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San Francisco Report

Dan Morse

District 16 Representative



Bridge players loved San Francisco they came in droves, 14858 tables 1800 more than expected. The weather was good and many restaurants were in walking distance, the Host committee lead by Bruce Blakely did an excellent job. Everyone loved it so much the ACBL signed up to come back in 5 years.

CONGRAULTATIONS TO JOHN AND PEGGY SUTHERLIN -HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE ACBL FOR 2008.

I was reelected to the WBF as a delegate from ACBL.

Our headquarters building in Memphis was sold so now we have to relocate. We are looking at 4 possible locations, Memphis (includes northern Mississippi), Orlando, Atlanta, and Dallas all good locations. Any one with good political connections in Dallas please call or e-mail me.

2007 was a great year for the ACBL Membership was up, number of tables at all level increased and income surged to over a million dollars. As a result there will be no increases (of any kind) in dues or fees to our members. I hope we can continue to see membership and number of tables increase in 2008. In particular online ACBL sanctioned Bridge surges to 325,000 games in 2007. We may very well reach 3 Million sanctioned games in 2007 which would be the first time in ACBL history.

Starting now for year 2007 all units and districts are subject to new IRS rules and all must file a tax return. (Form 990 I believe).

The ACBL established reduced junior fees at NABC'S

All juniors get \$10.00 off per session.

Members less than 16 can play free at regional events.

The revised Masterpoint plan was approved effective 1-1-08. Details will be on the ACBL webpage. The eliminations and consolidation of club events will be effective 1-1-09; The ACBL extended the contract for its CEO Jay Baum to July 2011.

ACBL Score Program- New club game version 7.50 of the update is now at www.acbl.org.

A new flat sanction fee for STAC'S will start in 2008 (this would be a per table fee)

A committee will be formed composed of Management and Tournament Director Members to discuss a paradigm of TD's future structures.

The ACBL evaluating two available wireless scoring devices.

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Baker Wins LM Women's Pairs; Morse Second in Senior KO



By David Sokolow

There is both good news and bad news about the Fall NABC in San Francisco. First, the good news. Attendance was almost 30% more than expected; there were almost 15,000 tables in play over the course of 10-1/2 days! Now the bad news: the tournament was largely a bust for District 16 players. Here are the bright spots on my abbreviated "highlight reel."

Lynn Baker of Austin won the Life Master Women's Pairs by more than a board. Shawn Quinn of Richmond (who is temporarily residing in Poland) was third. As readers of this column are well aware, Lynn has had phenomenal success over the last few years. Her team's performance in the women's team events during the just-ended cycle (fall '06 through fall '07) earned them a bye to the semifinals of the 2008 Women's International Team Trials, which will determine the U.S. representative to the 2008 Women's Bridge Olympiad in Beijing. Given the strength of the top teams in American women's bridge, a bye to the semis is a huge advantage. Congratulations, Lynn, on both counts!

The ACBL's new president and our long-time leader, Dan Morse, finished second in the Senior Knockout Teams playing with regular partner, and former District 16'er, Bobby Wolff. Their team defeated the defending champions (a multinational squad of players from the US, Israel, Brazil and Canada) by 9 IMPs in the semifinal. Nice going!

The dearth of first- and secondplace finishes allows me some leeway in my coverage here. Condolences to Bob Hamman of Dallas on the recent passing of his long-time partner, Paul Soloway. Bob and Hemant Lall of Dallas were fourth in the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams, the most grueling event on the ACBL calendar.

There were several other top ten finishes by District 16 players in NABC events. Peggy



Sutherlin, Dallas, and Shawn Quinn were fourth in the Women's Board-a-Match Teams. Sally Wheeler and Buddy Hanby, Spring, and Jim and Patricia Griffin, Austin, were fifth in the North American Swiss Teams. John Sutherlin of Dallas finished 5/8 in the Senior KO Teams; Barry Schaffer, Frisco, Bryan Storey, Plano, and Dave Swarthout, San Antonio, were 5/8 in the same event on a different team. Tobi Sokolow and Mildred Breed, Austin, were sixth in the Women's Board-a-Match and, along with Tobi's husband, David, eighth in the North American Swiss. Eddie Wold, Houston, was seventh in the Open Board-a-Match Teams.

The Spring NABC will be held in Detroit from March 6-16. Organizers do not expect a huge turnout, so your chances of success at the bridge table are enhanced. And for those of you who do not know, Detroit is right across the river from Windsor, Ontario, so you can take your chances at the other kind of table if you prefer!

To you and your loved ones, a happy, healthy, peaceful and fulfilling year in '08!

National Events in

San Francisco

159.55 Dan Morse

151.34 Bob Hamman

146.79 Hemant Lall

126.32 Lynn Baker,

112.39 John Sutherlin

106.29 Nagy Kamel

105.14 Shawn Quinn 104.82 Mildred Breed,

125.14 Venkatrao Koneru.

Bobby Nail LM Open Pairs 13. Weishu Wu, Plano 32 Mike Passell, Plano -Eddie Wold, Houston

102.59 Tobi Sokolow

Helen Sobel LM Women's Prs

- 1. Lynn Baker, Austin
- 3. Shawn Quinn, 30-218 Krakow Poland
- 22. Joan Jackson, Dallas
- 34. Petra Hamman, Dallas Nancy Passell, Plano
- Victor Mitchell BAM 7. Eddie Wold-Houston Mike Passell, Plano
- 11/12 Bart Bramley, Dallas 39. Bill Staats, Southlake
- 42. Weishu Wu, Plano

Women's Board A Match

- 4. Peggy Sutherlin, Dallas-Shawn Quinn, 30-218 Krakow Poland 6. Mildred Breed-Tobi Sokolow,
- Austin 11. Joan Jackson - Petra Hamman. Dallas Nancy Passell, Plano
- 13. Lynn Baker, Austin

Senior KO Teams

- 2. Morse, Houston
- 5/8 Sutherlin, Dallas TX
- 5/8 Dave Swarthout, San Antonio-Barry Schaffer, Frisco TX; Bryan Storey, Plano TX

Blue Ribbon Pairs

- 11. Greg Hinze, San Antonio-Nagy Kamel, Plano
- 27. Bart Bramley, Dallas
 - Mini Blue Ribbon Pairs
- 15. Richard and Jyme Schmieder,
- 33. Bachman Nabors III, Kempner 49. Michael Heymann, Fort Worth
- Reisinger B-A-M Teams 4. Bob Hamman-Hemant Lall, Dallas
- 13. Dan Morse, Houston
- 14. Chris Compton, Dallas

North American Swiss

- 5. Sally Wheeler-Buddy Hanby, Spring James Griffin-Patricia Griffin, Austin
- 8. Tobi Sokolow-David Sokolow Mildred Breed, Austin
- 22. John Mohan, Huixquilucan Mexico-John Sutherlin, Dallas
- Michael Penick, Dallas
- 33. Robert Morris, Houston
- 36.Carol Schoenhals, Lubbock Joseph Clark, Dallas

National Goodwill & Charity Committee Appointments

The ACBL Goodwill and Charity Committees recognize members who work hard or who have worked hard for the good of bridge and promote the best in bridge. The Goodwill Committee promotes being friendly at the tables, volunteering to work at tournaments, being polite to your partner, teammates and your opponents.

Charity Committee Alla Mae Westbrook Mcallen Bob Hamman Dallas

Goodwill Committee Gay Roach, Nacogdoches Jolie Hess, Houston Marsha Bernstein, Houston Bob Gerberich, Corpus Christi



Bob Hamman



Marsha Bernstein



Alla Mae Westbrook



Gay Roach



Jolie Hess

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Curtis K. Smith (1925-2007)

We thank Tom and Carolyn Peters for this obituary for Curtis Smith. Contributions are appreciated from Betty Freedman, Ira Chorush and Jerry Jungmichael. The January issue of the ACBL Bulletin will also contain an obituary for Curtis.

Curtis Kynette (Curtis liked "King" better) Smith passed away the morning of November 28, 2007 of cancer. He was born December 8, 1925 in Oakland, California. At age 15 he entered college but soon enlisted in the Army-Air Force, lying about his age to serve. After being discharged he resumed his education and obtained an engineering degree. He did some graduate work but did not get an M.S.

He soon became interested in bridge, and quickly used all his time to perfect those skills.

His professional career spanned some 20 years, from the late 1950's to the early 1980's. He was always high in the McKinney Race (now called the Barry Crane List) but was never fortunate enough to win it. He did manage to win 4 National championships, including an Open Pair, the Spingold (twice) and the GNOT. He had numerous other high places including 6 second place results. Curtis was considered by many of his peers to be one of the best declarers in the country during his career.

Curtis spent most of his life in the Houston area. He had 4 wives during his life, marrying Beverlye (the 4th) in 1989.

They lived outside Crockett, Texas (about 125 miles north of Houston) for the last 12 years or so. Curtis



refused to pay ACBL dues beginning in 1991. He believed ACBL owed Life Masters a lifetime membership. As a result he is not listed on Master Point lists, though he had accumulated more than 12,000. Except for an occasional appearance, he has not played duplicate bridge since the mid-80's . He was an active rubber bridge player for many years until the death of his very good friend Bobby Nail.

Ira Chorush, a good friend of both Curtis and Bobby as well as an excellent player, relayed this anecdote about Curtis: "Seems Curtis was consorting in some wagering with a couple of gamblers in Kansas City in a hotel room The subject came up as to their relative skills at a game called bridge. After some blustering about the matter, Curtis told them that he was so much better than they were at bridge that he could beat them playing with the bellboy as a partner. They were quick to take him up on that proposition and a game was arranged for considerable stakes. The bell desk was rung and the bellboy summoned. In came Bobby Nail, dressed up in a bellboy

uniform. (For those who did not have the pleasure of knowing Bobby, he was physically small with a giant heart. He did have a boyish face and 60 years ago might easily have passed for a teenaged bellboy.) Curtis did indeed beat his two opponents out of more than pocket change with Bobby as his partner; at that time the two men would have been one of the best pairs in the country."

A tremendous bridge player, a history buff with a good knowledge of many subjects, an author and contributor to the Bridge Bulletin, and a good friend to those who knew him well, Curtis will be long remembered.

Betty Freedman recollects the following.:

"I got home from Mexico about 10 minutes ago and this was the first email I read. You described Curtis to a T. I remember him coming to the house in the early 1950ies and playing money bridge. It was Nail, Rockaway, Smith and Milton. Milton learned how to play in a hurry. I used to play with him at Bobby's club. There will probably never be another bunch of colorful players like in the olden days."



4 Generations of Bridge Players

by Dee Schade

One of the delights of Unit 187 is the Shellberg/Crumpler clan which represents four generations of bridge! Ven Shellberg, the matriarch of the group, is 95 years young, a wonderful gal and loved by all. Her family calls her GiGi. Ven moved to Corpus Christi in 1989 after living and playing in Denver for many years. She is a Silver Life Master. Ven says she has been playing bridge since she was 18 years old, but started playing duplicate, at the encouragement of her husband, only about 40 years ago. She started with a group of 4 women who enjoyed each other's company and traveled to many tournaments together. Ven says overall, bridge player are much nicer today than they were at the time she began. She and her family loved games and especially card games. Her son, Johnny, began playing duplicate at the same time she

Daughter, Ann, was not particularly interested at the time. Later, after Ann married and she began playing a lot of party bridge. In the early nineties, she took some lessons along with some other friends and began playing duplicate. Ann is a Bronze Life Master and has been very involved in the unit. She has been partnership chairperson for our regionals for several

Ann's daughter-in-law, Lina Crumpler, started duplicate a few years ago when Ann told her about a beginner's course being offered by the club. Lina had never played bridge before, but was instantly hooked. In her words, the game only cost a few dollars well within a young mother's budget,

January February

the people at the table were encouraging and friendly, and getting away from the kids for a few hours a week and talking to grownups priceless. Lina plays with Ven once a month and says, "She is a delight. Ven's words of wisdom continue to help my game improve. She is a sharp player and I have learned many lessons from her." About Ann, she says, "She is kind and when I ask her what she did, or how she would get to a contract, she helps me understand the reasoning behind her decisions". " Our whole family does not play, but all understand our passion for the game. Since my husband, Jeff, was brought up in a bridge family, he understands. He is very considerate and when tournaments come to town, he supports my playing".

Lina says she has encouraged her children to continue the legacy. Sarah, age 16; Jackson, age 14; and John Wesley, age 10; play a friendly game at home. Over the summer they invite friends over and have a little fun. Lina says her goal is to have a knock-out team that would be waiting to pounce on the unsuspecting at any given tournament. Sarah and Jackson have caddied for local tournaments and enjoyed it very much. Sarah is a sophomore at King High School, want to attend Texas A & M and become a veterinarian. She enjoys the piano, skim boarding and hunting. Jackson is an eighth grader who wants to attend LSU and be a petroleum engineer, just like his grandpa. He enjoys fishing, hunting, kayaking, cross-country, piano, violin, skim boarding and soccer. John Wesley is a fourth grader and this week he wants to attend Texas A & M, Galveston and become a diving instructor. He enjoys surfing, fishing, camping, hunting, football and

Certainly you can see why these special people are loved by our unit. They are fun and very importantly involved in the activities of the



Curtis with Ira Rubin (aka "The beast") in his playing prime.

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Houston Unit 174 to Hold Board Election April 4-6, 2008

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The approximately 2330 members of Unit 174, whose participating clubs include Angleton, Baytown, Brenham, Bryan/College Station, Clear Lake, Conroe, Galveston, Houston, Lake Jackson, La Marque, Missouri City, Pasadena, Stafford, Sugar Land and Wharton, will have an opportunity to vote for three members of the Board of Directors April 4-6, 2008, during the Election Sectional at the Hornberger Conference Center at 2121 W. Holcombe in Houston. The three newly elected board members will join Jo Dene Bond, Jolie Hess, Bert Onstott, Pat Levy, John Erickson, and Lauri Laufman to complete the full nine-member board. Barbara LaVigne, Chairman of this year's Nominating Committee, consisting of Bill Baker, Debbie Bellan, Norm Gautier, and Rose Calvin urges all Unit 174 members to vote, either in person or absentee. To vote in person, you should plan to be at the tournament site during the hour before each session on Friday and Saturday, or one hour before the Sunday morning session. To vote absentee, follow the procedure outlined below. Winners will be announced prior to the second session on Sunday April 6. In order for your vote to be counted, you must vote for exactly three candidates. The candidates have been given an opportunity to introduce themselves and say a few words about their philosophies, goals and backgrounds. They are listed alphabetically and have been restricted to 100 words.

August Birke



I have been playing Duplicate in North Harris and Montgomery Counties for about two years. I am a neophyte with less than 75 masterpoints

My greatest concern on observing ACBL via the clubs and sectional activities here is the paucity of pre-retirement-age players. It appears that we have lost a generation of "bridgeophiles."

If elected, my intent is to pursue novel approaches to develop future generations of players, beginning in our local high schools and other institutes of learning. For example, what about subsidizing our Club Bridge teachers thereby enabling them to offer instructional classes at these forums?

Paul Cuneo



I am honored to be nominated to serve on the Unit board. I've only been playing for two years but I bring a lot of board, management and volunteer experience, energy, and dedication to serving the Unit to the position.

I am a Chemical Engineer, retired from Shell as VP-Technology and CIO, and live with my wife in Spring. I am a Deacon at Northwest Bible Church in Spring and coordinate the job search training programs in the Church's Between Jobs Ministry. I am also Secretary of the Board of Directors for Bilma Public Utility District.

Joyce Gore



My life has been full of ventures. I have sold real estate, been president of the Geophysical Auxiliary of Houston, secretary for the Council of Ministries of my church, served on the board of the Westland YMCA, played tennis, golf and (for the last two years) sanctioned bridge.

I score the Monday game at Tracy Gee's and am a Club Director Bridge is an important part of my life. I am honored to be selected to run for the Board of Unit 174 and if elected will be very enthusiastic in doing whatever I can to enhance bridge in Houston.

Karen Nimmons



My name is Karen Nimmons and I am seeking reelection to the board.

I have been an active member of the Unit board for the past three years, having served as Goodwill chair, as board Secretary, and STaC coordinator. I have cochaired four sectional tournaments and served as hospitality chair for the Lone Star Regional

I feel that I have served the Unit well for the past three years and I would like to serve you for another three years.

I would appreciate your vote.

Nick Rasmussen



Education: Stanford - BS and

Career: US Navy - engineering officer on nuclear submarine; American General Corporation hired as investment officer, retired as executive vice president & chief financial officer; Rice University Jones Graduate School of Business - Adjunct Professor of Finance - mergers & acquisitions and corporate finance.

Other: Corporate board - director and audit committee chairman. Non-profit board - director Bridge: learned from life master parents; 40-year hiatus; play three days a week; approaching life master; passion for the game - hope to utilize my experience to contribute to the continued success of Unit 174.

Joyce Ryan



I have been active on the Unit board for the past three years. I have focused most of my efforts on enhancing the bridge experience for our newer players, serving as Education and I/N coordinator. In that capacity, I developed Education Packets and provided Introduction to Duplicate booklets for teachers, developed the 0-20 beginner games in Clear Lake and the Houston Bridge Studio, started "ask a teacher" and a listing of Teachers/Classes on the unit's website, developed a list of volunteers featuring newer players, and helped develop a novice/mentor game at the Houston Bridge Studio. I would appreciate your vote.

Absentee Voting Procedure

If you do not plan to attend the tournament, you should send a stamped, self-addressed envelope along with a SIGNED letter to the election judges, Natalie Greene and Dale Crumbaugh. Please address requests to Election Judge at 32 Villa Bend Dr., Houston, TX 77069-1431. The address on the return envelope must be the voter's address of record. If the voter is a member in good standing, an Official Ballot will be sent to the voter, along with instructions for returning it. All Absentee Ballots must be returned postmarked no later than March 21, 2008, and be received by April 2, 2008. Please request absentee ballots early as no ballots will be mailed out after March 19th. Send questions by e-mail to: unit174 ballot@aol.com. Election or Ballot should be in the subject line.

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When a witness's testimony is critical to a disciplinary hearing the witness is required to appear or provide a signed statement.

Under extreme circumstances management may cancel a club's sanction and/or the club director's accredita-

The NAP formula for awarding extra pairs to the final was changed. From now on it will be based on percentage of participation at the club level. I was told this would not have prevented our District from getting an extra pair this year.

A committee will be formed to study the requirements to become a Life Master (some people think it has become too easy).

The first ever Youth NABC will be held July 3-6 in Atlanta, Georgia. Registration is open to anyone 19 or younger with fewer than 5000 master points. You can get more information at www.youthnabc.org

I am looking forward to 2008 when I will be President of the ACBL. I will be traveling around ACBL land much more than normal but I will try and stay in touch by e-mail if any one needs me. I hope to see many District 16 members at one of our Nationals (Detroit, Las Vegas, or Boston.)

Here's hoping we all have a wonderful 2008.



Elvis is coming!

www.LasVegasNABC2008.com

In order to participate in the bridge activities, your reservation must be made with Go Away Travel.

Unit 174 Houston

Anne Page



Condolences to all who mourn the recent deaths of these members of our bridge community: Allan Baker, Joe Brewer, Michael Crawford, Pat Hefner, Marilyn Johnson, Henry Nortman, Phyllis Rathbun, Curtis K. Smith (former Houstonian), Nancy M. Wood.

Congratulations to Jeanne Linzel (33.23) and Bill Gervais (26.64) who topped the masterpoint list of the October 8-14 Unit STaC.

The updated spreadsheet of our Unit's tournament table counts for the past 22 years shows that we had 6,124 tables at the Unit's 2007 tournaments. The only year we had more was 2005 when we had two region-

We had 443 tables at the October Sectional, and 470 players earned a total of 1,684.81 masterpoints. This count was up 42 tables from last year! Congratulations to #1 winner Chris Compton (26.87) and partners Thomas Peters and John Zilic who were #2 (25.00).

It's not too late to name events at the 2008 Houston Regional in honor or memory of favorite people. Email Bert Onstott at bertonstott@comcast.net or call him at 713-851-1511 to find out which events are still available and the prices. Then write a check to ACBL Unit 174 and mail it to him right away at 3303 North Sutton Square, Stafford, TX 77477-4722.

Congratulations to all who qualified at the Unit Level for the District North American Open Pairs Playoffs to be held January 18-21 at the San Antonio Sectional. (First Places were Gil Micheletti and Knut Petterson in Flight A, Daniel Schomer and Ing-Tai Chen in Flight B, and Harry and Brett Elliott in Flight C.) Remember that, even if you barely qualified, the high scorers have NO ADVAN-TAGE over you because this next level is run as a fresh event, so GO! But, if you are not going ,or if you did not qualify but wish to compete, contact Ed Groner (713-974-0019, email edgroner1@sbcglobal.net) right away because qualifying spots will be awarded to replace dropouts based on scores in the Unit event. District winners qualify for the National Playoffs at the 2008 Spring National in Detroit and receive stipends if they actually compete there.

Reminder: We are having a silent auction at the 2008 Houston Regional as a fund raiser for the 2009 NABC. We would appreciate tasteful donations (no white elephants!). Donor names will be listed. To arrange delivery of your solicited or personal donations to the Silent Auction Committee, please contact Barbara Peck (281-496-2139), Julia Miller (713626-4066), or Toni Snow (281-933-8924, email ericlsnow@excite.com).

The first Mentor-Mentee game at Houston Bridge Studio had a huge entry of 24 tables! This special event of LMs partnering Non-LMs is the 2nd Wednesday each month at 10:30 a.m. The mentor's entry fee is shared by the novice player, the Studio and the Unit. For more information, contact Donna Sparks at 281-304-4273 or email donnasparks@comcast.net. Beginners may find their own mentors (not a spouse) and register with her. Those interested in getting a mentor should also contact her. For those closer to Bridge Club of Houston, it has had a successful mentoring program for several years on the 3rd Monday evening each month. For information, contact Judy Cupps at 281-440-4346 or email judy_n_al@juno.com.

Congratulations to these recent Life Masters and Masterpoint Achievers for their accomplishments: NEW LIFE MASTER (300+ MPs): Sam Dodson, Robert Graber, Sharon Graber, Laura Jones, Carmen Keys, Carolyn Labouliere, Darlene Moody, Christy Morrissey, Meriedith Pfister, Mary Thatcher, Marcia Warner. BRONZE LIFE MASTER (500+ MPs): Jeanne Childe, Judy Darrell, Judith Ensor, Merilyn Krog, Meriedith Pfister, Daad Rodgers, Eric Sandberg, Ulla Skovdal. SIL-VER LIFE MASTER (1,000+ MPs): Richard Davidson, Janelle Frusha, James Hibbetts, Daniel Jackson, Youssef Youssef.

Reminder! If you want to enter the Club Director Course, the Director Update Course, or the Teacher Accreditation Course during the 2008 Houston Regional, YOU MUST REGISTER BEFORE JANUARY 15, 2008. Contact Betty Starzec for more information (281-343-8687 or lstarzec@comcast.net), get it on Unit 174's website, or pick up a flyer at one of the local clubs.

The bridge class taught by Bert Onstott at KIPP High School during its October intersession went well, and we are doing it again during the January intersession. Joan Pleason has volunteered to teach that class.

The two-session Grand National Teams Unit Playoffs will be February 17, 2008 for Flights B and C at Houston Bridge Studio at noon and TBA @\$80.00 per team. Flight A (0-5000 MPs) and Championship Flight (unlimited) do not need to prequalify. District Playoffs are next May (Memorial Weekend) in Richardson, and the National Playoffs will be at the 2008 Summer National in Las Vegas. District winners will receive stipends if they travel there and compete.

In the September 10, 2007 edition of the Unit 174 Email Newsletter, Arlene Weingarten said, "Eight is Enough is the name of a new spin on an old event that has become wildly popular in various locations. The old event is Swiss Teams; the new spin is how the teams are composed. A numerical value is assigned to various point ranges. An "A" player is assigned a three; a "B"

player is assigned a two; a "C" player is assigned a one. Each team's total has to fall below 8. The point range of each category is assigned according to the field, which can't be determined until everybody shows up." This construction was designed to level the playing field. For example, 2 A's must team with 2 C's to not exceed 8, or you could have 4 B's or 1 A, 2 B's and a C, but you could not have 2A's, a B and a C because that would total 9. Eight is Enough had its Houston debut on September 14 at the Houston Bridge Studio which did it again on November 16. Now that you know what an Eight is Enough team game is, read the next para-

Houston Bridge Studio's next Eight is Enough team game will be Friday evening, January 18, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. Entry fee is \$8.00 per person. You and your partner must sign up as a pair by Wednesday, January 16, and the club's directors for the game will make up the 4-member teams totaling no more than 8 points each (A=3, B=2, C=1). People who play at Houston Bridge Studio should advance register on the sign-up sheet on the flyers table.

Players attending from elsewhere should call the Club at 713-777-0333 or email houbridgestudio@att.net to ask that a Club Director do it for you.

Remember that you must register with a partner's name rather than just yourself.

Don't forget our Unit has a nice way for you to thank a bridge playing friend for a favor or show appreciation to a mentor or a regular partner. You can buy gift entries for the 2008 Houston Regional! \$12.00 buys a single-session for Monday-Friday, so buy two to give a double-session. The recipient can use the gift on Saturday-Sunday by paying the extra \$1.00 per session charged on those days. Each entry will show the giver's name, and the giver must write in the recipient's name. A gift entry is not redeemable for cash, it cannot be saved for future tournaments, but it is transferable. Enclose a check to ACBL Unit 174 for the total of however many gift entries you are buying with a self-addressed, stamped envelope and mail to Wanda Meyer, 3021 Teague Rd, Houston, TX 77080-2515.

At our April 2008 Election Sectional, we will vote for three of the Nominating Committee's slate for the Board of Directors. Two incumbents, Karen Nimmons and Joyce Ryan. will be up for reelection along with first-time candidates August Birke, Paul Cuneo, Joyce Gore and Nicholas Rasmussen To vote absentee send a SIGNED letter requesting a ballot and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Election Judges (Natalie Greene and Dale Crumbaugh) 32 Villa Bend Drive, Houston, TX 77069-1431. The address on the return envelope must be the voter's address of record. If the voter is a member in good standing, an Official Ballot will be mailed along with instructions for returning it. Pay attention to the deadline for doing so. Absentee ballots postmarked later than the date specified or not received by the final receipt date even if properly postmarked will not be counted.

Next time you make a gross bidding error, remind your partner of what Alfred Sheinwold once said ... "One advantage of bad bidding is that you get practice at playing atrocious contracts."

If you have news to share, please send an e-mail to annepage@halpc.org or leave a message at 281-442 -1509 (days).

Houston Trick Or Treat Sectional October 26-28 2007

- 1 26.87 Chris Compton, 2 25.00 Thomas Peters
- 3 25.00 John Zilic
- 4 23.50 Gil Micheletti, 5 22.46 Dan Morse
- 6 21.81 Kenneth Cole,
- 7 21.55 Chuck Gillis 8 18.44 Marsha Bernstein
- 9 17.58 Toni Snow
- 10 17.38 Carolyn Peters,

Friday Afternoon Open Prs-43.0 Tables / Based on 58 Tables AB1 William Lindner Conroe-Bill Gemas Huntsville

AB 2 C1 Milton Ellisor-Becky Ellisor C2. John Heath-George Keiller Friday Afternoon 299r Prs-11.0 **Tables**

ABC1. Anne Knott-Patsy Howell A2. William Caplan-Jo Lou Parks BC2 Robert Ziegler-Bill Chamber-

Friday Afternoon 49r Prs-4.0 Table AB1. Shirley Dee Vlaun-Elizabeth Moore A2. Keith Everett-Susan Barker B2. Jill Cook -Martin Tayman Fri Eve Stratified Open-35.5 Tables / Based on 47 Tables A1. Sharon Curry-Toni Snow A2. Edward Groner-Vinh Tran B1. William Lindner -Bill Gemas B.2 Steven Tuggle Pearland-Jeremy Dilbeck C1. Milton Ellisor-Becky Ellisor C2/3 W Turner-Jane Turner C2/3 William Caplan-Jo Lou Parks Fri Eve Stratified 299er-10.5 Tables ABC1. Penny Barroso-Darrell Barroso ABC2. Mike Dowling-Gail Dowling

Sat Compact KO-Bracket 1-12 Tables / Based on 22 Tables 1. Duane Friedrich-Jeremy Dilbeck-Mark Wallet Katy-Steven Tuggle 2. Don Morgan-James Andre-Lily Andre-Philip Duterme

Sat Compact KO-Bracket 2-12 Tables / Based on 15 Tables 1. David Wicks-Cheri Staples-Margaret Raymond-Robert Maul 2. Junior McKay -Peggy McKay-Kathy Hughes -Yvonne Strangmever

Compact KO-Bracket 3-9 Tables 1. Tito Ariwibowo-Ann Mc Dougal-Daad Rodgers-Paula Goodpasture 2 Lyn Davis-Mike Davis Richardson-Judy Corey Edmiston-George Roach Saturday Eve 299r Pairs-9.0 Tables A1. P Ralston Humble-Roberta Graham Porter A2B1. Muriel Gilmour-Dianne Segerstrom A2B1. Darrell Barroso-Penny Barroso B2. Elizabeth Moore-Shirley Dee Vlaun Saturday Afternoon 299er-14.5 Tables AB1. Shi-Lin Yeh Sugar Land-Bob Chiang AB 2C1 Isobel Markham-Alistair Markham C2. Penny Barroso-Darrell Barroso Saturday Choice Pairs-40.5 Tables / Based on 38 Tables A1 Marsha Bernstein-Chuck Gillis A2. Fave Vincent-Aletha Cahill-Wolf B1. Daniel Jackson -Bill Gervais B2. Yixin Pan -Fangjun Zhou C1 .Mary Ann Polk-Katherine Moore C2. Frances Simmons-James Simmons Sat Eve Stratified Swiss-14 Tables A1. Kenneth Cole-Gary King-Guss Ginsburg-Chris Compton A2. Lenny Roberts-Anton (Tony) Haddad -Knut Pettersen-George Fox B1. Karen Tabak-Daksha Adhia-E Sue Nease-Ida Lewis B2C1. Arthur Smith-June Smith-Marvin Greenfield -Ellen Greenfield C2. Lucy Hofmann-Marilyn Jordan-Donna Mann-Mary Moore Knockout 1 Bracket 1-9 Ta-

bles / Based on 16 Tables 1. James Stevens-Sandra Stevens Katy-Betsy Dubose Bellaire-Thomas Schmalz-Robert Curl 2 John Zilic-Dan Morse -Georgiana Gates-Gil Micheletti-Thomas Peters-Carolyn Peters Knockout 1 Bracket 2-10 Tables1. Jack Roth-Sandy Roth-Kim O'Hara Humble-Laura Jones 2. Susan Adamson-Nancy Selander-Connie Burnett-Norma Porter Sunday Morning 299er-3.0 Tables 1. Shi-Lin Yeh -Bob Chiang 2. Charo Barnette-Dianne Foussac Sunday Stratified Open Pr-14.0 Tables / Based on 12 Tables AB1. Bill Gervais Cypress-Daniel Jackson A2. Brigitte Sandifer Sugar Land-William Baker B2. Kerry Goldsmith-Dan Goldsmith Jr C1. William Zelle-Gabriel Perry C2. Stephen Bickel-Nicholas Rasmussen Sunday Flight A/X Swiss-19 Tables / Based on 51 Tables A1. Dan Morse-John Zilic-Gil Micheletti-Thomas Peters-Carolyn Peters A2. Kenneth Cole-Gary King-Pat McMullin-Chris Compton X1. Chuck Gillis-Charles Markowitz-Aleksandr Adelman-Siraj Jiwani X2. Eric Sandberg-Jeff Nuttall-Joyce Ryan-Janice Kofman Sunday Flight B/C/D Swiss-32 Tab-1A1. Norman Gautier-Joyce Gautier The Woodlands-Norma Phillips-Pamela Dettmers A2 James Andre-Sam Dodson-Lily Andre-Philip Duterme B1. Karen Tabak-Marsha Sachs-Merilyn Krog -Daksha Adhia B2C1. Hans Strohmer-Nancy Strohmer-Jeffrey Parker-Phil Bellan C2. Patti Mullendore-Bathsheba Perry-Roberta Newman-Yin Choo

Houston Trick or Treat Sectional



Bill Gemas & William Lindner



Darrell & Penny Barroso Fri Aft OP 1st AB & Fri Eve OP1st Fri Eve 299er1st ABC & Sat Eve 299ers



Becky & Buddy Ellisor Fri Aft OP 1st C & Fri Eve OP 1st



Anne Knott & Patsy Howell Fri Aft 299er 1st ABC



Sharon Curry & Toni Snow Fri Eve OP 1st A



Gary King & Chris Compton (NP Kenneth Cole & Guss Ginsburg) Sat Eve Swiss 1st A



Jeremy Dilbeck_Fred Friedrich Steve Tuggle & Mark Wallet Sat Cmpct KO Bkt I



Phil Bellan - Jeffrey Parker Hans & Nancy Strohmer Sun Swiss 1st D



Alistair & Isobel Markham Sat Aft 299ers 1st C



Marsha Bernstein & Chuck Gillis Sat Choice OP 1st A



Margaret Raymond - Cheri Staples Robert Maul & David Wicks Sat Cmpct KO Bkt II



Karen Tabak & Daksha Adhia (NP Sue Nease & Ida Lewis) Sat Eve Swiss 1st B



Laura Jones -Sandy Roth Kim O'Hara - Jack Roth FriSat KO Bkt II



Norma Phillips_Norm Gautier Pamela Dettmers_Joyce Gautier Sun Swiss 1st B



Tito Ariwibowo_Ann McDougal Paula Goodpasture & Daad Rodgers Sat Cmpct KO Bkt III

More Houston SECTIONAL WINNERS



Shi-Lin Yeh & Bob Chiang Sat Aft 299ers 1st AB



Daniel Jackson & Bill Gervais Sat Choice OP 1st B & Sun OP 1st AB



Charles Markowitz - Aleksandr Adelman Chuck Gillis & Siraj Jiwani



Marsha Sachs - Daksha Adhia Merilyn Krog & Karen Tabak Sun Swiss 1st C



Patsy Ralston & Roberta Graham Sat Eve 299ers 1st A



Carolyn & Tom Peters_Team Captain Mary Micheletti_Gil Micheletti & John Zilic (NP Dan Morse) Sun Swiss 1st A

Thurs AM Side Game Series-6.0

Unit 187 Corpus Christi





We are pleased to have Dick Hahn as our Texas Star recipient. Dick is our "webmaster". He updates our website on an almost daily basis. As most players know, this site gives game results and scores from all clubs as well as information on tournaments, board minutes, unit constitution and by-laws. News from all clubs, special unit functions and games are here. We really depend on Dick. He and his wife, Linda, are regular players in the Kingsville club and valued members of our unit! A Texas size thank you for your contribution. Check out $w \, w \, w \, . \, d \, 1 \, 6 \, a \, c \, b \, 1 \, . \, o \, r \, g \, / \, U \, 1 \, 8 \, 7 \, /$ BC_STBCST_Index.html.

Betty Hill and Bobbie Walker are recipients of Unit 187 Goodwill Awards. These ladies are in the Rockport club and have assisted with our sectionals for years, both in partnerships and hospitality. Without the volunteer services of people like Betty and Bobbie, we could not have local tournaments. The Unit owes a deep debt of gratitude to both of you. Thanks so much.

Martha DeCou gives a big thanks to everyone who helped with our fall Regional. Martha also passes on a thank you note from Phyllis Mehrens addressed to "the best Bridge Club in Texas", thanking us for the tribute to

Jack. Thank you, Phyllis, for sharing Jack with us for 40 years!

Everyone had a good time at the Unit Christmas party at the Rockport Country Club, Sunday, December 9. The single session event attracted 13 ½ tables and was directed by Dee Schade. It was a very unusual day as the temperature reached 82 degrees. Even though it was not a winter day, we had many festive looking folks, including a couple of Santas. Overall winners were Carita Gould and Betty Marriett; coming in second were Bill and Marilyn MacDonald. Flight B winners were Ann Jensen and Frances Smith. Amelia and Chaker Choucair won flight C. As usual the food was excellent from the boiled shrimp to the prime rib roast. Thanks to Mary Ross for the arrangements and to Bobbie Walker for bringing a computer and printer and getting five tables of Rockport players! This is a spectacular playing area and the staff is very helpful. If you didn't play, you missed a great day of fun and

Please take a look at the website for upcoming special events. These games pay extra points and we do have quite a number scheduled.

Don't forget the Rockport Beach Sectional, Feb. 22-24. Always lots of fun and hospitality. The Sunday Strata-flighted Swiss Team is in honor of Henry Messer, a beloved player who died last July.

Please send your news to me at

cdeoro@aol.com.

Jack Mehrens Memorial Regional Oct 30-Nov 4 2007

- 1 81.78 Nagy Kamel
- 2 81.78 Greg Hinze
- 3 81.78 Dan Morse 4 59.55 John Zilic
- 5 45.72 Ira Hessel
- 6 41.97 Carolyn Riely
- 7 40.69 Terry Riely 8 38.04 Steven Turner
- 9 38.04 Stephen Bruce 10 38.04 James La Force
- 11 38.04 George Pisk

Thurs Eve Charity Pairs-15.0 Tables AB1. George Lebovitz-Aviva Lebovitz A2. Thomas Peters-Carolyn

Peters A3B2. Barbara Harberg-Robin Ladin A4. Howard Tureff Plano-James Bauer A5. Julia Hirsch-B Paul Hirsch B3. Flora Pettit-Chris Hull B4. Eleanor Sherwyn-Donald Varvel B5. Dean Yarian Lakeway-Joe Black C1. Pat Kubicek-Adolph Kubicek C2. Peter Rhead-Valerie Rhead C3. Bevely Estes Devine-Margaret Crumpler WED AFT SIDE GAME SERIES-6.0 Tables AB11. June Mengden-Clemens Struve AB22 Flora Pettit-Chris Hull AB33. Kerry Goldsmith-Dan Goldsmith Jr A4/5 Betty Marriett-Lily Chew A4/5 B4 Patricia Pruitt-Eleanor Sherwyn

Wed Aft 199r Pairs-5.5 Tables DEF1. Susan Emerson-Jeffrey Emmert DEF2. Lawrence Whipple-I Jean Whipple DE3. Chaker Choucair -Amelia Choucair

Wed AM Side Game Series-9.5 Tables A1. Libby Boeye-Mary Jo Branscomb

A2B1. William Harlin-Joyce Harlin A3. Howard Tureff Plano-James Bauer A4B2. Shirley Naumann-Billie Darnell

A5B3C1. Barbara Hollahan-Harriette Bowles B4C2. Baldomero Garcia-Delpha Garcia Denton B5/6 Kerry Goldsmith-Dan Goldsmith Jr B5/6 Barbara Harberg-Robin Ladin C3. Chuck Dollarhide-Patricia Dollarhide Wed Eve Side Game-8.0 Tables A1. Betty Marriett-Lilv Chew A2B1 Kerry Goldsmith-Dan Goldsmith Jr A3B2. Mary Anne Woessner-Nancy Carlin A4B3C1. Suresh Bilolikar Troy MI; Mahesh R Maruvada A5B4. Linda Williams Pearsall-Helen McCrae A5. K Voges Converse-William De Shane B2. Christy Morrissey-Donna Frederick B3. Mary Burnell Canyon Lake-Sarah Butler New Braunfels Wednesday Stratified Prs-14.0 Tables / Based on 13 Tables A1. Rick Elliott III-Michael Huston A2. Donna Watkins-Ed Rawlinson A3. Thomas Peters-Carolyn Peters A4. Howard Tureff Plano-James Bauer A5B1. Ann Crumpler-Martha De Cou B2. Jason Kiker-Bill Clark B3. Donald Jackson-Patricia Jackson B4. George Lebovitz-Aviva Lebovitz B5C1. Pat Kubicek-Adolph Kubicek C2. Deanna Drab Mabank-Carol

Sossamon C3. Peter Rhead-Valerie

Rhead

Tables AB1. Robin Ladin-Barbara Harberg AB2. Dean Yarian Lakeway-Joe Black B3. George Lebovitz-Aviva Lebovitz A4. James Bauer-Howard Tureff B4. Billie Graves-Ginger Lake 51.50% Thurs Aft 199r Pairs-6.5 Tables AB1. Chuck Dollarhide-Patricia Dollarhide A2. Sherill Harris-Andrea Williams A3B2C1. Russel Powers Rockport-Katherine Powers A4B3C2 Lawrence Whipple-I Jean Whipple A5. Gary Carey Coppell-Jim Bufkins B4C3. F Peter Szafran-Penelope Szafran Wed Eve Strat Swiss Teams-14 Tables A1. Mildred Breed-Anita Cokins-Tobi Sokolow-Janice Sear -Molson A2B1. Barbara Chaplik-John Chaplik-Stanley Marshall Jr-Roma Marshall A3B2. Janelle Frusha-Mavis Warren-Brian Stevens-Melanie Dunn A4. Harold Wilson-Charlotte Wilson-Barbara Deberry-Marian Gindler A5B3C1. Gary Carey Coppell-Joseph Kingcade -Baldomero Garcia-Delpha Garcia B4C2. Darlene Moody-Carmen Keys -Terry Harrison-Eleanor Lipscomb Tues/Wed KO 1 Bracket 1-9 Tables / Based on 19 Tables 1. Nagy Kamel Plano-Greg Hinze-Ira Hessel-Dan Morse 2. Don Morgan-Charles Grimes-Irene Oppenheim Midland-Philip Duterme 3/4 Janice Seamon-Molson-Anita Cokins-Mildred Breed -Tobi Sokolow 3/4 Madhusudan Patel-Joseph Wald-Phil Brown-Phyllis Giffin Tues/Wed KO 1 Bracket 2-12 Tables / Based on 16 Tables 1. Winford

Boyd-Janice Boyd Euless-Joyce Streetman-Sandy Molander Malakoff 2. Rene Wallace Mission-Gary Sage-Jackie Burroughs McAllen-Charlotte Lunsford 3/4 Carmen Keys -Eleanor Lipscomb-Darlene Moody-Terry Harrison 3/4 Mary Anne Woessner Montgomery-Barbara Atkins-Diane Beardsley The Woodlands-Nancy Carlin Spring Tues/Wed KO 1 Bracket 3-11 Tables 1. Junior McKay-Peggy McKay Brookshire-Carolyn Campbell-Susan Belding 2. Rebecca Lu Tanner-Betty Knaggs-Nancy Fisher-Carol Cobler 3/4 Gary Larson-Linda Lawrence-Pat Prichard-Kay Laird 3/4 Joy Hardy-Candyce Gregston-Linda Cole-Helen Barker

THURSDAY EVE SWISS TEAMS -13 Tables A1. Stephen Bruce-George Pisk -Steven Turner-James La Force A2/3 James La Fountain -Jon Richard Ware New Braunfels-Richard Wall -Pam LaShelleA2/3 Sheryleen Grothus-Beverly Santos-Cecelia Zachar-Sherilyn Godfrey Anna A4. Roxana Tom Campbellton-Katherine Gary-Dorthy Rippstein -Roxana Tom A5BC1. Barbara Hollahan-Nancy Dean-Harriette Bowles-Marilyn Sharratt B2.Armand Shapiro -Lynn Shapiro-Barbara Harberg-Robin Ladin B3. Joy Hardy-Helen Barker-Candyce Gregston-Linda

Thursday Stratified Pairs-20.0
Tables A1. Terry Peterson-Larry La
Brecque A2. Chris Compton-Rene
Wallace A3. Howard Tureff PlanoJames Bauer A4. Carolyn RielyTerry Riely A5. Donna Watkins-Ed
Rawlinson B1. Joe Black-June
Mengden B2. N Tarbet HarlingenD Smith B3. Joan Torrance-Ulla
Skovdal B4C1. Pat Kubicek-Adolph
Kubicek B5.Don Shimmon-Marian
Pedley C2. Carol Cobler -Nancy
Fisher C3. Mary Burnell-Sarah Butler

Evening Side Game Series-8.0 Tables ABC1. Barbara Atkins-Diane Beardsley The Woodlands AB 2. Mary Anne Woessner-Nancy Carlin AB3C2. Mary Hahn-Wreatha Leonard ABC3. Evelyn McKinzie-Jo Ann Sumney Kingsville AB5. Mahesh R Maruvada-Margaret Crumpler

Wed-Thu KO Bracket 1-6 Tables / Based on 16 Tables 1. Stephen Bruce -George Pisk-Steven Turner-James La Force 2. James La Fountain-Richard Wall-Pam LaShelle -Jon Richard Ware

Wed-Thu KO Bracket 2-11 Tables / Based on 15 Tables1. Shirley

Naumann-Jeanette Hughes-Inger Lise Blount -Billie Darnell 2. Larry Harrington-Ramona Harrington Weslaco-Kenneth McAllister-Phyllis Kuchta 3/4 Armand Shapiro-Lynn Shapiro-Robin Ladin-Barbara Harberg 3/4 Billie Graves-Jennifer Stocker-Ginger Lake-Joyce Cooper Wed-Thu KO Bracket 3-11 Tables 1. Claudia Parr-Mary Hurt Gonzales -Jack Goldhammer-Meriedith Pfister 2. Patricia Ward -Judy Carter-Glenda Faragher Sugar Land-Jean Stegall 3/4 Barbara Hollahan-Harriette Bowles-Nancy Dean-Marilyn Sharratt 3/4 Phyllis Maness College Sta -Freddye Thompson-Kathy Baldwin-Sara Branch

Friday Aft 199r Pairs-5.0 Tables A1. Sherill Harris-Andrea Williams A2. Gary Carey Coppell-Jim Bufkins A3B1C1. Susan Emerson-Jeffrey Emmert A4B2C2. Susan Smegal-Janet Daniel BC 3/4 Vicki Freeman-Patricia Pruitt BC 3/4 F Peter Szafran-Penelope Szafran Ellsworth MI Thu-Fri KO Bracket 1-9 Tables / Based on 19 Tables 1. Dan Morse-John Zilic-Greg Hinze-Nagy Kamel Plano 2. John Onstott-Jim Krekorian-Nanette Noland-Garey Hayden 3/4 Charles Grimes-Irene Oppenheim Midland-K Voges Converse-Philip Duterme Bellaire 3/4 Mary Tryer Kingsville-H Robert Gerberich Jr-Marilyn Mac Donald-Bill Mac Donald

Thu-Fri KO Bracket 2-10 Tables / Based on 14 Tables 1. Janelle Frusha -Mavis Warren-Brian Stevens-Melanie Dunn 2. Rebecca Lu Tanner -Betty Knaggs-Pat Prichard-Kay Laird 3/4 Robert Graber-Sharon Graber-Thomas Little-Doris Little 3/4 Winford Boyd-Janice Boyd Euless-Joyce Streetman-Sandy Molander Malakoff

Euless-Joyce Streetman-Sandy Molander Malakoff Thu-Fri KO Bracket 3-12 Tables 1. Charles Ensor-Judith Ensor Seabrook-Bob Dowlen-Daad Rodgers 2. Donna Frederick-Carolyn Martin-Janice Coley-Christy Morrissey 3/4 Nancy Reader-Lauri Laufman-Kathy Watkins-Terri Orlean 3/4 Karla Riddick Conroe-Jacqueline Fetzer-Donna Maddox-Ann Mc Dougal Friday Evening Swiss-11 TablesA1. Wilma Booth-Geoff Booth-Sandra Jackson-Richard Jackson A2. Sherilyn Godfrey Anna-Beverly Santos-Sheryleen Grothus-Cecelia Zachar A3. Libby Boeve-Phyllis Mehrens -Arline Rubin-Susan Ohm A4B1. Charles Grimes-Irene Oppenheim Midland-K Voges-Philip Duterme B2. Audrey Harrison-Jo Ann Sumney Kingsville-Evelyn McKinzie-Wanda

Hunter C1. Joseph Kingcade Brenham-Deanna Drab Mabank-Hans Strohmer-Nancy Strohmer FRIDAY STRAT OPEN PAIRS-16.0 Tables A1. L Laird -W Lease A2. Kim Cox -Chris Compton A3. Howard Tureff-James Bauer A4. Donna Watkins-Ed Rawlinson A5. Rick Elliott III-Michael Huston B1. Bill Clark-Jason Kiker B2. Joe Black-Hal DeShong B3. N Tarbet Harlingen-D Smith B4C1. Baldomero Garcia-Delpha Garcia B5. Birendra BK Singh-Meriedith Pfister C2. Peter Rhead-Valerie Rhead C3. Herbert Warner-Marcia Warner FRI EVE SIDE GAME SERIES-8.0 Tables AB1. Pat Roeh-Susan Wheeler A2. Kerry Goldsmith-Dan Goldsmith Jr A3. Robert Harrison-Britain Beezley A4B2. Robert Graber-Sharon Graber A5B3C1. Susan Emerson-Jeffrey Emmert B 4C2. Clara Brinson -Dolores Reiley Sat Morn Side Game Series-10.0 Tables A1. Nanette Noland-Garey Hayden A2BC1. Carolyn Campbell-Susan Belding A3B2. Mary Anne Woessner-Karla Riddick A4B3 Shirley Brooks-Walter Still A5B4C2 .Sherill Harris-Andrea WilliamS B5C3.Terri Orlean-Kathy Watkins

Fri AM Side Game Series-14.0 TablesAB1. Mary Anne Woessner-Barbara Atkins AB2. C Sherill Harris-Andrea Williams A3. Nell Morgan-LaNelle Strickland A4B3. Jennifer Stocker-Joyce Cooper A5B4C2. Baldomero Garcia-Delpha Garcia A5B3. Herbert Warner-Marcia Warner

Morning Side Game Series-24.50 Tables / Based on 12 Tables 1. Mary Anne Woessner 2/3 Andrea Williams2/3 Sherill Harris 4/5 Robin Ladin 4/5 Barbara Harberg Morning KO3-Bracket 1-6 Tables / Based on 12 Table 1. Terry Riely-Carolyn Riely-Rene Wallace-Chris Compton 2.Dan Morse-John Zilic-Greg Hinze-Nagy Kamel Plano Morning KO3-Bracket 2-5 Tables / Based on 7 Tables 1. Winford Boyd-Janice Boyd Euless-Joyce Streetman -Sandy Molander Malakoff 2. Jeanette Hughes-Shirley Naumann-Inger Lise Blount-Billie Darnell Morning KO3-Bracket 3-6 Tables 1. Barbara Hollahan-Nancy Dean-Harriette Bowles-Marilyn Sharratt 2. Christy Morrissey-Donna Frederick-Carolyn Martin-Janice Coley SAT AFT SIDE GAME SERIES-5.0 Tables ABC1. Baldomero Garcia -Delpha Garcia AB2. Lisa Sommer-Charles Sommer A3. Betty MarriettJoyce Seitz A4B3. Beverly Gresham-Dorothy Genz C2. Chaker Choucair-Amelia Choucair

Afternoon Side Game Series-10.00 Tables / Based on 6 Tables 1. Betty Marriett 2/3 Dan Goldsmith Jr 2/3 Kerry Goldsmith 4. Patricia Pruitt Fri/Sat KO5-Bracket 1-9 Tables / Based on 19 Tables 1. Thomas Peters -Carolyn Peters-Ellen Hessel-Ira Hessel 2. Katherine Gary-Dorthy Rippstein-Roxana Tom-Roxana Tom 3/4 Carolyn Riely-Terry Riely-Sharon Mann-George Mann 3/4 Stephen Bruce-George Pisk Manchaca-Steven Turner-James La Force Fri/Sat KO5-Bracket 2-9 Tables / Based on 13 Tables

 John Chaplik-Barbara Chaplik-Stanley Marshall Jr-Roma Marshall
 Belva Barrington-Kathleen Midkiff Peggi Kenny Marlin-Jan McLaughlin 3/4 Shirley Naumann-Jeanette Hughes-Inger Lise Blount-Billie Darnell

3/4 Helen McCrae-Linda Williams Pearsall-Virginia Wynne Nixon-Beula Mae Pearce

Fri/Sat KO5-Bracket 3-12 Tables 1. Homer Stevens-Stephanie Stevens-Carol Cobler-Nancy Fisher 2. Don Shimmon-Marian Pedley-Wreatha Leonard-Mary Hahn 3/4 Mary Anne Woessner Montgomery-Nancy Carlin-Diane Beardsley-Barbara Atkins 3/4 Mark Heep-Helene Hennelly-Vivian Thompson-Jan McLau-

Sat Compact KO Bracket 1-8 Tables / Based on 16 Tables 1. Dan Morse-John Zilic-Greg Hinze-Nagy Kamel 2. Mildred Breed-Tobi Sokolow-Anita Cokins-Janice Seamon-Molson

Sat Compact KO Bracket 2-15 Tables 1. Sherry Johnson-A Di Baggio-Clifford Jensen-Connie Matz 2. Robert Graber-Sharon Graber-Birendra BK Singh-Meriedith Pfister 3. Hans Strohmer-Nancy Strohmer-Donna Floyd -Judy Walker 4. James Wueste-Laura Delfeld-Harvey Browning-Reid Delfeld Doris Allen Open Pairs-16.0 Tables A1. Larry La Brecque-Suzanne La Brecque A2. Nona Dale-Eric Swanson A3. Donna Watkins-Ed Rawlinson A4. Penny Snow Beeville -Gail Huie A5B1. Thomas Hays-Lou Thurston B2. Robert Arnett-Alfred Fortier III B3. N Tarbet-D Smith B4.Steven Tuggle-Jeremy Dilbeck B5. Carita Gould-Frances Smith C1. Peter Rhead-Valerie Rhead C2. Judy O'Leary-Dick Volkmann

Evening Side Game Series - 10.0

Tables A1. Sharon Mann-George Mann A2. Libby Boeve-Phyllis Mehrens A3BC1. Arline Rubin-Jay Thorne A 4. Carolyn Riely-Rene Wallace A5BC2. Karla Riddick Conroe-Ann Mc Dougal BC3. Jackie Burroughs McAllen-Charlotte Lunsford B4.Diane Beardsley-Barbara Atkins B5. Mark Heep-Helene Hennelly Saturday Eve Swiss Teams-12 Tables ABC1. Clemens Struve-Bobbie Saulter-R Saulter-Cynthia Struve AB22. Umamaheswa Maruvad-Eleanor Sherwyn-Donald Varvel-Margaret Crumpler A3. Garey Hayden-Nanette Noland-John Onstott-Jim Krekorian A4, Stephen Bruce-George Pisk-James La Force-Steven Turner B3 Janelle Frusha-Mavis Warren-Melanie Dunn-Brian Stevens C2 Larry Harrington-Ramona Harrington Weslaco-Doris Little-Thomas Little

Evening Side Game Series-24.25 Tables / Based on 9 Tables 1/2 Dan Goldsmith Jr 1/2 Kerry Goldsmith 3/4 Nancy Carlin 3/4 Mary Anne Woessner 5/6 Diane Beardsley 5/6 Barbara Atkins

Sunday Flighted A/X Swiss-14
Tables / Based on 32 Tables A1 Dan
Morse-John Zilic-Greg Hinze-Nagy
Kamel A2. John Onstott-Garey Hayden-Nanette Noland-Jim Krekorian
A3 Carolyn Riely-Terry RielySharon Mann-George Mann A 4/6
X1/2 Madhusudan Patel-Edwin
Zwald Jr-Marina Mann-Robbie
Borchers A4/6X1/2 Cecelia Zachar-C
David Mitchell-Arline RubinSherilyn Godfrey A4/6 Rick Elliott
III-Ed Rawlinson-Michael HustonDonna Watkins
Sunday Flight B/C/D Swiss-18 Ta-

bles B1. N Tarbet-John Johnson Harlingen-D Smith Pampa-Andrea Klein B2. Janelle Frusha-Mavis Warren-Brian Stevens-Melanie Dunn B3. Meriedith Pfister-Birendra BK Singh-Joyce Lake-Charles Lake B4. Katherine Gary-Dorthy Rippstein-Roxana Tom-Roxana Tom B5. Robert Arnett-James Andre-Alfred Fortier III-Philip Duterme C1. Larry Harrington-Ramona Harrington Weslaco-Peter Rhead-Valerie Rhead C2D1. Margaret Crumpler-Bevely Estes Devine-Pat Roeh-Susan Wheeler C3. Homer Stevens-Stephanie Stevens Boerne-Nancy Fisher-Carol Cobler

CORPUS CHRISTI REGIONAL WINNERS



Wed - Thu KO Bracket 1 Stephen Bruce, -George Pisk Steven Turner - James La Force



Sunday Flighted A/X Swiss Cecelia Zachar - C David Mitchell Arline Rubin - Sherilyn Godfrey



Thu - Fri KO Bracket 2 Janelle Frusha - Mavis Warren Brian Stevens - Melanie Dunn



Sunday Flighted A/X Swiss Madhusudan Patel - Edwin Zwald Jr Marina Mann Robbie Borchers



Thurs Eve Charity Pairs Aviva & George Lebovitz



Wed Eve Side Game Betty Marriett, - Lily Chew



Friday Evening Swiss Wilma Booth - Geoff Booth, Sandra Jackson - Richard Jackson



Doris Allen Open Pairs B Thomas Hays - Lou Thurston



Thu - Fri KO Bracket 3 Charles Ensor - Judith Ensor Bob Dowlen - Daad Rodgers



Thurs Eve Charity Pairs C Wed Stat Prs C Pat & Adolph Kubicek



Sunday Flight B N Tarbet - John Johnson D Smith, - Andrea Klein

MORE CORPUS CHRISTI REGIONAL WINNERS



Fri/Sat KO5 - Bracket 1 Thomas & Carolyn Peters Ellen Hessel & Ira Hessel



Morning KO3 - Bracket 3 Barbara Hollahan - Nancy Dean Harriette Bowles - Marilyn Sharratt



Tues/Wed KO 1 Bracket 3 Junior McKay - Peggy McKay Carolyn Campbell - Susan Belding



Wed - Thu KO Bracket 2 Shirley Naumann - Jeanette Hughes Inger Lise Blount - Billie Darnell



Morning KO3 - Bracket 1 Terry Riely - Carolyn Riely Rene Wallace - Chris Compton



Sunday Flight C Swiss Larry & Ramona Harrington Peter & Valerie Rhead



Tues/Wed Morning KO 1 Bracket 2 KO3 - Bracket 2 Winford & Janice Boyd, Joyce Austin -Sandy Molander



Fri/Sat KO5 - Bracket 3 Homer & Stephanie Stevens, Carol Cobler Nancy Fisher



Saturday Eve Swiss Teams Clemens Struve - Bobbie Saulter R Saulter - Cynthia Struve



Wednesday Stratified Prs A Michael Huston - Rick Elliott



Wed Eve Side Game Suresh Bilolikar - Mahesh R Maruvada



Wednesday Stratified Prs B Ann Crumpler - Martha De Cou



Wed Aft Side Game Series Clemens Struve - June Mengden



KO Bracket 3 Claudia Parr, Mary Ella Hurt Jack Goldhammer ,Kay Pfister.



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UNIT GAMEBIG CHANGES: Unit Games are now held on the first Sunday of the month. The Open game is at Valley View and 499er at Dorsey's. Both games start at 1:30. The main reason for the change is \$. Richardson Civic Center rental rates kept going up while attendance was going down. Another reason is that seniors often prefer a day game to a night game. The alternative to more birthdays may not be attractive! So please note on your calendar: Jan. 6, Feb. 3, March 2, April 6, May 4, and June 1.

NEW EXECUTIVE SEC'Y: Lynne Wood, a former Board member for 4 years, has been named the new Unit Executive Secretary by the Board. She replaces Jack Rollier who retired after doing a great job for 10

WINTER SECTIONAL: Jan. 24-27 at the Richardson Civic Center. That's on the southwest corner of Central Expy. (US 75) and Arapaho Rd., Richardson. If you like night games but prefer to get done earlier, consider Stratified Fast Pairs on Sat., Jan. 26, starting at 7:30 pm and finished by 10 pm. Sure, there are 299er and 49er games too. Free snacks and beverages all weekend. Usual free meal between

Swiss Team sessions. Ask for the Civic Center special rate at Holiday Inn Select, 1655 N. Central Expy., Richardson (Campbell Exit, SW corner), (972) 238-1900. There will be speakers on Fri. and Sat., 12:45 and 6:45.

POLITICALLY SPEAKING: Jim Bauer, Chair of the Nominating Committee, has announced these candidates for the Unit Board: Steve Birnbaum, Carolyn Bradford, Marci Hutchison, Tony Pelligrini, Doug Tucker and Ed Yetter. Take a moment to vote as our Winter Sectional.

TOURNAMENT LEADER-SHIP: Jim Bauer, popular long time Unit leader, has joined the perennial Gerrie Owen as Assistant Chairperson. For a partner call hard working LaRue Stott, (214) 369-9576. We've never mentioned it in this column but we're grateful for Tom Whitesides, Director-In-Charge, and his staff.

BOB HAMMAN: NEW SOFTWARE: Bob has done it again! A View from the Top. with supporting text by Barry Rigal, was rated A+ in a review in ACBL's Bridge Bulletin. The user can be active or a passive participant in bidding and play of 35 deals. Available from Barclay in Memphis.

UP THE LADDER: Sylverine Hill and Sue Vaughan have reached Bronze LM; new NABC Masters: Kenneth Bickelhaupt, Rich Brandenberg, Christy McKenzie, David Sterner; Regional Masters Susan Flick,

Betty G Jones, Leah McCarthy; Sectional Masters Dick Nierling, Lynell Pinion; and Club Masters Gerald Bates, Joan Daniel, Jack Greeley, Lana Greeley, Suzanne Smith, Rev. Hang Waterhouse.

DO YOU REMEMBER? It was late 2003 and Dallas players dominated the World Championships. Bob Hamman and Sydney Lazard were on the Bermuda Bowl winning team. Bobby Wolff and John Sutherlin were knocking opponents dead. At the NABC, Joan Jackson, Malcolm Brachman, Mike Passell and Nagy Kamel shined. .We mourned the death of Louise (Childs) Freed. Capable Bob Scallan was writing this column. Stan Kohan and Norman Beck won the Mini Mac (1500+; Shaun Chooi and Kevin Podsiadik (750-1500).

TOP 100: The Lifetime Achievement, Top 100 LMs, is full of it. That is, it's just full of Dallas area players. Mike Passell, a part-time resident is 2 (over 59,000 MPs), Bob Hamman 13, Bobby Wolff (former) 22, John Sutherlin 31, Chris Compton 61, Dr. John Fisher 70, and Bart Bramley 92. Bobby Goldman, Jim Jacoby and Malcolm Brachman- all looking for a 4th in heaven, are there too. Sidney Lazard, 102, almost made the very prestigious list. Yes, we've got good reason to brag about Dallas' bridge greats. BARRY CRANE 500: Named after the prolific TV producer/ director ("Mission Impossible") has three current area players high on the list. Chris Compton

is leading; Bob Hamman close behind, then Nagy Kamel. Crane, who was a frequent partner of Dallas' John Fisher, was murdered July 5, 1985 at his Studio City townhouse.

DINING IN THE SLAMMER: In our last column we made playful reference to DBA members formerly playing with inmates at Seagoville Correctional. I recently learned about a restaurant, Fortezza Medicea, near Pisa, Italy. Gourmet dining in a high security prison! You didn't really think that you were going to get a sharp knife to cut your steak? No kidding, it takes 2 months to get a reservation!

Got news? Share it at www.fmmigdol@tx.rr.com

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Fall Sectional Richardson Nov 8-11 2007

- 1 44.98 Marc Levine
- 2 44.98 Chris Compton
- 3 31.63 Nell Cahn
- 4 31.63 Joan Jackson
- 5 28.81 Petra Hamman
- 6 23.05 Brady Allen
- 7 23.02 Barry Schaffer8 22.54 Bart Bramley
- 9 21.25 Tony Pellegrini,
- 10 21.12 Ann Roberts

Thursday Afternoon 299er-12.5 Tables AB1. Cindy Butler Garland-Marsha Young A. Rich Brandenburg-Max Frey B1 C1. Tommie Anglemye -Bonnie Arnold C2. Shelley Early -Barbara Vines
Thursday Afternoon Open-21.0
Tables / Based on 36 Tables A1.
Charles Price Sherman-Nagy Kamel
A2 B1. Jack Fry -Michael Sutterfield The Colony B2 C1. Hang
Waterhouse -Terry Sherman C 2.
Helen Nelson-Linda Madding
Thursday Evening 299er Pr-5.0
Tables ABC 1. Louise O'Brien-Marj
Frederiksen ABC 2. Miriam Usry-Allen Haskell

Thursday Evening Open Pr-12.0
Tables / Based on 17 Tables A1. Bob
Hamman-Norman Beck A 2. Brady
Allen-Shaun Chooi BC1. Jim Harp
-Margaret Raymond BC2. 2 Judy
Corey Edmiston-George Roach
Friday Afternoon 299er - 15.0
Tables A1. Donna McKay-Erica
Walker A2 B1. Martha GehrigBetty Bartula B2 Robert ClarkeAlma Farley C1. Connie Van PatterDennis Van Patter C2. Robert Johnstone-Kay Johnstone

Friday Afternoon Open-37.0 Tables / Based on 52 Tables A1. Brady Allen-Jim Miller A2. Marc Levine Lubbock-Chris Compton B 1. Michael Estep-Barbara Estep B 2 C1. David Clegg-Glenda Cooper C2 Jean O'Neal-Shyanne Merritt Saturday Morning 299r Prs-10.0 Tables AB1. Ann Low-Jo Ann Truitt AB2. Denise Twitty-Gary Twitty Wylie C1 Miriam Usry-Allen Haskell C2 Diane Thomspon-Holly

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Saturday Morning Open Prs-4.0
Tables / Based on 14 Tables A1.
Michael Walrath-Gail Wells A2B1.
Lue Waddle-Adele Hudgins B2.
Tom Nute-Shirley Prewitt
Sat Aft Stratified 299er-17.0 Tables
A1. Jean Higgins-Louise Semones
A2B1. Nancy Kelly-May Sebel
B2C1. Andi Gordon-Renee Levy
C2. Jeel Cane-Sharon Cane

Saturday Afternon Open-42.0 Tables / Based on 59 Tables A1 . Michael Murphy-S Kohan A2 . Hugh Hillaker-Kimmel Jones B1. M. Aslam Ansari -Suresh Agrawal Rowlett B2. Ruth Wiener-June Barnebey C1. Bob Butterfield-Julie Butterfield C2. Patricia Marchman-Carolyn Bradford Sat KO2 Bracket 1-8 Tables / Based

on 20 Tables
1 .Chris Compton-Sidney LazardBart Bramley -Marc Levine 2.
Linda Spangler Duncanville-David

Horner Carrollton-Joseph Clark -Carol Schoenhals Sat KO2 Bracket 2-7 Tables / Based

on 14 Tables 1 .Zachary Brescoll-Kurt Brescoll-Janet Brescoll Mansfield-Eric Sieg

2. Bob Wilkin-Nancy Peterson -Mark Smid -Becky Price

Sat KO2 Bracket 4-8 Tables / Based on 10 Tables 1. T Lang -Reg Watt Garland-Bonnie Shea -Gay Czikora 2. Donna McKay-Chris Anderson -Anne Brown -Frances Clem Sat KO2 Bracket 5-6 Tables 1. Phil Merkel -Linda Thomas-Max Frey -Rich Brandenburg 2. Beverly Laster -Beverlee Redding -David Greims -

Fred Curtis Sat KO2 Bracket 3-6 Tables / Based on 11 Tables 1. Bill Osborn -Richard McGill-Joseph Kosanda Richardson-Tony Pellegrini 2. John Overstreet-Ann Cariker Carrollton-Rene Franco-Marilyn Hansen Friday Evening BAM-10 Tables A1. Kimmel Jones -Barry Schaffe -Stephen Kornegay-Nancy Kornegay A2 BC1. Janet Chesley-Donald Davi-Lux Bhakta-Dolat Bhakta B2. Michael Estep-Barbara Estep Hurst-Bobby Jaeger-Georgie Jaeger Friday Evening 299er Pr-9.0 Tables AB1. Verna Frank -Elizabeth Peterson A2 .Robert Karriker-A Heidi Karriker B2C1. Gay Schleicher-Jo

Driscoll C2. Robert Preece -Therese Milford

Friday Evening Open Pr-22.0 Tables / Based on 31 Tables A1. Linda Spangler -Charles Price A 2/3 Brady Allen-Jim Miller A 2/3 Chris Compton -Marc Levine B 2 C1. Rene Franco -Ann Cariker C2. Joseph Gill -Adele Hudgins Saturday Evening 299r-6.0 Tables AB1. Cindy Butler-John Butler AB2. Doris Ekleberry-Donna Gibbs Saturday Evening Open-16.0 Tables / Based on 19 Tables A1. Joan Jackson -Nell Cahn A2B1. William Garrard Jr-Donna Garrard B2. Bryan Morgan -Steven Tuggle C1. Cary Jennings -Glen Terrell C2 .Rosalie Manuel-Lorraine Little Sat Eve Fast Pairs-14.0 Tables / Based on 17 Tables A1/2 Betty Finley-Greg Resz A1/2 Stephen Kornegay-Nancy Kornegay B1. Jay Barron-Eric Bell B2. James Lilly-Jim Harp C1. Mark Shekter-Margaret Raymond C2. Keith Meyer -Marci Meyer Thu/Fri KO1 Bracket A-8 Tables /

Thu/Fri KO1 Bracket A-8 Tables / Based on 21 Tables 1 .Joan Jackson-Petra Hamman -Nell Cahn-Nancy Passell 2. Ann Roberts -John Spessard-M. Aslam Ansari -Suresh Agrawal Rowlett Thu/Fri KO1 Bracket B-7 Tables / Based on 15 Tables 1 Bill Osborn-Bob McNeill -

Based on 15 Tables

1 Bill Osborn-Bob McNeill Richard McGill N Richmond HlsTony Pellegrini 2 Joy Cogburn
Livingston-Mary Weiser PottsboroGeorge Davis-Barbara Hadaway 1.
Kevin Pheiffer -Gay Anderson Garland-Cecil Parsons -Freddie O'Bannon 2 Susie Summers-Barbara
Thomson-Sally Mc Clung-Helen
Gregg

Thu/Fri KO1 Bracket D-8 Tables / Based on 11 Tables 1. Marlow Muldoon-Joyce Muldoon Irving-Kenneth Dingler-Carol Casey

2 Francis Chang Fort Worth-Dick Simon-Don Greer Ft Worth-Tommie Bullard Ft Worth Thu/Fri KO1 Bracket E-8 Tables 1.Sandra Fedro-Betty Wheele -Tommie Anglemyer-Bonnie Arnold 2. Carla Guthrie-Susan Flick-Leah McCarthy-D Joyce Holland Sunday Flight A/X Swiss-21 Tables / Based on 61 Tables A1 . Chris Compton -Bryan Storey-Barry Schaffer-Marc Levine A2. Joan Jackson-Hemant Lall-Petra Hamman-Bart Bramley-Judy Bramley-Nell Cahn X1. Jack Borenstein-Murray Berger-Kevin Podsiadlik-Jim Clark-Steven Kastner X2. Martha Young-Bob Scallan-Shaun Chooi-Brady Allen Sunday Flight B/C/D Swiss-32 Tables B1. J Wiegmann-Pamela Wiegmann-Bruce Brown-Elizabeth Brown B 2. Peter Grenier -Lynne Wood Richardson-Rita Holzsweig-Sanford Holzsweig C1. Jim Harp-Robert Scrimale-Paul Taylor - Margaret Raymond C2D1. Rod Wicklander-Rhonda Huser -Bob McNeill-Tony Pellegrini D 2. Nancy O'Fallon-Florence Oliver -Glenda Cooper -Rolly Steen 299er Morning Swiss Teams-8 Tables AB1. Travis Roten-Judy Matlock-Lyn Davis-Mike Davis AB 2. Susan Key-Mary Norfleet-Eleanor

Parker-Billee Brooks
299er Aft Swiss Teams-8 Tables
AB1 Verna Frank-Joan Stinnett Elizabeth Peterson -Marcy Byas
A2 .John Jackson-Florence
Bergbauer-Frances Schmitz-Takiko
Caperton B2. Susan Key-Mary
Norfleet-Eleanor Parker-Billee

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Dallas Unit 176 Board Nominates Six Candidates

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The Dallas Bridge Association, ACBL Unit 176, announces its slate of candidates for the upcoming election of Unit Board Members. The election will be held at the Dallas 2008 Winter Sectional, January 24-27, 2008.

The Voting Booth will be open ONE HOUR before each session.















Steve Birnbaum

Carolyn Bradford

Marci Hutchinson

Tony Pellegrini

Doug Tucker

Ed Yetter

Steve Birnbaum

Stephen L. Birnbaum, born in Dallas, Married with two chil-Actively employed in Real Estate, as a broker, property manager, and reno/developer of condominiums and townhomes. Learned to play bridge (a form of) in college, picked up the game on the internet 1999, discovered VVBC, then started playing duplicate in January 2001. Currently a bronze life mas-

Carolyn Bradford

I was born an Okie but have lived in the White Rock/Lake Highlands area most of my life, including graduating in the first class of Bryan Adams High School - don't ask the year. I'm married to native Dallasite Don Bradford, an avid golfer and hunter. Card playing was big in my family and I learned to shuffle cards at the age of four. My mother and her sister were bridge players and my aunt was my first bridge teacher. I've played bridge for more than thirty years, mostly in the kitchen. Around 1999, Linda Thomas and I decided to venture into competitive bridge and I've been hooked ever since. I have retired from the distribution company Don and I started in

1980 and play about four days a week with various partners. My administrative duties with our growing company afforded me the opportunity to work with varied personnel and I believe this will be valuable experience in working with the board. Bridge is a wonderful social outing and I have made many new and good friends. It would be good to see an interest in bridge grow with some of our younger populace and I would enjoy working with new players. If I am elected, I'm will to do whatever is needed to see Unit 176

Marci Hutchison

I begn playing competitive bridge in 1969 with my first duplicate game at the "old" Valley View Bridge Club in Dallas, TX. Shortly after that, I moved to Shreveport, LA and managed to stay active in bridge even though I "retired" from the game several times to raise six children; however, I always returned to the game I love it as much today as I did in 1969. I moved back to Dallas two years ago and reacquainted myself with old bridge partners, developed a few new partnerships and have enjoyed playing at the various bridge clubs in the area. In addition to bridge, I have pursued my passion for oil painting and my life long dream of becoming an accomplished artist. I believe that bridge in an invaluable game that can keep you alert and mentally sharp. If elected I will work to encourage new players to take up the game and seek ways to ensure that our experienced players remain active in Unit 176.

Tony Pellegrini

I started playing bridge when I was in College and continued playing socially until I retired in December 2005. At that time, I started taking the game very seriously and have played at several local clubs. In addition, I have participated in a National Tournament and various Unit, Sectional and Regional Tournaments. I have done very well in the Mini McKenney Master Point Race. I finished second in total points for 2006 and I am in the running for the top spot in 2007. I have enjoyed the people I have met at these events and have learned a lot from them about competitive Bridge.

Although I don't have the years of competitive bridge experience as many of the players in the Unit, I feel I can bring my perspective and enthusiasm as a recent ACBL member to the Unit Board.

Doug Tucker

You might know me best as a Director - I've been running games at several clubs in the Dallas area since 2001, and I've organized and directed numerous Unit events such as NAP and GNT qualifiers. Behind the scenes, I spearheaded the efforts to produce the 2007-2008 Unit Directory, and work has already begun on the 2009-2010 edition (watch for it at the 2008 Labor Day Regional). In addition to my work on the committee to revamp the Unit Bylaws, I am eager to work on revitalizing the monthly Unit Game in its new Sunday afternoon time slot. Please join me in welcoming new (and returning) players to bigger, even more enjoyable Unit functions in the coming year.

Ed Yetter

Fall Sectional

Richarsdson

I was born and raised in the Houston area. My parents played bridge all their lives and had a regular social game once a month. I did not learn the game until I went to college at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, TX. It was there I met Bonnie and playing bridge with our friends became a major source of entertainment. I met duplicate my senior year in college, in 1979. One of my professors invited Bonnie and I to play at the Abilene bridge club. We loved it and played regularly until moving to Dallas in 1981. I took a job with the phone company. We began raising our family and didn't play here for many years. In 2000 we had a little free time one evening and decided to see if there was still a bridge game in Dallas. The rest, as they say, is history.

Bonnie and I have been married for 28 years. We spent our 25th wedding anniversary playing in the NAOP district finals in Austin! (It didn't help.) We've raised six kids and now have three wonderful grand kids. For several years I wrote the monthly Table Talk newsletter for the Unit. If you select me to serve on the board you can be sure I will work hard for all the players, both new and experienced. I will bring fresh ideas and listen to the concerns and ideas of the members. I believe the clubs and the local teachers are the backbone of the Unit and growing strong, vibrant clubs is a sure way to grow our unit. Thank you for considering me!



Thur/Fri KO Bkt D Marlow & Joyce Muldoon, Carol Casey - Ken Dingler





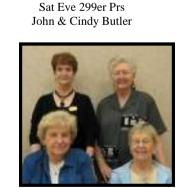
Fri Aft Open A Jim Miller & Brady Allen



Sat KO Bkt E Rich Brandenberg, Linda Thomas, Phil Merkel, Max Frey



Sat Eve Prs Flt C Cary Jennings - Glen Terrell



Sun PM 299er Swiss Marcy Byas, Verna Frank, Betty Peterson, Joan Stinnett



Sat AM Prs Flt A

Sun 299er Swiss Judy Matlock, Lynn Davis, Travis Roten, Mike Davis



Fri Eve Prs Flt B

Hazel & Jules Schoenberg

Sat Eve Prs Elt B Bill & Donna Garrard



Fri Eve 299er Verna Frank - Elizabeth Peterson



Sun A/X Swiss Steve Kastner - Kevin Podsiadlik Jack Borenstein - Murray Berger (NP: Jim Clark)



Fri Eve Prs Flt A Linda Spangler - Charles Price

499er NLM Tournament Feb 15-17

Schedule of Events

Friday 15th 7:30pm Pairs

Saturday 16th 9:00am Early Pairs

1:30pm Pairs

7:30pm Pairs

7.50pm 1

Sunday 17th

10:00am Swiss Teams After Lunch

All Games Stratified:

A (300-499 NLM), B (100-299), C (0-99)

Separate novice section (0-49) with 3+ tables

February Follies!

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Exciting News!

Beginning in 2008, **Dorsey's Bridge Studio** will play host to the monthly **Unit Game, 499er Section**, sponsored by the Dallas Bridge Association (ACBL District 16 Unit 176).

A recent survey of the Unit membership prompted the shift from the traditional Thursday night timeslot in favor of Sunday afternoons. Starting **January 6th**, **2008**, the Unit Game will be held on the **first Sunday of every month**. Game time will be **1:30pm**.

Dorsey's Bridge Studio invites 499er players from Unit 176 and throughout District 16 to join us as we launch this exciting new phase of the ever-popular Unit Game in its new timeslot, new venue and new format!

2008 Unit Game Schedule

1st Sundays @ 1:30pm

January 6th
February 3rd
March 2nd
April 6th
May 4th

All Games Stratified: A (300-499). **B** (100-299). **C** (0-99)

June 1st

Separate novice section (0-49) with 3+ tables

Unit 176 - 499er Unit Game

Weekly Schedule of Games 299er Pairs (lunch served at 11:30am) Monday 12:30pm Open Pairs and 299er Pairs (lunch served) Tuesday 10:30am 7:00pm Open Pairs (snacks served) Thursday 0-1000 Pairs (lunch served) 10:30am 10:30am Open Pairs (lunch served) Friday 7:00pm Swiss Teams (snacks served) 499er Pairs (lesson at 9:00am, snacks served) Saturday 9:30am 1:30pm Open Pairs (snacks served) Sunday 1:30pm 499er Unit Game (1st Sunday each month)

