1. Penny Barroso-Francine Hargrove A2. Gloria La Prade-Owen Whitlock B2. Steve Varner-George Whiteley.

Fri Eve Strat Open Prs A1. Ann Brinker Schwall-Paul Nimmons A2. Thomas Peters-John Zilic B1. Julian Barr-William Breslin B2. Ralda St Pierre-Barbara La Vigne C1. Jean Brandt-Gay Rod C2. Synphia Adams-RaeDonna Jones.

Fri Eve Strat 299er Prs A1.B1.C1. Sam Dodson-Roger Marlatt A2.B2.C2. David Anton-Dick Zinser.

Fri KO Teams Bkt I 1. Geoff Booth-Robert Sandfield-Jack La Vigne-John Erickson 2. Justin Lall-Patricia Lozano-Jamie Bass-Gregory Ingolia
Bkt II 1. Peter Hanson-Tom Nobis-Reggie Lewis-Rajesh Seth 2. Kathy Hughes-Yvonne Strangmeyer-Melva Keil-Ralph Herz-Shirley Boyd
Bkt III 1. Joyce Ryan-Rebecca Hyzer-Sandra Parker-Linda Albright 2. Robert Arnett-Cynthia Holliday-Barbara Babbitt-James Nichols Jr.

Sat Strat Choice Prs A1. Jeanne Linzel-Clif Rice A2. John Zilic-Thomas Peters B1. George Wengrofsky-Shmuel Harari B2. Donna Sparks-Fred Feigley C1. Sylvia Bliss-Paula Hradecky C2. D Russell Long-John Bedford.

Sat Aft Strat Open Prs A1. Rose Calvin-Shih-Liang Hsu A2.B1.C1. Gale Zubowski-Thomas Lin B2/3. Janice Henderson-Charles Markowitz B2/3.C2. Alistair Markham-Isobel Markham.

Sat Aft Strat 299er Prs 1. Becky Ellisor-Milton Ellisor A2.B1. Bonnie Burkhart-Richard Burkhart B2.C1. Jay Karkowsky-Jack Rawitscher C2. Robert Frederick-Leol Franklin.

Sat Aft Strat 49er Prs A1.B1. Gurcan Gulen-Tekin Kunt A2.B2. Evelyn James-Ginny Cunningham.

Sat Eve Strat Open Prs A1.B1. Gene Thompson-Carl Hogan A2. Jeremy Dilbeck-H David Grace B2. Marcella Thomas-Catherine Brown.



Fri Eve Strat Open Prs B
Julian Barr & Bill Breslin



Fri Eve Strat 299er Prs ABC
Roger Marlatt & (NP) Sam Dodson



Sat Strat Open Prs A
Clif Rice & Jeanne Linzel



Sat Eve Strat 299er Prs AB
Ann Blohm & Joanne Chadderdon



Fri Bktd KO Teams Bkt II
Tom Nobis & Raj Seth
Reggie Lewis & Pete Hanson



Fri Bktd KO Teams Bkt III
Sandra Parker & Rebecca Hyzer
Linda Albright & Joyce Ryan



Sat Compact KO Bkt II
Sibyl Bellview & Sherry Greisen
Carl Rose & BK Singh



Sun Strati-Fltd Swiss Teams C
Ray Alexanian & (NP) C.Fackenthall
Carlys Swenn & Pam Lasalle



Sun Strati-Fltd Swiss Teams D
Judy & Chuck Ensor
Kay Pfister & Howard Lindsey



Sun Strati-Fltd Swiss Teams X
Christoph Eick & John DuBose
Wolf Schroeter & Ron Nordgren



Sun Strati-Fltd Swiss Teams B
Ralda St. Pierre & (NP) S. Dalal
Chris Curran & Karen McCandless



Fri Bktd KO Teams Bkt I
Jack La Vigne & (NP) John Erickson
Geoff Booth & Robert Sandfield
Geoff & Robert also won
Sun Strat Open Prs A



Sun Strati-Fltd Swiss Teams A
Joe & Shawn Quinn
NPC Mary Micheletti
Gil Micheletti & Dan Morse

Sat Eve Strat 299er Prs A1.B1. Joanne Chadderdon-Ann Blohm A2.B2.C1. Mateo Figueroa-Catalina Cardenas C2. Don Deal-Gurcan Gulen.

Sat Compact KO Teams Bkt I 1. Chris Compton-Robert Grantham Jr.-Greg Hinze-Nagy Kamel 2. Svetlana Oden-Anton (Tony) Haddad-Tosi Liang-George Fox
Bkt II 1. Sherry Greisen-Carl Rose-Sibyl Bellview-Birendra Singh 2. Owen Whitlock-Diane Konick-Claudia Parr-Gloria La Prade.

Sat Eve Strat Open Prs A1.B1. Gene Thompson-Carl Hogan A2. Jeremy Dilbeck-H David Grace B2. Marcella Thomas-Catherine Brown.

Sun Strati-Fltd Swiss Teams AX A1. Dan Morse-Gil Micheletti-Shawn Quinn-Joe Quinn A2. Sally Wheeler-Buddy Hanby-August Plate-Georgiana Gates X1. Wolf Schroeter-Christoph

Eick-John Du Bose Jr-Ron Nordgren X2. J.Evans-Kathy Evans-Vic Sowers-Chuck Gillis
Strati BCD B1. Ralda St Pierre-Karen McCandless-Chris Curran-Sadhana Dalal B2/4.C1. Pam Lasalle-Raymond Alexanian-Carlys Swenn-Chloe Ella Fackenthall B2/4. Benjamin Klein-Joyce Klein-Bob Lester-Lourdes Fletcher B2/4. Nandlal Khatri-Madhusudan Patel-Charles Sommer-Lisa Sommer C2.D1. Meriedith Pfister-Charles Ensor-Judith Ensor-Howard Lindsey D2. Robert Arnett-Rebecca Hyzer-Sandra Parker-Joe Jarone.

Sun Strat Open Prs A1. Robert Sandfield-Geoff Booth A2. William Baker-Arlene Weingarten B1. Gregory Lester-Youssef Youssef B2. Claudette Roush-Billie Shotwell C1. Cheri Staples-Linda Howard C2. D Russell Long-John Bedford.

unique! It's a regionally rated pair event but will be imp scored as a team event with the teammates being famous players! Each pair will pick either Bob Hamman and Paul Soloway (by sitting E/W) or Eric Rodwell and Jeff Meckstroth (by sitting N/S). They will have pre-played the hands on the Internet at a private table on Bridge Base. Those recorded results will be the "other table" scores for each pair to arrive at a N/S and a E/W winner. The \$100.00 per pair donation (entry fee) includes dinner afterward (with a cash bar) and a Q & A Panel Show. And, if you want to be on a World-Class Dream Team, you can play with an expert selected by lottery for a total donation of \$250.00 or draft a famous player by name for a total donation of \$400.00. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. You must enter in advance. Please contact Marsha Bernstein (713-621-7724 or e-mail marshab1@pdq.net) if you haven't already done so.

Congratulations to these recent Life Masters and Masterpoint Achievers for their accomplishments: New Life Masters (300+ MPs): Doug Boswell, Bill Gervais, John Linden, Mary Lundblad, Martha Mickey, Eric Sandberg, Harry Selldin, Vince Toepp, Carol Van Dyke, Ima Ruth Wood. Bronze Life Masters (500+ MPs):

Jackie Everett, Ervie Freeman, Mary Lundblad, Peggy Naughton, Daniel Renault, Harry Selldin, Ann Taylor, Vince Toepp, Ima Ruth Wood. Silver Life Masters (1,000+ MPs): Jo Ann Brown, Victoria Castleberry, Marion Collins, Tony Haddad, Ralda St. Pierre. Gold Life Masters (2,500+ MPs): John Erickson. Emerald Life Master (7500+ MPs): Joe Quinn.

Historical: We had 2,714 players participating in the January STAC games. Thanks to the excellent speakers in the educational program at the Houston Regional in February, it had the best overall attendance numbers ever and close to 100 people at several of the sessions. And compliments to Jodene Bond, our I/N Coordinator, for the success of her efforts to attract newcomers to the Unit's tournaments and for "holding their hands" once she gets them there. Thanks to her there were many beginners among the 392 players in the Houston Regional's I/N Section.

If you have news to share, please e-mail page@evl.net or leave a message at 281.442.1509 (days).

Unit Growth Idea:
Mentoring Program
For more information
www.acbl.org/units/units.html

TIPS THAT WILL RECRUIT NEW PLAYERS

A steady stream of new players coming into your club is a necessity if the club is to prosper and grow. Here are some ideas other club owners have found successful in helping to attract new players.

- 1. Start an Easybridge! game.** Easybridge! is a marketing device designed to attract new players to the club and get them playing in a game.
- 2. Advertise your bridge games with appealing names.** Games advertised as "Not so serious duplicate" and "No stress, no frills bridge" have a lot of appeal for newer players.
- 3. Recognize that you need newcomer games to be successful.** 60% of all ACBL members have under 300 masterpoints. 40% have under 100 points.
- 4. Offer a variety of newcomer games.** Students, new players, and players new-to-duplicate need venues to play in that are NOT the open game. Offer a variety of games such as Bridge Plus+ and Supervised Play.
- 5. Host an end-of-classes party.** Invite the teachers in your area to an end-of-classes party at your club. Offer an introductory game for masterpoints.
- 6. "Mixers" capitalize on the social interests of your players.** Advertise a mixer for new players who want to meet more new players. A good tag line is, "Meet new people AND have fun!"
- 7. Run a promotional game at the mall.** Run a game in a store that is temporarily empty. Invite the new players to visit your club.
- 8. Help your students discover and enjoy duplicate bridge.** Run a game for your students that provides a protected environment.
- 9. Have the eighth lesson at the club.** Contact teachers who are not teaching at your club and arrange to have them teach the last lesson in their series at your club. Consider giving the students a future free play.
- 10. Introduce students to duplicate at graduation parties.** End of a lesson series with a graduation party. The students will play duplicate, have refreshments, compete for lucky draws and prizes, and masterpoints!
- 11. Offer a full duplicate game as one of your course lessons.** Make your students eager to play the game by staging a duplicate session as one of your lessons. The students play and the game is scored and masterpoints are awarded.
- 12. Offer supervised play sessions for students.** Offer supervised play sessions for students between regular classes. Involve the teacher in these games to make the students more comfortable.



Unit 174
Houston

Anne Page

Our just completed April 8-10 Election Sectional had a 557.5 table count. It's the largest entry since 1994, and 93 tables more than last year! Congratulations to Ed Groner, Karen Nimmons, and Joyce Ryan, our new Board members, on their election, and thanks to retiring Board members, Fred Feigley, Betty Freedman, and Lew Levy, for their superb service.

Condolences to all who mourn the recent deaths of these members of our bridge community: Merle Denney, Arlene Hamilton, George B. Thomas.

Board News: Beginning in August 2005, tournament entry fees will be increased by \$1.00 to help pay for hosting the Houston 2009 NABC.

Contributed to E'Bridge's Forum by "Paulina23": While giving a man his physical, the doctor noticed several dark, ugly bruises on his shins, so he asked, "Do you play hockey, soccer, or any really physical sports?" The man replied, "Not at all. I just play bridge with my wife."

At the USBF May Regional, the Monday night game to help raise funds for sending teams to upcoming international competitions will be

United States Bridge Championships & Regional



USBF supports US Bridge Athletes in
International World and Olympic Bridge Competition

May 16-22, 2005

Marriot Westchase Hotel
2900 Briarpark Drive, Houston, TX 77042
713.978.7400 or 1.800.228.9290



Intermediate/Newcomer Events

Trophy Pairs: Each day there are three single sessions, 9 am, 1 and 7 pm.
You may play in as many as you wish. If you play in two or more, you are
eligible to win a trophy. Your best score counts toward the trophy.

	Tuesday, May 17		9 am, 1 & 7 pm
5/20/50 Pairs			9 am, 1 & 7 pm
100/200/300 Pairs			1 & 7 pm
0-5 Pairs			
	Wednesday, May 18		9 am, 1 & 7 pm
5/20/50 Pairs			9 am, 1 & 7 pm
100/200/300 Pairs			9 am, 1 & 7 pm
0-5 Pairs			1 & 7 pm
	Thursday, May 19		9 am, 1 & 7 pm
5/20/50 Pairs			9 am, 1 & 7 pm
100/200/300 Pairs			9 am, 1 & 7 pm
0-5 Pairs			1 & 7 pm
	Friday, May 20		9 am, 1 & 7 pm
5/20/50 Pairs			9 am, 1 & 7 pm
100/200/300 Pairs			9 am, 1 & 7 pm
0-5 Pairs			1 & 7 pm
	Saturday, May 21		9 am, 1 & 7 pm
5/20/50 Pairs			9 am, 1 & 7 pm
100/200/300 Pairs			9 am, 1 & 7 pm
0-5 Pairs			1 & 7 pm
	Sunday, May 22		10 am & TBA
5/20/50 Pairs			10 am & TBA
100/200/300 Pairs			10 am & TBA
50/100/300 Swiss Teams			10 am & TBA

0-5 Players play their first session free.

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Entry Fees: Regular Games: \$11/person/session
Saturday Games: \$12/person/session (surcharge for Texas NABCs)
Sunday: \$12/person/session (meal included)
0-5 Players play their first session free.



Regional Championship Events

ACBL Gold and Red masterpoints awarded every session.
USBF membership is not required to play in Regional Events.

Mon	Dream Team Extravaganza [See p. 7 for details] Open Pairs	4:30 pm
Tues	Stratified Pairs	1 & 7 pm
Wed	Stratified Pairs	1 & 7 pm
Thur	Strati-Flighted Pairs	1 & 7 pm
Fri	Stratified Pairs	1 & 7 pm
Sat	Strati-Flighted Pairs	1 & 7 pm
Sun	Stratified Pairs	10 am & TBA
	Senior Choice Pairs (Must be 55 or older) Choose any two sessions each day.	
Tues	Stratified Pairs	9 am, 1 & 7 pm
Wed	Stratified Pairs	9 am, 1 & 7 pm
Thur	Stratified Pairs	9 am, 1 & 7 pm
Fri	Stratified Pairs	9 am, 1 & 7 pm
Sat	Stratified Pairs	9 am, 1 & 7 pm
Sun	Stratified Pairs	10 am & TBA
	Side Game Series*	
	Morning Side Game Series	9 am
	Afternoon Side Game Series	1 pm
	Evening Side Game Series	7 pm
	Each Side Series runs 5 days: Tuesday-Saturday *Your best 2 sessions count toward overalls	
	Team Events	
KO I		Tues-Fri 9 am
KO II	1 & 7 on Tuesday and 1 & 7 on Wednesday	
KO III	1 & 7 on Wednesday and 1 & 7 on Thursday	
KO IV	1 & 7 on Thursday and 1 & 7 on Friday	
Compact KO		1 & 7 pm Saturday
Stratified Swiss Teams		Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri & Sat 7 pm
Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams		Sunday 10 am and TBA
	Stratified Events: A: 1500+; B: 500-1500; C: 0-500	
	Seniors' Choice Events: A: 1500+; B: 500-1500; C: 0-500	
	Strati-Flighted Events: A: 3000+; AX: 0-3000 (A & AX play together); B: 1000-2000; C: 500-1000; D: 0-500 (BCD play together)	

Dallas Memorial Day Sectional & GNT District 16 Finals

May 26-30, 2005

Richardson Civic Center

Richardson, Texas

Southwest Corner of Arapaho and Highway 75 (Central Expressway)

Thursday, May 26

Stratified Open Pairs	7:30 pm
Stratified 299er Pairs	7:30 pm
Bracketed KO I (continues Friday at 1:30 & 7:30)	7:30 pm

Friday, May 27

Stratified Open Pairs, single sessions	1:30 & 7:30 pm
Stratified 299er Pairs, single sessions	1:30 & 7:30 pm
Bracketed KO Teams I (semi-final & final)	1:30 & 7:30 pm

Saturday, May 28

0-5 PAIRS FREE ENTRIES 9:30 am
Special Speaker to discuss hands from morning session.

0-20 PAIRS	9:30 am & 1:30 pm
Stratified 299er Pairs, single sessions	9:30 am, 1:30 & 7:30 pm
Strati-Flighted Open Pairs, single sessions	1:30 & 7:30 pm
Compact KO	1:30 & 7:30 pm
GNT Qualifying (2 Sessions)	1:30 & 7:30 pm

Sunday, May 29

Bracketed KO II	9:30 am, 1:30 & 7:30 pm
0-20 PAIRS	1:30 pm
Stratified Open Pairs, single sessions	1:30 & 7:30 pm
Stratified 299er Pairs, single sessions	1:30 & 7:30 pm
GNT Finals (2 Sessions)	1:30 & 7:30 pm

Monday, May 30

Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams	10:00 am & TBA
299er Swiss Teams	10:00 am & TBA
GNT Finals (If Needed)*	10:00 am & TBA

Stratifications

Strati-Fltd: A: Unlimited, AX: 0-3000 (A & AX play together)
B: 500-2000, C: 0-500 (B & C play together)
Stratified: A: Unlimited, B: 500-2000, C: 0-500
299er Stratified: A: 100-300, B: 50-100, C: 0-50

Complimentary Snacks and Drinks Every Session!

Meal Will Be Provided on Monday Between Rounds!

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Tom Whitesides

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Holiday Inn Select
1615 North Central Expressway
Richardson, TX
972.669.0508
Ask for Bridge Rates!

Entry Fees
\$10/person/session \$11/person/session on Saturday
The extra \$1 on Saturday is for the Dallas NABC to be held in 2006
\$100/Swiss Team

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR GNT ATTENDEES

Pre-registration for the GNT Flight A & Super Flight is requested. Unit GNT Coordinators and/or players need to contact Sandy Campbell at 214.766.2571 before attending. Provide her with your planned flight, the names, ACBL numbers and approximate masterpoints of your team members along with the phone number for captain. This will insure a good and quick start on Saturday. **Flights B & C do not need to pre-register.**

Flights B & C must qualify at Unit level to play in this event.

GNT Flights: A: 0-5000, B: 0-2000, C: NLM - less than 500
*If needed, based on number of teams entered in each flight.



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SCHEDULE

Monday, November 7

Welcome Charity Open Pairs 8:30 pm
KO Teams I-1 Bracketed 8:30 pm

Tuesday, November 8

KO Teams I-2, 3, 4 10:00 am, 2:30 & 8:30 pm
Side Game Series M-1 10:00 am
Side Game Series A-1 2:30 pm
Open Pairs Stratified Two Session 2:30 & 8:30 pm
Side Game Series E-1 8:30 pm

Wednesday, November 9

KO Teams II-1 Bracketed 10:00 am
Side Game Series M-2 10:00 am
KO Teams III-1, 2 Bracketed 2:30 & 8:30 pm
99er Pairs 2:30 pm
Side Game Series A-2 2:30 pm
Open Pairs Stratified Two Session 2:30 & 8:30 pm
Side Game Series E-2 8:30 pm

Thursday, November 10

KO Teams II-2 10:00 am
Side Game Series M-3 10:00 am
KO Teams III-3, 4 2:30 & 8:30 pm
99er Pairs 2:30 pm
Side Game Series A-3 2:30 pm
Open Pairs Stratified Two Session 2:30 & 8:30 pm
Side Game Series E-3 8:30 pm

Friday, November 11

KO Teams II-3 10:00 am
Side Game Series M-4 10:00 am
KO Teams IV-1, 2 Bracketed 2:30 & 8:30 pm
99er Pairs 2:30 pm
Side Game Series A-4 2:30 pm
Open Pairs Stratified Two Session 2:30 & 8:30 pm
Side Game Series E-4 8:30 pm

Saturday, November 12

KO Teams II-4 10:00 am
KO Teams IV-3, 4 2:30 & 8:30 pm
Open Pairs Stratified Two Session 2:30 & 8:30 pm
99er Pairs 2:30 pm

Sunday, November 13

Stratified Swiss Teams 10:00 am

(Break for Lunch)

Stratifications

A: 1500+, B: 500-1500, C: 0-500; Novice 99ers

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- * **No smoking with hospitality breaks**
- * **Bracketed KO's - Stratified Swiss**
Side Game Winners (best 2 of 4)

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