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Eleven Pairs Qualify for NAOP Finals in Memphis



NAOP Flt A 1st Place
Chris Compton - Marc Levine



NAOP Flt B 1st Place
Ankur Rathi - Mahesh Rathi



NAOP Flt C
Katherine McClure - Troy Carr



NAOP Flt A 2nd Place
Guss Ginsburg - Mike Doyle



NAOP Flt B 2nd Place
Daniel Jackson - Bill McCarty



NAOP Flt C 2nd Place
Alberta Birk - Toni Hurlbut

121 pairs showed up in Austin January 8-9 in January to determine District 16's representatives to the National finals in Memphis in March. All flights played 4 sessions, 2 qualifying and 2 finals. After the final results were tallied, the eleven qualifiers were:

Flight A

- 1/ Chris Compton - Marc Levine
- 2/ Guss Ginsburg - Mike Doyle
- 3/ Jim Hilton - Kenneth Schutze

Flight B

- 1/ Ankur Rathi - Mahesh Rathi
 - 2/ Daniel Jackson - Bill McCarty
 - 3/ Tiger King - James Zhan
 - 4/ Jerrold Harrington
- Gary Anziani

Flight C

- 1/Troy Carr - Katherine McClure
- 2/Toni Hurlbut - Alberta Birk
- 3/ Karen Fillis - George Fillis
- 4/Bogumil Knypinski-Pawel Hanus

First place winners in A and the top 2 in B and C all receive \$700 per player from the ACBL. Second in A and 3rd in B and C get \$300. The others will not receive any compensation from the ACBL, but many units have supplemented them in years past. The District adds money to all the qualifiers.

The event started by qualifying at the club level and then qualifying at a two-session unit final. The survivors met at the district level and played 4 sessions to qualify for the national level.

The 39 pairs in flight A were the most we have had in many years. Thirteen of the participants have won one or more national championships. Chris Compton was the top masterpoint winner in the ACBL last year and continued his form in

the tournament. He and partner Marc Levine also won the event in 2008.

A big hand for Melody Euler. District 16 NAOP coordinator. The attendance was much larger than in recent years. Melody and her local coordinators in each unit did a great job of notifying all the eligible pairs. If a pair informed them that they were not coming, they notified the next pair. Melody ensured that we had pre-duplicated boards and hand records in the finals. And has made sure that we play 26 or 27 hands each session.

Best of luck to all of the qualifiers participating at the national level event later this month in Memphis.



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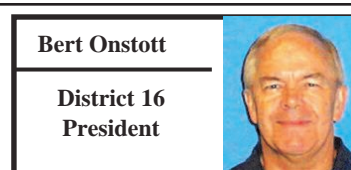
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Dear members of District 16

It is an honor to have been elected President of District 16. I will do all I can to be worthy of the position. I intend to make the focus of my term in office growing the membership of District 16. Our District had 9,033 total members as of February 1, 2012, and has been above 9,000 for the past three months. Being above 9,000 gives our district an extra regional every year, which I view as a good thing, so it's important to keep it above that number. There are only two ways to grow our membership: Attract more new members, and keep the ones we attract.

Attracting new members

According to the ACBL, 25 million people over the age of 18 know how to play bridge in the US. If that percentage holds true for Texas, there should be about 2 million people who know how to play bridge in Texas. The ACBL membership is a miniscule 0.5% of the Texas Bridge playing population. To me that says that the most promising way to attract new members is to somehow induce those Social Bridge Players to join us in the duplicate world. There are many ways to do that, but all of them have to include contacting the Social Bridge Players and inviting them to play duplicate. Programs to get them "in the door" of the local club and/or tournament, explaining the quirks of duplicate, and protecting them at the beginning from the rest of us 'sharks' have been used successfully in the past.

Keeping the members you have

Of course, if someone is rude to a new member the first or second time they show up at a bridge club, they probably won't be back. That makes behavior of current players of utmost importance. We all MUST be polite

and welcoming to all players, but especially to the newer ones, else they will decide "I don't need this", and vote with their feet. Units and Clubs must actively support the ACBL's Zero Tolerance program. Good directors will take people who are behaving badly aside and explain that behavior that violates the Zero Tolerance guidelines will not be tolerated. Duplicate has a bad reputation that was once richly deserved. Behavior has improved dramatically over the years and bridge clubs and tournaments are much more pleasant places to be today; at least that's my perception. It also makes education important, since if these new members always lose, they will soon lose interest. We have lots of wonderful teachers in District 16, Units should do all they can to help put teachers and students together.

An active Unit program of calling those who don't renew their memberships will go a long way towards enticing those members to "re-up", so I encourage all Units to set up calling committees. There are lots of other ideas, I'm sure you have some of your own. We all know duplicate bridge is an addictive activity - if we treat others like human beings they will stay with us.

Units are Key

Units are the only cog in the ACBL organization that can effectively take the steps needed to grow membership. Last July, the District Board of Directors approved a motion asking that each Unit set up membership growth goals with supporting action plans. Several units have developed those; they can be seen on the District web site (www.d16acbl.org). Membership trends are also shown there. I believe that if all the units get active in promoting membership growth, we can send District 16 above 10,000 members in short order. Thanks in advance for your cooperation and hard work.

See you at the tables

Bert Onstott

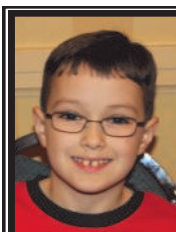
TEXAS STAR AWARD WINNERS



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Zach Garrison, Youngest LM in the ACBL

District 16 can now claim to be home to the youngest life master ever in the ACBL.

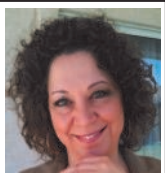
Zach Garrison, of Spring, became the youngest Life Master on Feb. 1 at the Lone Star Regional in Houston. He earned his 300th masterpoint (Zach joined the ACBL prior to

2010 when the requirement went to 500 points) playing in a knockout event.

At nine years, two months, and seven days old, Garrison edged out the previous record holder, Richard Jeng of Johns Creek, GA, who was nine years, six months and twelve days of age when he claimed the title in 2009.

Zach quickly learned many intricacies of the game and at one point tried to use the stop card to stop his partner (his mom) from bidding too much! He has picked up a lot, not only by playing, but asking experienced players for pointers about situations that have come up in play and situations that he has anticipated. His enthusiasm and diligence will carry him far.

Senior Newcomer Correspondent



Mercedes Barker

to travel.

We were also told that the regulation concerning Inter-Club Championships was passed in 1996 by the ACBL Board of Directors. Interestingly, there has not been a single one of these events sanctioned since the regulation was passed, until now.

We're proud to announce that the students at Bridge of the Permian Basin Club (Midland/Odessa) and the Bridge Center of Austin launched the inaugural 199er Inter-Club Championship on February 19th. We hope to involve many more 199er players across the state of Texas in future Inter-Club Championships. If you think your club would like to join us for the next one on May 14th, please contact me.

In October of 2011, some of our

Easybridge players participated in the Abilene Sectional. The combination of our players and other local students made the 299er game. According to the Director, this was the first time a 299er has ever made in an Abilene tournament. I asked who was teaching some of these players and was told Jackie Sonnenburg. I called to ask her about her students and to tell us her story.

"In Abilene Texas, the ACBL novice bridge game started with a telephone call to me from JoAnn Peterson. JoAnn had taken some lessons from me a few years earlier but had not pursued ACBL duplicate bridge. That was the beginning of a wonderful group of bridge players. During the struggling times of learning the eight week course, I kept repeating that bridge can be fun when I would hear them moan and groan. Once they got through the eight week

course, they wanted to continue playing duplicate. We started a student game and I asked them to think of a name for their group. They came up with "Bridge Can Be Fun!" and made bright notebooks with that title to keep their ongoing notes. They all joined ACBL and I became a certified ACBL Teacher and Director.

Those four tables have grown to nine and the game progressed to a 49er, then to a 99er and now a 199er game. The camaraderie of this group of players is amazing, never wanting to miss the weekly game, enjoying duplicate bridge and all the wonderful treats we have each week. The joy and future of playing duplicate bridge awaits these players."

Thank you, Jackie. Congratulations to you and your dedicated group of players. We hope to see them again in upcoming tournaments.

To all teachers, new players and directors of newcomer games, please feel free to share your experiences, entertaining anecdotes and players you would like mentioned. I look forward to hearing from you.

Mercedes Barker
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Upcoming 199er Inter-Club Championship Games are on the evenings of May 21st and August 13th. For details, go to www.bridgepermianbasin.com. If you are interested in participating, please contact Mercedes Barker at 432-550-7343 or email mercedes@bridgepermianbasin.com.

2011 Texas Stars

District 16 Awards Chairman, Scott Humphrey, presented Texas Star Pins to recipients at the Houston Regional in January. The Texas Star Awards are given to worthy volunteers at the unit level for exceptional service performed in their own unit,

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Jeri Tribo
 Unit 172 San Antonio

Unit 172 is proud to recognize Jeri Tribo as its 2012 Texas Star Award Winner. Jeri was the Tournament Chair for the 2011 Fourth of July Regional. Her exceptional planning and organizational skills, her recruitment and leadership of a strong tournament committee, and her strong work ethic resulted in the most successful regional ever. Jeri also stepped forward to assume another major responsibility, the Mentor-Mentee Program. Under her guidance, participation in the program expanded significantly, and participation in the culminating Mentor-Mentee Championship doubled over prior years. Jeri is now in her second term on the Board of Directors and frequently serves as a co-host for Unit Game parties, earning a well deserved reputation for terrific hospitality. Unit 172 says "Thanks, Jeri, for all your great work!"



Bert Onstott
 Unit 174 Houston

Bert Onstott, a retired Chemical Engineer from Shell, has made a major contribution to Houston bridge. He

served 6 years on the Unit 174 board with 2 years as President. During those years and since, he has served in almost every conceivable capacity in Unit 174 and District 16.

Bert's greatest contribution is the stability and continuity he brought to Houston bridge. He drove the development of procedures for the Board, Tournaments and all activities. Uniform Board communication and central and accessible files for the Board are indispensable for those who come after. The tools Bert developed were so valuable they have been shared throughout ACBL.

Finishing his allowed service on the Board, Bert took over as Webmaster for Unit 174. He implemented an online membership directory, partnership directory, discussion forum and in 2012, online voting for Board members. Success begets more work and he is now District 16 Webmaster as well.

Bert now represents Unit 174 on to the District 16 Board and serves as President in 2012. In spite of all of his duties he finds time to direct club games and be an active volunteer anywhere he is needed in Houston. Everyone in Houston and Texas should be thankful to have Bert in our bridge community



Bob Butterfield
 Unit 176 Dallas

Unit 176 is very pleased to award our 2012 Texas Star award to Bob Butterfield. Bob has just completed his second term on the Dallas Bridge

Association Board of Directors and we are very sorry to lose him. He has been such an important part of the growth of our unit and the success of our board's goals and objectives.

Bob practiced law in Dallas from 1968 to 2005, when he retired and his firm's loss became bridge's gain. He became a member of the Unit 176 board in 2006, serving as President, Vice-President, and Chairman of the Tournament Committee. He is also a current member of the Board of Directors for District 16, serving as Executive Secretary. He is a regular player in club games as well as tournaments, supporting all the area clubs.

Bob and his lovely wife Julie (who is also a bridge player) don't limit their volunteer work to bridge – they work with a number of organizations in Dallas. Fortunately for Unit 176, he will continue to be a part of our volunteer committees even though his term on our Board is over (for now!). Many thanks for your hard work and dedication, Bob. And congratulations on joining the list of very special players who have received the Texas Star.



Mary Ross
 Unit 187 South Texas

Mary Ross has been a member of Unit 187 since the late 1970s. As most players do, she began playing duplicate as a novice with another novice and struggled to learn the game. Mary's friend gave up, but Mary persevered and developed many strong partnerships. She is a disciplined player and you can take her

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bids to the bank. Several years ago, she and Gail Huie won Flight B of the open pairs at the Dallas regional. That was a great celebration! She is now a gold life master and plays at the club and/or directs 3 times weekly.

Mary has served the unit in many capacities. She has been on the board numerous times, served as president, and as tournament chair. Mary represented unit 187 at the District meeting for several years and was a diligent worker. She received the prestigious District 16 Oswald & James Jacoby Service award in 2000. For the past several years she has served as the unit award chairperson. She is an active club director generally running the Friday games. Mary has always been generous with her time and tries to help new comers learn the ropes. She has been teaching informally for some time and at the 2011 San Antonio regional she took the teacher certification course.

Every club truly needs players like Mary. Whatever the job to be done, she is always willing to give a helping hand.



Carolyn Pinto
Unit 187 Fort Western

Carolyn is a very strong personality and a force for making the unit work better for all of us. If there is a job that needs to be done, she will do it. She has been Secretary, Vice President, and is currently Treasurer, District 16 Unit Board Representative and unit 183 Tournament Chairperson. Carolyn also directs twice weekly and teaches many bridge classes. Carolyn is watching for ideas and innovations to keep our game interesting and vital. She is a vigilant champion of the underdog. Furthermore, she is on constant alert for opportunities to celebrate events and people who are making contributions to our unit. She has a strong record of finding ways to recruit new members and shepherd them through the ranks. She especially enjoys opening doors for others by offering special games where daytime players, nighttime players, experienced players and less experienced players play together learning to appreciate the game and each other. Carolyn wears many hats and amazes us that she always delivers.

It is our great pleasure to nominate Carolyn Pinto for the Texas Star Award.

Julie Benson.
Unit 197 Lubbock

Our Texas Star nominee for 2011 is Julie Benson. She lives in Levelland and drives to Lubbock almost every day to play in our Bridge games. She always helps pass out the boards and is always helping with clean up after the games. She helps with the 8 is Enough by always bringing food whether she is asked or not, and she always helps Charlotte with set up and clean up. Julie is one of the nicest people you would ever want to meet. She is an excellent cook and is always bringing something good to the Sunday Unit games and to the Sat. afternoon game. She has volunteered to be the contact by internet for the Sunday game and does partnership for that game. She is also on one of the Regional committees and is o

dependable. When she yells you she will do something, she does always does it with grace and competence. She plays with anyone who asks her and is very willing to help transition newer players into the regular games. We are proud to nominate her for this award.



Nancy Smalley
Unit 201 Beaumont

Nancy Smalley, a Gold Life Master, is a valuable contributor to Unit 201 and has served in several capacities. She has been a board member, past Unit president, and has chaired several tournaments at the Sectional and Regional levels. For the past 17 years, she has provided a bridge column for the Beaumont Enterprise Sunday newspaper. Nancy directs 3 limited games for newer players and starts each session with a half hour lesson. Her novice program has generated a number of lasting duplicate players for the Beaumont Bridge Studio. In addition to playing bridge, Nancy taught English and completed her teaching career at Lamar University. Nancy has been married to John Smalley for 49 years and they have 3 children and 8 grandchildren.



Bill Heim
Unit 205 Mexico

Bill Heim retired from the military in 1990. He joined the Marines because his mother wanted him to cut his hair. After two tours of duty in Vietnam, he was discharged only to join the Air Force a year later. He completed his bachelor's degree while in the Air Force and his master's degree after retirement. Bill and his wife Patty returned to Louisville, Kentucky after her retirement from the military in 1996. After 18 months, Bill, Pat and Bill's mom moved to Chapala Mexico. Since that time, Bill has become a figurehead in lakeside bridge. He is a bronze Life Master. Additionally, he is the Unit Webmaster, a director, and serves on the Lake Chapala Duplicate Bridge Board of Directors as the Director of Games which entails all of the scheduling for the club. His service is invaluable. If you ever happen to be at one of our games, and you hear "Sir" or "M'am," it is not necessary to salute; it's just Bill.



Neal Perlman
Unit 204 San Angelo

204 "Neal Perlman quietly makes bridge better in Unit 204. He plays whenever his job allows. He is always courteous, and he plays with

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new players as often as he does the old-timers. He goes to every tournament he can, meeting people, making friends, and being an excellent ambassador for our unit. He attends district board meetings and keeps us abreast of what needs doing. Yet another quiet task he takes on is staying with the director when night games are over, so no one is left to face the dark alone.

This year he has taken the responsibility of writing our column in the Scorecard. He keeps up with all of our events and he is creative with interesting stories if there is no extraordinary news.

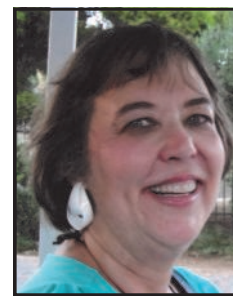
Neal grew up playing bridge; his mother was a director and owned a bridge studio, which met in their home. He has been studying and playing ever since. It is about time to recognize his devotion to bridge with a Texas Star award.



Mary Anne Laier
Unit 172 Austin

Mary Anne Laier was nominated by Unit 207 for the Texas Star Award presented at the Houston Regional. She has been an active member of Unit 207 since her arrival in Austin in 2000. She has served two terms as Unit president, has co-chaired the last three Austin Regionals and will co-chair the 2012 regional. She has directed the weekly Buda and San Marcos games since their inception. She has traveled to much of the world as a Bridge director and teacher for the Seabourne and Oceania cruise lines. In addition to being a director, she teaches bridge to small groups as well as individuals.

Mary Anne has achieved the rank of Gold Life Master and is a member of the National Goodwill Committee of ACBL. She is a valuable asset for Austin bridge.



Belle Harris
Unit 209 Midland Odessa

Belle Harris truly loves the game of Bridge. She not only teaches the basics of the game to her students, she also conveys a true love of the game to them.

Belle has organized Thursday evenings at the Bridge studio as "novice night" and finds partners for novices. She gets life masters to play with and help the beginning students. The LMs have found this gives them a chance, not only to teach, but to learn as well with the added benefit of meeting new people. She shows by example how to bid and play the hand and make her bid or to set her opponent, of which no opponent is excluded. Once, when I asked Belle how many students she had brought to the game of Bridge she answered, "Not as many as I wanted."

Belle organized a Bridge game on a cruise ship during a sea day and ended up with six tables of players enjoying an afternoon of Duplicate. Whether it is a Thursday evening in Midland, Texas, an afternoon on a cruise ship in the Indian Ocean or a small shop in the middle-east Belle brings her wonderful energy and positive attitude to promote Bridge everywhere.

Belle has been on the Board of Directors of the Permian Bridge Club, Inc. for several years and was elected President for the year 2011/2012. Her positive effects can be seen and heard in the club, the games and the attitudes of the players she has brought to us. Belle is also the treasurer for ACBL Unit 209

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Bridge in Hot Springs

You might notice that we have an ad from our neighbors to the east in Arkansas. 184 Texans made the Hot Springs Regional in 2010 and they were treated to a wonderful time. Bountiful hospitality daily was highlighted by a vast buffet between sessions daily. The huge hospitality room was a great place to visit with many players from all over.

Nestled in a valley of the scenic Ouachita Mountains and surrounded by beautiful lakes and forests, Hot Springs' natural beauty provides a perfect backdrop for the vibrant city. Named for the numerous natural springs, the town has a fantastic climate, particularly in May. The local fine arts community is in the No. 4 position among "America's Top 100 Small Arts Towns" and the spectacular national park is the oldest federal reserve in the country. There are 47 natural springs that send water out at 143°F from deep in the ground.

The Village Card Club in Hot Springs Village is one of the most successful bridge stories in the ACBL Hot Springs Village, a retirement community built in the 70's, has a population of 13,000 and the bridge club has grown to 800 members. They are situated in Casa de Carta, a 5700 foot² facility equipped with state of the art computers, blackboard, teaching facilities and a full kitchen. They started with one game a month in 1976 and have grown steadily since then. By 1985 they had 3 open games and added novice games. They had 85 members. By 1991 they had 10 games weekly.

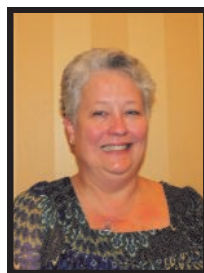
They have done this with a dedicated teaching program for players at different levels and many workshops. They have courses at different levels almost every day. They have a mentor program and have added Easybridge. They also have kept card fees way low and offer their classes at very modest amounts. The clubs has a strong sense of community and many players give up one session a tournament to contribute.

TOURNAMENT TRAILS

By Ellen Hessel

Tournament trails were blazing for the Hessels the first two months of 2012. We started out with the Austin sectional the first week of January which was held at the Double Tree Hotel. The playing space was abundant, parking was free, and some awesome cookies came along with the box lunch on Sunday. The following week we had but to drive a few short minutes to the beautiful Omni hotel right here in River City (San Antonio). Again the playing area was more than adequate to host the annual District 16 North American Pairs event paired with a Unit 172 sectional. Folks from all over the district showed up, and there were actually some out-of-staters present. Lots of reasonable restaurants are close-by the Omni, some even walking distance, which surely contributed to the success of this tournament, as well as the tournament chairs, Roxanna and Roxanna Tom. We got up on Saturday morning the 21st of January and decided to pop up to Dallas (there was a sectional in Richardson). We made it in time to play in the evening session and were fortunate enough to hook up with a team for the following morning's Swiss

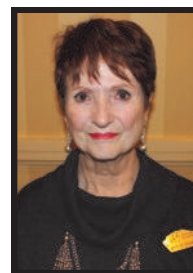
event. That Richardson Civic Center is really a wonderful venue and they have continuous (three sessions daily) hospitality, providing complimentary coffee, soft drinks, and snacks. The Houston Regional was our next jaunt, and as always, they put on a dynamite tournament. The competition was quite steep again this year as usual, and their schedule was such that there were really events for everybody to play in no matter what your schedule might be. We rested until the 17th of February when we took a nice drive down to South Texas for the Rockport Sectional. What a charming place this turned out to be! The bridge is played in a pavilion that's right on the water with giant glass windows looking out to the ocean. There was hospitality galore which we understand is the norm, so hats off to Martha DeCou and her crew! We finished the month in Temple last weekend which has always been a fun tournament and this year was no exception. Thanks to Melody Euler, tournament chair, for the great hospitality including door prizes and great playing conditions! We look forward to seeing everyone and happy tournament trails to all!



Frances Gross
Katy



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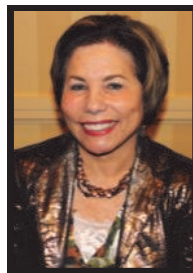
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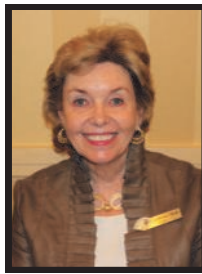
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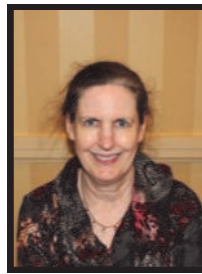
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2011

172	Anyemarie Weaver/Paula Wissman.
174	Norman Gautier
183	Margot Hirsch /Ruby Hill
187	Claude Melton and David Wilson
197	Robbie Butts and Betsy Bloechl
201	Don Moss and Robert Mainord
225	Janie Wolaver
233	Mary Adams and Malissa Baugh
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King Cotton Regional

April 24 - 29, 2012

Director in Charge: Tom Marsh
Sanction # R1204021

Tournament Chairmen
Charlotte & Gary Blaiss
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charlotte_blaiss@yahoo.com

Tuesday, April 24	
1:00 & 7:30 p.m.	KO I Rounds 1 & 2 ** 2 Session Stratified Pairs
1:00 p.m.	Side Series I
7:30 p.m.	Side Series I 1 Session Swiss
Wednesday, April 25	
10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.	KO I Semi and Final 2 Session Stratified Pairs KO II Rounds 1 & 2 **
10:00 a.m.	Side Series I
3:00 p.m.	Side Series I 1 Session Swiss
8:00 p.m.	KO III Wed - Sat Evenings ** Side Series II
Thursday, April 26	
10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.	KO IV Rounds 1 & 2 ** 2 Session Flighted Pairs (0 - 750 & unlimited)
10:00 a.m.	KO II Semi and Final
3:00 p.m.	Side Series III Side Series III 1 Session Swiss
8:00 p.m.	KO III Wed - Sat Evenings Side Series II 1 Session Swiss

All 1 Session Swiss and Side Series will be stratified.

**** All KO's are bracketed with 12 or more and Handicapped with fewer than 12.**

BOOK ROOMS BY MARCH 16

Due to a rescheduled University Interscholastic League Track event on April 27th and 28th, the availability of lodging has become scarce. Rates below are only guaranteed until March 16. After that date, there may be no rooms available at these hotels.

Holiday Inn
801 Avenue Q
806-763-1200
\$99

Radisson
505 Avenue Q
806-747-0171
\$75

199'er Pairs every session if attendance warrants!

STRATIFICATION:
A = Over 2,000
B = 500 - 2,000
C = 0 - 500
Stratification based on average MP's per pair or team.

Entry Fees
\$12 ACBL Members
\$14 Unpaid Members Or Non Members

Friday, April 27	
10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.	KO V Rounds 1 & 2 ** 2 Session Stratified Pairs KO IV Semi and Final
10:00 a.m.	Side Series III
3:00 p.m.	Side Series III 1 Session Swiss
8:00 p.m.	KO III Wed - Sat evenings Side Series II 1 Session Swiss
Saturday, April 28	
10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.	2 Session Compact KO 2 Session Stratified Pairs KO V Semi & Final
10:00 a.m.	Side Series IV
3:00 p.m.	Side Series IV 1 Session Swiss
8:00 p.m.	KO III Wed - Sat evenings Side Series II 1 Session Swiss
Sunday, April 29	
10:00 a.m.	2 Session A/X Swiss X under 3,000
	2 Session B Round Robin 0 - 2,000 Bracketed Swiss (No withdrawals permitted in B after 1 session)
	Side Series IV
10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.	2 Session Stratified Speedball Pairs

Overall winners in each bracket get GOLD!

Sunday - meal provided between sessions!

Unit 172 San Antonio	
Rebecca Brown	

The rooms were bursting at their seams to contain all the good will, good competition and great food enjoyed by the 29 1/2 tables of players at the Unit Holiday party, wonderfully hosted at the Bridge Club of San Antonio. A surprise appearance was made by Wayne Rauschuber, whose presence delighted us all after his long absence from our favorite dens of iniquity! Welcome back, Wayne! To celebrate the holidays, the Fillis' brought a sleigh full of points back from Seattle, where they garnered a whopping 47 points!

At our Winter Sectional, ably chaired by Roxie Tom, there were the "usual suspects" winning the most masterpoints: Ed Rawlinson (28.20); Dave Swarthout (28.20) and Donna Swarthout (25.46), though we all know why they continue to win... they are great players! And the competition was robust among the players at a total of 297 tables. Good turnout! In addition, the District finals for the North American Pairs were held during the tournament. Qualifiers among Unit 172 players included Jerrold Harrington and Gary Anziani (Flight B) and Karen and George Fillis (Flight C), for all of whom we wish good luck in Memphis.

While you were all having fun here, I was cruising the Indian Ocean, avoiding contact with Somali pirates. During the "at sea" days of the cruise, we had 9+ tables of duplicate aboard, superbly instructed and directed by George King of Reno, Nevada. I met lots of lovely people in an admittedly uneven field of players. One really strong player, though, was my frequent partner: Denijs Den Haan, of Holland. A charming man whose spoken English is not as strong as his bridge, Denijs plays strong 2's, opens with 5 Spades but opens with only 4 Hearts, and other style variations I never even got to

see. Since I have played with dozens of different partners, I decided I could play his card...being an equal opportunity error-maker! The first board we played, I opened 1S in second seat with KQxxx, Kx, Qx, Qxxx. "Pass" by LHO, slight hesitation by Denijs who then plunks down 7NT...which I alert as game forcing! With a twinkle in his eye, he made the contract on a spade lead, holding the following: A, Ax, AKJxx, AKxxx. I suppose bidding 2C is not condoned in the Netherlands! Suffice to say, we were off to a fun start!

Upcoming events: Rockport Sectional (Feb. 17-19); I-35 Cup Qualifying round (Feb. 25/BCSA); Kerrville Sectional (March 29-April 1); Fiesta Sectional (April 12-15/BCSA).

Don't forget that you are welcome to attend our Unit Board meetings, held on the 2nd Monday of each month, at 5p.m. at Turtle Creek. SEE YOU AT THE TABLE!

Winter Fun Sectional
San Antonio
January 13-16, 2002
314 players. 297 tables.

- 1 28.20 Ed Rawlinson
- 2 28.20 Dave Swarthout
- 3 25.46 Donna Swarthout
- 4 21.81 Virginia Noelke
- 5 21.81 Venkatrao Koneru
- 6 18.53 Ellen Hessel
- 7 13.95 Art D'Entremont
- 8 13.46 Marc Levine
- 9 13.46 Chris Compton
- 10 13.12 Harry Ingham

Friday Morning Pairs-28.5 Tables / Based on 32 Tables A1. Ira Hessel-Ellen Hessel, San Antonio A2. Beverly Santos-Charles Jefferson B1. Jeri Tribo- Fran Vanecko B2. Dee Baker-Anyemarie Weaver C1. Harry Kenny-Peggi Kenny, Marlin B2. Barnet Bursack, San Antonio ; Don Greer
Friday Morning 299r Pairs-3.0 Tables AB1. Andi Gordon-Renee Levy, Dallas AB2

.Gloria Bennett-Vickie Reeves, Lakeway 59.00%
Friday Evening Pairs-28.5 Tables A1, Vinh Tran-Edward Groner, Houston A2. Marion Gebhardt, Richardson ; Roy Baughman, 1 Beth Gale-Becky Mosely 2 Robert Watkins, Houston ; Brian Bankler 1 Kenyon Daniel-Sisir Sharma 2 Charles Lanni-Lerma Lanni

Friday Afternoon Swiss-38 Tables A1/2 Ellen Hessel-Donna Swarthout-Dave Swarthout-Ed Rawlinson, Helotes A1/2 Virginia Noelke- Chris Compton- Marc Levine, Lubbock ; Venkatrao Koner 1 Sherry Johnson-A Di Baggio-Anyemarie Weaver-Dee Baker B2. Harry Ingham, San Marcos ; Verlyn Stahlecker-Linda Lawrence-Ophra Sears C1. Barnet Bursack-Bernadine Abend-Dolores Reiley-Eleanor Bump C2. Stephen Hoffman-Judith Hoffman-Kathy Sinkin-Amor-John Hilbig
Sat Compact-Bracket 1-8 Tables 1. Ed Rawlinson, Helotes ; Dave Swarthout-Donna Swarthout-Patricia Lozano 2. Rosemary Kelley-Paul Kelley Jr-Virginia Noelke-Venkatrao Koneru

Saturday Afternoon Pairs-17.0 Tables / Based on 20 Tables ABC1. Don Mahoney-Diana Drenner A2. Terry Riely-Carolyn Riely B2. Jo Kuehl-Janelle McArthur C2. Steven Kassarian-Beula Mae Pearce
Saturday Aft 299r Prs-3.0 Tables DEF1. Darla Barger-Dorothy Prater
Saturday Evening Pairs-11.0 Tables A1. Venkatrao Koneru-Virginia Noelke A2. Chris Compton-Marc Levine B1. Daniel Baker-Theda Cook B2C1. Linda Griffith-Liz Cooper C2. Joyce Wormser-Sandra Pollard

Saturday Morning Pairs-16.0 Tables / Based on 23 Tables A1. LaNelle Strickland-Jean Blilie A2/3BC1. Jim O'Connor-Carole Lee O'Connor A2/3 Art D'Entremont-Janise Saul B2. Brian Bankler-Josephine Grabow C2. Eleanor Bump-Dolores Reiley
Saturday Morning 299r Prs-6.5 Tables D1. Rowena Gorman-Jim Gorman D2E1. Jay Quella-Catherine Quella E2. Ruth Buss-Connie Lowry F1. Judith Klenez- Beth Peterson F2. Mary Lou Anziani-Nancy Cross

Bridge Club of San Antonio Fiesta Sectional April 12-15, 2012

3195 Nacogdoches Rd. San Antonio, TX 78217
210.590.9100 www.bridgeclubsa.com

Thursday, April 12

- 10:30 am Stratified Open Pairs
- 10:30 am 299'er Pairs
- 3:30 pm Stratified Swiss Teams
- 3:30 pm 299'er Pairs

Friday, April 13

- 10:30 am Stratified Open Pairs
- 10:30 am 299'er Pairs
- 10:30 am Bracketed KO
- 3:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs
- 3:30 pm 299'er Pairs
- 3:30 pm Bracketed KO

Saturday, April 14

- 10:30 am Stratified Open Pairs
- 10:30 am 299'er Pairs
- 10:30 am Bracketed KO Final
- 3:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs
- 3:30 pm 299'er Pairs

Sunday, April 15

- 10:30 am & TBA Stratified Swiss Teams Meal between sessions

Tournament Co-Chairs:

- Rich Lampman
210.659.4248
- 210.867.4248
- Everette Lewis
210.663.3545

Partnership Chair:

- Susan Hernandez
210.710.8240

Hospitality Chair:

- Kathleen Pigott

Card Fees:

- \$11/person/session
- \$96/Sunday Swiss Team
- Unpaid and non-ACBL members add \$1

Stratifications:

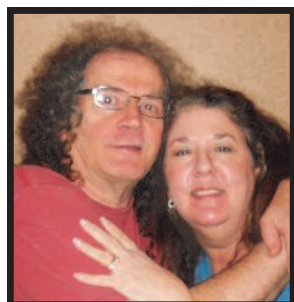
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- B 500-2000
- C 0-500



Monday Compact KO-Brkt 1-6 Tables 1. Gary Anziani-Donna Swarthout-Dave Swarthout- Ed Rawlinson 2. James La Fountain-Marilyn Arnold- Richard Ware- Bill Walker
Monday Compact KO-Brkt 2-10 Tables 1. Hank Eng- Jerrold Harrington- Jim Harp-Mary McGinnis 2. Karen Fillis- Mary Harrington- Mike Huiatt- Beula Mae Pearce

Sun Stratified Swiss-34 Tables A1. Sally Wheeler-Buddy Hanby- Georgiana Gates-Daniel Suty A2. Tom Breed-Jack Lacy- Mitch Townner-Robert Whitcher B1. Laurie-Ann Levin-William Scarpero-C David Mitchell-David Morris B2. Phillip Jaeger-Liz Cooper-Linda Griffith-Thomas Hackenberg C1. John Hilbig, Bulverde ; Carolyn Schafer-Cynthia Schwarz-Dolores Reiley C2.

SAN ANTONIO JANUARY WINTER FUN SECTIONAL



Fri Morn Open Pairs A
Ira & Ellen Hessel



Fri Morn Open Pairs B
Jeri Tribo - Fran Vanecko



Fri Morn Open Pairs C
Peggi & Harry Kenny



Fri Morn 199ERS
Andi Gordon - Renee Levy



Fri Aft Swiss Team Flt A Tie
Ellen Hessel - Ed Rawlinson
Donna & Dave Swarthout



Fri Aft Swiss Team Flt A Tie
Babu Koneru - Marc Levine
Chris Compton - Virginia Noelke



Fri Aft Swiss Team Flt B
Sherry & Tony Di Baggio
Dee Baker - Anyemarie Weaver



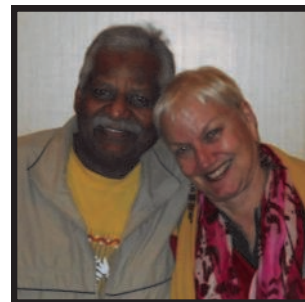
Fri Aft Swiss Team Flt C
Dolores Reiley, Bernadine Abend
Ellie Bump, Barney Bursack



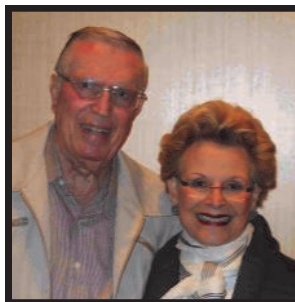
Fri Eve Open Pairs A
Edward Groner, Vinh Tran



Fri Eve, Mon Morn Open Pairs B
Beth Gale, Becky Mosely



Fri Eve Open Pairs C
SK Sharma, Kenyon Daniel



Sat Morn 299ers
Jim & Tena Gorman



Sat Morn Open Pairs A
Jean Blilie, Lanelle Strickland



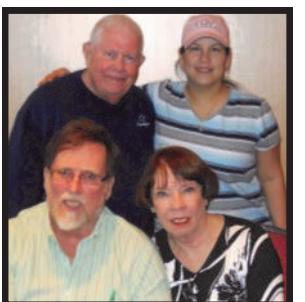
Sat Morn Open Pairs B & C
Carole & Jim O'Connor



Sat Aft 299ers
Dorothy Prater, Darla Barger



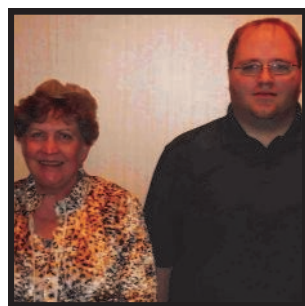
Sat Aft Open Pairs A,B, & C
Diana Drenner, Don Mahoney



Sat Comp KO
Ed Rawlinson, Patty Hinze
Dave & Donna Swarthout



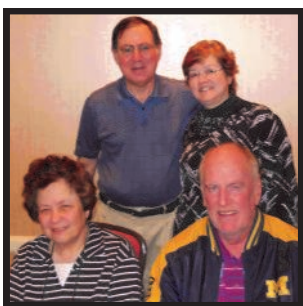
Sat Eve Open Pairs A
Babu Koneru, Ginny Noelke



Sat Eve Open Pairs B
Theda Cook, Dan Baker



Sat Eve Open Pairs C
Linda Griffith, Liz Cooper



Sun Swiss Team Flt A
Buddy Hanby - Sally Wheeler
Georgianna Gates - Dan Suty



Sun Swiss Team Flt B
David Mitchell, Laurie Levin,
Bill Scarpero



Sun Swiss Team Flt C
Delores Reiley, Carolyn Schafer
John Hilbig, Cynthia Schwarz



Mon Morn 299ers
Jan Wingate, Cathy Supple



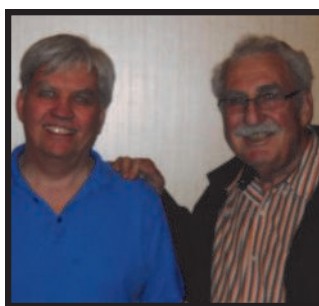
Mon Morn Open Pairs A
Jim Thurtell, Jim Bauer



Mon Morn Open Pairs C
SK Sharma, Don Marcott



Mon Aft 299ers
Judy Thompson, Geneva Johnson



Mon Aft Open Pairs A
Everette Lewis, Art D'Entremont



Mon Aft Open Pairs C
Harry Ingham, Elaine Martin



Mon Comp KO Bkt 1
Ed Rawlinson - Gary Anziani
Donna & Dave Swarouth

Terrence Rice-Don Greer-Giff
Kassebaum-James Kassebaum
Monday Morn Open Pairs-17.0
Tables A1. James Bauer-James
Thurtell A2. Phyllis Giffin-Phil
Brown B1. Beth Gale-Becky Mosely
B2. Susan Hernandez-Jay Thorne
C1. Sisir Sharma-Don Marcott C2.
Barbara Morgan-Mary Powell
Monday Morn 299er Pairs-6.5
Tables DE1. Jan Wingate, New
Braunfels ; Catherine Supple BC2C1.
James Gardner-Christine Collier 2.
Sheila Stein- Jack Stein
Monday Afternoon Pairs-18.0 Tables / Based on 22 Tables A1.
Everette Lewis- Art D'Entremont
A2.Ira Hessel-Ellen Hessel B1.
Sheryleen Grothus-Fran Vanecko
B2C1. Elaine Martin-Harry Ingham
C2. Kenyon Daniel-Kathy Sinkin-
Amor
Monday Afternoon 299r-3.5 Tables
DEF1. Geneva Johnson-Judy
Thompson DEF2. Jay Quella-
Catherine Quella,

online, or by absentee mail ballot.
Pick one of the options and vote!

NAP Qualifiers Headed to Memphis! Congratulations and best of luck at the nationals to our regional NAP winners: Gus Ginsburg and Mike Doyle (A), Daniel Jackson and Bill McCarty (B), Tiger King and James Zhan (B), and Katherine McClure and Troy Carr (C).

Lone Star Regional a Big Success. Our 2012 regional's 3,112 tables broke records for attendance, and the new scheduling gave everyone new opportunities to enter lots of events and win lots of points. Kudos to tournament chairmen Bob Dowlen and Paul Cuneo and to all of their supporting cast.

As usual, our unit was well represented among the winners. Our top 5 masterpoint winners were Eddie Wold, Gary King, Randy Lake, and Catherine and Hugh Miller. Check out all our many event winners in the "Lone Star Regional Results" section of this Scorecard.

There are now all sorts of new Life Masters among us, including 9-year-old Zach Garrison – youngest in the ACBL! Here's a link to the ACBL's recognition of Zach's achievement: http://www.acbl.org/news_archive.php?id=718.

Friends and family honored these Unit 174 members, former members, and friends having events named for them: Sudy Zane, Brigitte Sandifer, Becky Ellisior, Lynne Graham, Mary Lee Bentley, Lynnda Paukune, Lorraine Coombs, Helen Pruitt, Joyce Gore, Marcella Thomas, Dottie Ann Goodloe, Bert Onstott, Natalie Greene, Jim Woodward, Colonel Mark Solomons, and Don Fizer.

Southwest Duplicate Has Moved. The last Southwest game at the Merfish Center was on January 4th. Now both the Tuesday and Wednesday games are at the Jewish Community Center at 5601 S. Braeswood. Thanks, as always, to Walter Arnold,

Brigitte Sandifer, and Rose Calvin for keeping that game available and successful.

Movin' on Up! Congratulations to these Unit 174 members who have reached new bridge milestones:

Life Masters: Zach Garrison, Jackie Fakhouri, Jo Claire Gissel, Linda Martinsen, Tom Martinsen, Bobbie Newman, Lee Ohrt, Linwood Olson, B. J. Renshaw, Susan Theiss, Jeff Weed, Shyue Yuan Wu

Bronze Life Masters: Art Desmond, Karen Hearn, Nita James, Jay Karkowsky, Charles Lawson, Jennifer Lindner, Michael Novack, Jo Ann Pierce

Silver Life Master: Tito Ariwibobo, Phyllis Carter, Judith Ensor, Muriel Gilmour, Marris Grossi, Mark Leighton, Darlene Moody, William Walker, Lois Wilson

Gold Life Master: Barbara Babbitt, Chuck Germeyer, Jo Granberry, Julie Halperin, Joyce Ryan

Diamond Life Masters: George Fox, Gil Micheletti

ACBL 2012 Honorary Member of the Year. Congratulations to Greg Johnson, chosen for this honor at the Winter Nationals in Seattle. Greg is an astronaut who lives in Clear Lake and who has volunteered his time speak at ACBL Youth Tournaments, carried the Ace of Spades into space, and shown that he is a great friend of Bridge.

Dan Morse's Report from Seattle. Lots of news about changes in rank requirements near the end of the report. Thanks, Dan. Here's a link: <http://www.d16acbl.org/NABC Reports/Seattle-2011.pdf>.

Away from the Table. Here's a résumé for you. Jeff Weed's main career was as a nuclear submarine commander. His retirement jobs are ski instructor at North Star Resort at Lake Tahoe and ACBL Life Master.

Top December/January STAC

Winners: Aleksandr Adelman, Dolores Aquino, Bob Arnett, Jane Armstrong, Teresa Armstrong, Diane Beardsley, Marc Beardsley, Marsha Bernstein, Julia Blancett, Elizabeth Booker, Paul Boven, David Boyer, Linda Brending, William Brending, Dana Brown, Nelson Brown, John Bruns, Pat Bunn, Owen Bunn, Troy Carr, Phyllis Carter, Sophie Chen, Jeanne Marie Childe, Charlotte Cohn, Anne Cox, Shou Chow, Lorraine Coombs, Nancy Crabtree, David Crooks, Dale Crumbaugh, Al Cupps, Terry Currie, Charles Dalton, Joan Davis, Pamela Dettmers, Mike Doyle, Jannis Duncan, Melanie Dunn, Philip Duterme, Harry Elliott, Chuck Ensor, Judy Ensor, John Erickson, Harry Espey, Joe Everette, Jabeen Farooki, Andy Farnum, Susan Fletcher, Carolyn Fox, George Fox, Donna Frederick, Betty Freedman, Barbara Freilich, Janelle Frusha, Stella Gallaher, David Garrison, Kristy Garrison, Zach Garrison, Daniel Gava, Mary Pat Gentry, Sherry Gerdes, Barbara Giddens, David Goldfarb, Lawrence Gordon, Sharon Graber, Mack Guderian, Mimi Hagedorn, Fred Halperin, Carol Headrick, Janice Henderson, David Henke, Douglas Hensley, Pamela Hensley, Ralph Herz, Jolie Hess, Clairlee Hirsch, Lucy Hoffman, Nancy Hulett, Kathleen Hurst, Evelyn James, Herbert Kalman, Ronald Kantz, Bobbie Kaufmann, Diane Kern, Michael Kern, Azam Khan, Lucille Kibbe, Bill Kiehnhoff, Sally Kimpton, Gary King, Roxanne King, William Kibikas, Sharon Kirkland, Tony Knistantas, John Knox, L. Laird, Jeffrey Kroll, Carol Laughlin, Charles Lawson, Ken Leahy, Sue Lee, Lew Levy, Pat Levy, Ed Lilly, Thomas Lin, William Lindner, John Lindsey, Theron Lindsey, Phyllis Louderback, Jim McCormick, Geri McKallip, Shirley McKee, Mary McManus, Anna Marlatt, Virginia Mayhew, Jim Meade, Mack Meigs, Jim Middleton, Donna Miller, Richard Miller, Barbara Montgomery, Norman Moore, Bob Morris, Christy Morrissey, George Nelson, Lucy

Nelson, Bobbie Newman, Mark Nimitz, Tom Nobis, Allison Ochsner, Jim Ochsner, Jim O'Shea, Nick Pace, Lynnda Paukune, Gabriel Perry, John Peterson, Larry Peterson, Barbara Phillips, Jo Anne Pierce, Joe Quinn, Shawn Quinn, Robert Reichke, Karla Riddick, Bill Riley, Nancy Riley, Gay Rod, Peggy Ross, Jack Roth, Sandy Roth, Joyce Ryan, Brigitte Sandifer, William Schindler, William Schneider, Cherry Schwartz, Rosalie Schwartz, Carol Scraper, Ruth Sherman, Marsha Shortt, Britt Siem, Frances Simmons, James Simmons, Stephen Simmons, Ulla Skovdal, Martha Skow, Suzann Smith, Eric Snow, Tony Snow, H. Sonneman, Donna Sparks, Shirley Stanton, Nancy Starks, Betty Starzec, Jim Stech, Paul Stereff, Brian Stevens, Ming Su, Judi Sulzbach, Bud Sutton, Linda Sutton, N. Switzer, John Switzer, Bonnie Terrell, Julia Thompson, Lewie Travis, Steve Tugle, Carol Tuttle, Lesly Van Dame, William Van Dame, Steve Varner, Steve Vaughn, Joseph Volanski, Bebe Walker, Herbert Warner, Marcia Warner, Janice Washburn, Helen Watts, Bob Whitmarsh, Richard Wilson, Eddie Wold, Aletha Wolf, Richard Wright, Linda Wukasch, Shih-Ming Yang, William Zelle, and John Zilic.


Another ACBL Discount. This is a link to a site to print a discount card for Office Max: <http://www.acbl.org/assets/documents/marketing/OfficeMax2009.pdf>

Getting It "Right"
E put down a Pass card and also tapped on the table.
N: "You know, you're really not supposed to tap the table to indicate a pass."
E: "Oh I know that. I was tapping to make sure my partner saw that Pass."

Condolences. Our hearts go out to family and friends of these Unit 174 members who have recently passed away: Frank Arket, Ginny Crawford, Ed Haley, and Jim McMullin

Unit 174 Houston

Mary Jane Kinnebrew



Upcoming Special Games and Tournaments
March 9-11 – Bridge Club of Houston 299er Sectional
April 13-16 – Election Sectional, Marriott Westchase
May 4-6 – Bridge Studio 299er Sectional

Candidates for the Unit 174 Board. The Nominating Committee, chaired by Lauri Laufman, has selected six great candidates for April's election: John Byrnes, Kathy Hughes, Bette Magee, Tom Martinsen, Bill Riley, and Nancy Strohmmer. Check out the candidates' profiles in this flyer: http://www.acblunit174.org/Flvers/Election_Ad.htm. The on-line early voting option will become active on March 1st. 3 ways to vote: in person at the Election Sectional, in April,

Houston Regional Draws 3112 Tables

Houston had their third straight regional of over 3000 tables. They had 3026 in 2010 and 3085 last year.

LONE STAR REGIONAL
Houston
Jan 30-Feb 5, 2012
1610 players 3112 tables.

1 166.79 Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas
2 153.16 Eddie Wold, Houston
3 152.04 Lou Ann O'Rourke, AZ
4 150.09 Mike Passell, Las Vegas
5 150.09 Geoff Hampson, NV
6 131.65 Roger Bates, Mesa AZ
7 105.42 Cezary Balicki, Poland
8 105.42 Adam Zmudzinski, Poland

9 103.92 Judi Radin, New York
10 103.92 Jeff Meckstroth, FL
11 103.92 Eric Rodwell, FL
12 103.92 Ellen Wright, New York
13 95.67 Justin Lall, NV
14 94.87 Hugh Hillaker, G. Prairie
15 94.87 Bill Staats, Southlake
16 94.04 Jacob Morgan, WI
17 88.21 Thomas Peters, Grapeland
18 87.09 Chris Compton, Dallas
19 78.55 Susan Key, Dallas
20 75.94 Russell Ekeblad, RI
21 75.94 Reese Milner, CA
22 75.94 Jacek Pszczola, NC
23 71.59 Cameron Doner, BC

24 71.59 Brenda Jacobus, NV
25 65.26 John Bromberg, Dallas
26 65.26 Barry Schaffer, Frisco

4 Session Knockouts

Sudy Zane KO2 Bkt 1 - 16 Tables
1. Lou Ann O'Rourke, Scottsdale AZ; Mike Passell - Geoff Hampson - Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas NV; Eddie Wold, Houston ; Roger Bates, Mesa AZ 2. Reese Milner, Los Angeles

CA; Jacek Pszczola, Chapel Hill NC; Russell Ekeblad, Portsmouth RI; Justin Lall, Henderson NV 3/4 Cameron Doner, Richmond BC; Bill Staats, Southlake ; Brenda Jacobus, Las Vegas NV; Hugh Hillaker, Grand Prairie ; Jay Cohodes, Sunrise FL 3/4 John Sutherlin - Peggy Sutherlin, Dallas ; Mildred Breed, Austin ; Betty Ann Kennedy, Shreveport LA

Sudy Zane KO2 Bkt 2 - 14 Tables
1. Bert Onstott III - Katherine Onstott, Stafford ; Donna Sparks - Fred Feigley, Houston 2. Patricia

Fowlkes - James Fowlkes, Garner NC; Michael Bossert - Sara Bossert, Pflugerville
3/4 Jim Proctor - Karen Anderson, Little Rock AR; William Walker, Houston ; Deb Phillips, N Little Rock AR 3/4 Barbara La Vigne - Thomas Jahnke, Houston ; Puddin Barnes, Brenham ; J Bachman Nabors III, Kempner

Sudy Zane KO2 Bkt 3 - 16 Tables 1. Janelle Frusha - Gladys Ulrich, Conroe ; Mavis Warren - Sarah Hardin, Montgomery 2. Judith Smith, Houston ; Debra Bellan, Sugar Land ;

Jerr Boschee - William Olds - Nancy Latner - Frank Durante, Dallas 2. Marlene Golden - David Garman, Austin; Vickie Reeves - Gloria Bennett, Lakeway 3. Beryl Cobb - Colleen O'Neal - Sarah Hillyer - Sally McNulty, Tyler 4. Anne Gorry - Margot Cater - Suzie Wilson - Mary Watters, Houston; Carol Winograd, Bellaire 129.00

Compact KO4 Bkt1 - 14 Tables 1. Lou Ann O'Rourke, Scottsdale AZ; Marc Jacobus - Mike Passell - Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV 2. Guss Ginsburg - Terrie Reid, Houston; Sandra Parker, Sugar Land; Penny Snow, Beeville 3. Terry Riely - Carolyn Riely, San Antonio; Jon Richard Ware, New Braunfels; James La Fountain, Temple 4. Anthony Bianchi - Gary King - Joe and Dianna Gittelman, Houston

Compact KO4 Bkt2 - 16 Tables 1. Max Levit - Brenda Solovitz - Stephen Reichel - Robin Ladin, Houston 2. George Van Amburg - Helen Van Amburg, Harlingen; Elaine Mickelson, Okemos MI; Diane Schafer, Lansing MI 3. Robert Arnett - Sam Dodson - Janice Sandberg - Nancy Reader, Houston 4. E Lilly, Bellaire; Carol Wilson - Mary Russell, Houston; Robert Armstrong, Sugar Land

Compact KO3 Bkt1 - 12 Tables 1. Ron Brown - Judy Brown, Houston; Milton Ellisor - Becky Ellisor, Spring 2. Mary McManus - James Caldwell - Giovanna Spiker - Silvana Smith, Houston 3. Hans Strohmer - Nancy Strohmer, Houston; Donna Floyd, Sugar Land; Judy Walker, Missouri City 4. Kenneth McAllister - Phyllis Kuchta, Pearland; Steve Vaughn, Humble; Sylvia Thomas, Friendswood

Compact KO 4 Bkt 4 - 12 Tables 1. Elizabeth Vondy, Sugar Land; Ronald French, Richmond; Marie-Anne Johnson, Dallas; Cheri Staples, Houston 2. Robert Shanley - Suzanne Shanley, Montgomery; Opal Thurman - Ray Duncan, Lawton OK 3. William Kibikas, Friendswood; Gary Winston - Shari Winston, Houston; Jo Ann Pierce, Pearland 4. Mary Janak, Webster; Anne Knott - Yvonne Pierce - Patsy Howell, Houston

Compact KO 4 Bkt 5 - 12 Tables 1. Patrick Wang - Anant Rathi - Dennis

Kriventsov, Austin; Glen Perry, Voorheesville NY 2. Mike Dowling - Gail Dowling, The Woodlands; Keith Everett, Spring; Susan Barker, Magnolia 3. Bonnie Boyd - Donald Boyd - Allison Ochsner - James Ochsner, Houston 4. John Manderscheid - Jan Guthrie - Dianne Foussac - Dale White, Houston

Compact KO3 Bkt1 - 12 Tables 1. Hugh Hillaker, Grand Prairie; Bill Staats, Southlake; Bart Bramley, Dallas; Ira Hessel, San Antonio 2. Ronald Francey, Corpus Christi; Hazel Keith, Wimbledon SW19 England; Trevor Lumb, Atlanta GA; Elinor Hood, Portland OR 3. Gary King, Houston; Carolyn Fox, Manvel; Mitch Towner - Robert Whitcher 4. Hans Strohmer - Nancy Strohmer, Houston; Alison Andrews, San Antonio; Sandy Smith, Calera AL

Compact KO3 Bkt2 - 14 Tables 1. Dennis Kriventsov - Patrick Wang - Anant Rathi, Austin; Glen Perry, Voorheesville NY 2. Reggie Lewis, Conroe; Joseph Volanski - Nancy Carlin, Spring; Diane Beardsley, The Woodlands 3. Lorine Powers, OK; Dorothy Nance, Duncanville; Ann Sims, Richardson; Alma Johnson, Desoto 4. David Ticen - Robert Coffey, Victoria; Paul Johnston - Keith Boden, Austin

Sat Swiss Bracket 4 - 16 Tables 1. Troy Carr - Jenelle Rae McGinnis - Lynne Adress - Katherine McClure 2. Roxanne King - Gene Levy - Liliana Ciccarelli - Martha Kessler 3. Martin Gastrell - John Switzer Jr - N Switzer - Richard Crosby 4. Bob Naughton - Larry Peterson - Ronald Montague - Nancy Montague 5. Rhonda Bryant - Linda Aaron - Annie Burchell - Mary Jane Kinnebrew

Sat Swiss Bracket 1 - 9 Tables / Based on 43 Tables 1. G S Jade Barrett - Anne Dawson - Jeff Roman - Jim Jacobson - Tiger Li Li Williams 2. Chris Compton - Jacob Morgan - Thomas Peters - Stephen Drodge - John Zilic - Susan Key 3. Nancy Passell - Joan Jackson - Bryan Storey - John Bromberg - Barry Schaffer - Tom Edwards 4. Louis Sachar - David Sokolow - Tobi Sokolow - Stephen Wood

Sat Swiss Bracket 2 - 9 Tables / Based on 31 Tables 1. Edwin Zwald - Joseph Wald - Julia Blancet - Vern

Schmidt 2. Bert Onstott III - Katherine Onstott - Bill Riley - Nancy Riley 3. Hugh & Kay Humphries - Catherine & Hugh Miller 4/5 Judy Cupps - William Daniel III - Barbara Arthur - Wally Klugiewicz 4/5 Steve Tuggle - Alfred Fortier III - Marian Wilson - Joy Rieckers

Sat Swiss Bracket 3 - 9 Tables / Based on 14 Tables 1. Jane Clipson - James Clipson Jr - Malou Flato - Richard Chin 2. Donald Varvel - Eleanor Sherwyn - David Goldfarb - Jonathan Goldberg 3. James Woodward - David Russell - Peter Hudson - Azam Khan 4. Lisa & Charles Sommer - Lily Andre - Yixin Pan

Sun B Swiss - Bracket 1 - 7 Tables / Based on 55 Tables 1. Catherine Miller - Hugh Miller, Spring; Bill Gemas, Huntsville; William Lindner, Conroe 2. Fred Feigley - Donna Sparks - Janice Henderson, Houston; Steve Tuggle, Sugar Land 3. Clif Capen - Donald White, Baytown; Daniel Schomer, Katy; Ed Harper, Houston

Sun "B" Swiss - Bracket 2 - 7 Tables / Based on 39 Tables 1. Nelson Brown, Jr - Dana Brown - Marsha Shortt, Houston; Mark Leighton, Pasadena 2. William Boyer - Marsha Boyer, Spring; Norman Gautier - Joyce Gautier, The Woodlands 3. Josephine Grabow, Grey Forest; Hank Eng, San Antonio; Malou Flato, Austin; Richard Chin, MT

Sun "B" Swiss - Bracket 3 - 7 Tables / Based on 37 Tables 1. Steve Vaughn - Edmontine Baker, Humble; Richard Stell, Houston; William Schindler, Porter 2. Lucy Terrill - Tito Ariwibowo - Errol LeCesne - James Mays, Houston 3. Ronald Francey, Corpus Christi; Neal McKinney, Vienna VA; Trevor Lumb, Atlanta GA; Hazel Keith, Wimbledon SW19 England

Chloe Ella Fackenthall, Houston; Joyce Gore, Missouri City 2. James Clipson Jr - Jane Clipson, Eagle Lake; Carmen Keys - Paul Cuneo, Houston 3. Ashok Shingavi - Nadia Branisa, Houston; Rani Sachdev - Kailash Sachdev, The Woodlands

Sun "B" Swiss - Bracket 6 - 7 Tables / Based on 30 Tables 1. Roger Marlatt - Mary Ann Polk - Jeannette Nestvold, Houston; Sheldon Camenson, Cypress 2. John Heath - George Keiller, Houston; Nile Gross - Frances Gross, Katy 3. Jim Harp - Nancy Fellman - James Richman, Dallas; Margaret Raymond, Kingwood 98.00

Sun "B" Swiss - Bracket 7 - 7 Tables / Based on 27 Tables 1. Mack Meigs, Baytown; Kathy Irene Tuggle, Nassau Bay; G Thomas Rush, Spring; Irene Lam, Greenbrae CA 2. Bobbie Moutz - Diane Konick - Claudia Parr, Houston; Naomi Spicer, Dickinson 3. Susan McLaurin - Terry Harrison - Karen Hearn, Houston; Susan Johnson, Newport Beach CA

Sun "B" Swiss - Bracket 8 - 6 Tables / Based on 24 Tables 1. Karen Tabak - Robert Reichel - Daniel Leightman, Houston; Herbert Kalman, Bellaire 2. Karen Dittert - Daad Rodgers - Britt Siem, Houston; Erika Magid, Bellaire 86.00

Sun "B" Swiss - Bracket 9 - 7 Tables / 1. Zach Garrison - Kristy Garrison - David Garrison, Spring; Karen Fillis - George Fillis, San Antonio 2. Karur Krishnan, Houston; Aruna Sane - Marsha Sachs - Marilyn Krog, Sugar Land 3. Patricia Ward, Stafford; Glenda Faragher - Rekha Parekh, Sugar Land; Judy Carter, Missouri City

Pierce - Nancy Hulett, Pearland; John Knox, Kemah 2. Harry Espey - Carolyn Espey, Poway CA; Arlene Rawitscher - Jack Rawitscher, Houston 3. Thomas Romz - Evelyn James, Houston; Michael McKown - Ben Ball, Sugar Land

Sun "B" Swiss - Bracket 12 - 7 Tables / Based on 16 Tables 1. Gordon Yee, Stafford; Kitty Wong, Pearland; Sophie Chen - Shyue Yuan Wu, Missouri City 2. Clarissa Dowdy - Judith Stark - Sharon Durr - Ann Sinclair, Houston 3. Dolline Burton - Robert Burton - Gail Banet - Tom Banet, Georgetown

Sun "B" Swiss-Bracket 13 - 7 Tables / Based on 14 Tables 1. Janet Smith - Carol Krug - Marilyn Jordan - Iretha Spinetti, Kingwood 2. Jane Collins - Annette Ruth - Suzann Patterson, Georgetown; Roxann Klugman, Afton MN 3. Willie Jo Schaefer - Gail Gillespie - Tish Stephenson - Nan Fulweber, Houston

Sun "B" Swiss-Bracket 14 - 6 Tables / Based on 11 Tables 1. Norma Porter - Ming Su - Melinda Simmen, Houston; Connie Montgomery, Katy 1 2. Lorine Powers, Oklahoma City OK; Ann Sims, Richardson; Dorothy Nance, Duncanville; Alma Johnson, Desoto

Sun B Swiss - Bracket 15 - 7 Tables / Based on 9 Tables 1. Tomi Porterfield - Juanita Val Grady - Evelyn Brennan - Dale Grady, Pearland 2/3 Nancy Montague, La Porte; Larry Peterson - Bob Naughton, Houston; Ronald Montague, la Porte 2/3 James Morgan, Cypress; Monica Lett - Brenda Metz, Houston; Joseph Ford, Missouri City

Sun B Swiss - Bracket 16 - 7 Tables 1. Ginger Morgan, Carrollton; Geraldine Christensen, Laporte; Barbara Ferm, Dallas; Daphne Pickering, Houston 2. Julie Harrell - George Nelson - Joanne Graham - Mary Nelson, Houston 3. Geneva Berg, Georgetown; Barbara Giddens, Pearland; Nell Dale, Austin; Karla Dunn, Houston

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HOUSTON REGIONAL 4 SESSION WINNERS



Tues Wed KO Bkt 1
Eddie Wold, LouAnn O'Rourke
Geoff Hampson, Marc Jacobus
Mike Passell & Roger Bates



Thurs Fri KO Bkt 1
Margot Hirsch, Molan Chan
Edwina Corn & Bob Michaud



Thurs Fri KO Bkt 2
Bill Daniel III, Barbara Arthur
Bob Lester & Chris Curran



Thurs Fri KO Bkt 3
Linda Sutton, Bill Gemas
William Lindner & Joe Volanski



Thurs Fri KO Bkt 6
Miriam Cooper, Juinez Moss
Dave Becker & Don Moss



Tues Wed KO Bkt 3
Mavis Warren, Janelle Frusha
Sarah Hardin & Gladys Ulrich



Tues Wed KO Bkt 2
Donna Sparks, Fred Feigley
Katherine & Bert Onstot



Mon to Thurs KO Bkt 4
Yvonne Pierce, Patsy Howell
Mary Janak & Anne Knott



Fri Sat KO Bkt 2
Patricia & James Fowlkes
Sara & Michael Bossert



Fri Sat KO Bkt 4
Joyce Gore, Norman Moore
Bob Dowlen & Jim Stech



Fri Sat KO Bkt 5
Keith Boden, Bob Coffey
Paul Johnston & Dave Ticen



Mon to Thurs KO Bkt 2
Joy Rieckers, Marian Wilson
Chuck Michalski & Bob Cohen



Mon to Thurs KO Bkt 3
Suv Biswas, Ron Francey
Raj Pruthi & Jerry Albom



Mon to Thurs KO Bkt 1
Geoff Hampson, Eddie Wold
Roger Rute, Mike Passell
Lou Ann O'Rourke & Marc Jacobus



Wed Thurs KO Bkt 5
Jim Glather, Bill Kalmbach
Susan Mathews & Anita Albert



Tues Wed KO Bkt 5
Willie Jo Schaefer, Gail Gillespie
Claudette Roush & Nan Fulweber



Tues Wed KO Bkt 7
David Lueders, Kitty Wong
Kyle Lueders & Gordon Yee



Tues Wed KO Bkt 9
James Morgan, Joe Ford
Monica Lett & Brenda Metz

HOUSTON REGIONAL 2 SESSION EVENT WINNERS



Wed Thurs Cmpct KO Bkt 2
Carol Ann Wilson, Carolyn Lanier
Bette Magee & Evelyn James



Wed Thurs Cmpct KO Bkt 4
Janet Smith, Carol Krug
Marilyn Jordan & Mercedes Snyder



Tues Wed KO Bkt 4
Jere Hines, Tom Martinsen
Bob Dowlen & Linda Martinsen



Tues Wed KO Bkt 6
Leora Nowitz, Barbara Gadea
Jonathan Goldberg & David Goldfarb



Wed Thurs KO Bkt 2
Ellen Meyer, Anita Cokins,
Wiley McMinn & Dean Truair



Tues Wed KO Bkt 8
Eloise Meachum, Leslie Conant
Harry Espey & George Nelson



Thurs Swiss Bkt 1
Ralda St Pierre - John Erickson
Gil Micheletti - Oren Moore



Thurs Swiss Bkt 5
Marc Beardsley - Joe Moseley
Bill Chamberlain - Bob Ziegler



Thurs Swiss Bkt 4
Sharon Tomnitz - Corinne Roberts
Alma Farley - Bob Clarke



Sat Cmpct KO Bkt 3
Becky Ellis - Judy Brown
Milton Ellis - Ron Brown



Wed Thurs Cmpct KO Bkt 1
Becky & Buddy Ellis
Catherine & Hugh Miller



Sat Gold Rush Pairs
Brian & Janet Gelles



Fri Swiss Bkt 1
Jo Smith - Steve Shirey
Kerr Godfrey - Tony Haddad



Fri Swiss Bkt 2
Gayle Moyers, Nancy Joe
Mack Meigs - Mark Craig



Fri Swiss Bkt 3
John Lai - Kitty Wong
Scott Hopke - Gordon Yee



Fri Swiss Bkt 4
Barbara Vervenne - Terri O'Brien
Pat Berry - Lucerne Bunch



Fri Swiss Bkt 5
Gay Nell Ball - Mel Ball
Betty Peterson - Dee Norris



Fri Swiss Bkt 6
Jerr Boschee - Frank Durante
Ray Olds - Nancy Latner



Sat Swiss Bkt 1
Anne Dawson, Tiger LiLi Williams
GS Jade Barrett, Jim Jacobson,



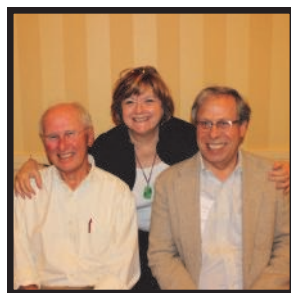
Sat Swiss Bkt 2
Julia Blancet - Vern Schmidt
Ed Zwald - Joe Wald



Sat Swiss Bkt 3
Malou Flato - Jane Clipson
Rick Chin & Jim Clipson



Wed Swiss Bkt 2
Paul Cuneo - Carmen Keys
Nancy & Hans Strohmer



Thurs Swiss Bkt 2
Susan Johnson - Bob Arnett
Nic Rasmussen - Sam Dodson



Thurs Swiss Bkt 3
Terry Harrison - Susan McLaurin
Geri McKallip - Elisabeth Cabiness



Wed Swiss Bkt 3
Donna Hrachovy - Marilyn Frazier
Merilyn Krog - Marsha Sachs



Wed Swiss Bkt 4
Chris Whitelonis - Jeanne Ingraham
Alan Zane - Frank Ingraham



Tue Swiss Bkt 2
Verlyn Stahlecker - Orpha Sears
Harry Ingham - James Fisk



Wed Swiss Bkt 5
Ginger Morgan - Barbara Ferm
Jerr Boschee - Ray Olds



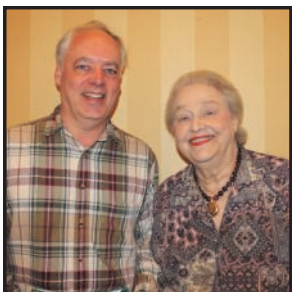
Tue Swiss Bkt 4
Jim Glathar - Bill Kalmbach
Susan Mathews - Anita Albert



Tue Swiss Bkt 1 Tie
Denis Murphy - Bill Wittmann
Becky Rogers - John Grantham



Tues Open Pairs A
Nancy Passell - Grace Hunt



Wed Open Pairs A
Randall Lake & Jeanne Linzel



Sat Open Pairs AX
Tiger King & Jim Zhan



Fri Open Pairs A
Dan Suty - Jim Hilton



Sat Open Pairs A
Randall Lake - George Fox



Sun Open Pairs ABC
Joe Everette - Jeff Kroll



Tues Open Pairs BC
Bill Kiehnhoff - David Crooks



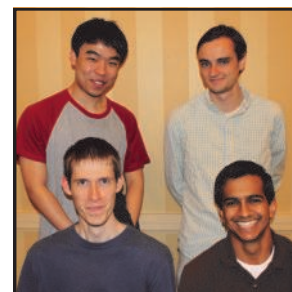
Wed Open Pairs C
Shou Chao & Shih-Ming Yang



Wed Open Pairs B
Julia Blancet - Linda Rensi



Thurs Open Pairs B
Steve Vaughn - Rick Stell



Fri Sat Eve Cmpct KO Bkt 2
Sat Compact KO Bkt 5
Patrick Wang - Dennis Kriventsov
Glen Perry - Anant Rathi



Sat Cmpct KO Bkt 4
Cheri Staples, Marie-Anne Johnson
Ronald French - Liz Vondy



Fri Sat Eve Cmpct KO Bkt 1
Bill Staats, Bart Bramley
Hugh Hillaker, Ira Hessel



Fri Open Pairs B
Mike Miedema & Julia Miller



Wed Swiss Bkt 1
Charlie Markowitz - Chuck Gillis
Siraj Jiwani - Alek Adelman



Sat Cmpct KO Bkt 2
Brenda Solovitz - Robin Laden,
Stephen Reichek - Max Levit (NP)



Sat Swiss Bkt 4
Troy Carr - Katherine McClure
Janelle McGinnis - Lynne Andress



Tue Swiss Bkt 1 Tie
Carolyne Fox - Joe Gittelman
Gary King - Greg Loran

2011 District 16 Mini McKenney

0 to 5		5 to 20		20 to 50		50 to 100	
1	Zach Garrison, Spring 206	1	Brian Gelles, Fairview 163	1	Tod Pontius, Austin 235	1	Patricia Bell, Silsbee 293
2	Jane Larimore, Fort Worth 132	2	Marc Beardsley, The Woodlands 118	2	James Richman, Dallas 232	2	Peggy Singer, Longview 274
3	Jerr Boschee, Dallas 98	3	Joe Moseley, The Woodlands 98	3	Jacqueline Montgomery, Ft. Worth 217	3	Anita Albert, Austin 177
4	Susan Colby, Garland 66	4	Howard Huynh, Lubbock 68	4	Victor Press, San Antonio 126	4	Nancy Latner, Dallas 153
5	Katherine McClure, Houston 61	5	Mary McDonald, Willis 62	5	Sheri Wolkenstein, Dallas 106	5	Diane Duncan, Longview 135
6	Marjorie Kemp, Longview 59	6	Sylvia Street, Port Neches 60	6	William Olds, Dallas 101	6	Marlene Blumentritt, Midland 117
7	Troy Carr, Cypress 58	7	Anita Rothfuss, Willis 60	7	Raymond Prizler, Houston 97	7	Ming Su, Houston 107
8	John Petersen, Friendswood 43	8	Julia Hooper, Pt Neches 57	8	Sanae Zaveloff, Austin 97	8	Lynn Cooper, Dallas 105
9	Frances Austin, Lubbock 42	9	Sue Latham, Longview 56	9	Jennifer Rao, Dallas 96	9	Bill Kalmbach, Austin 103
10	Stan Hsu, Denton 42	10	Judy Thompson, Dallas 55	10	Beryl Cobb, Tyler 85	10	Carol Whitten, Abilene 103
11	W C Coffman, The Woodlands 41	11	Sophie Chen, Missouri City 53	11	Carol Winograd, Bellaire 84	11	Linda Banks, San Marcos 102
12	Lynne Andress, Houston 40	12	Nell Dale, Austin 47	12	Jon Wolkenstein, Dallas 82	12	Sandra Press, San Antonio 100
13	S Ramarathnam, Tyler 37	13	Mark Garoutte, Abilene 44	13	Hung Shen Tai, Denton 81	13	Mary Watters, Houston 99
14	Carolyn Worsham, Port Arthur 37	14	Linda Briggs, Port Arthur 44	14	Brenda Metze, Houston 76	14	Juanita Val Grady, Pearland 99
15	Steven Andersen, Austin 37	15	Scott Defoyd, Pharr 42	15	Gilda Reynolds, Austin 76	15	Anik Waters, League City 94



Zach Garrison Tod Pontius James Richman Peggy Singer David Ticen Jo Ann Pierce George Fillis Jeffrey Kroll Ronald Francey

100 to 200		200 to 300		300 to 500		500 to 1000	
1	David Ticen, Victoria 286	1	Jo Ann Pierce, Pearland 262	1	Jeffrey Kroll, Conroe 298	1	Hank Eng, San Antonio 353
2	William Kibikas, Friendswood 267	2	George Fillis, San Antonio 257	2	Ronald Francey, Corpus Christi 284	2	Mitch Towner, Austin 316
3	Beth Hankins, Longview 259	3	Karen Fillis, San Antonio 248	3	Sandy Potts, Austin 241	3	Stephen Reichek, Houston 315
4	Jerrold Albom, Dallas 233	4	Kim Brinkman, Flower Mound 194	4	Susan Key, Dallas 218	4	Harry Ingham, San Marcos 304
5	Sally Lancaster, Dallas 223	5	Glynda Groves, Abilene 191	5	Joe Everette, Montgomery 217	5	Anyemarie Weaver, San Antonio 274
6	Nancy Fellman, Dallas 196	6	Walter Langendorf, Lubbock 169	6	Tessa Bodnar, San Antonio 205	6	Mark Leighton, Pasadena 266
7	Earl Johnson, Beaumont 191	7	David Goldfarb, Houston 148	7	Juinez Moss, Beaumont 187	7	Harry Elliott, Houston 248
8	Robert Coffey, Victoria 179	8	Geri McKallip, Houston 142	8	David Luzzatto, Richardson 187	8	Robert Buchanan, Arlington 239
9	Shari Winston, Houston 169	9	Robert Mainord, Nederland 141	9	Candycy Pfluger, San Angelo 180	9	Joseph Volanski, Spring 233
10	Gary Winston, Houston 169	10	Patrick Horsley, Montgomery 139	10	Dee Baker, San Antonio 178	10	Paul Cuneo, Houston 230
11	Kathleen Adams, Austin 168	11	Martha Norman, Austin 137	11	Richard Langland, Irving 176	11	Fran Vanecko, San Antonio 228
12	John Knox, Kemah 165	12	Sandy Kristoferson, Denton 135	12	Donald Moss, Beaumont 169	12	Marsha Shortt, Houston 224
13	Kathy Sinkin-Amor, San Antonio 165	13	Phyllis Kuchta, Pearland 132	13	Rebecca Brown, San Antonio 166	13	Carmen Keys, Houston 219
14	Steven Hollahan, Austin 160	14	Sharon MacMorran, Austin 126	14	Judith Hoffman, San Antonio 165	14	Kay Laird, San Antonio 215
15	Thomas Martinsen, Bellaire 159	15	N. J. Tripode, Frisco 125	15	Mary Ann White, Arlington 164	15	Thomas Miyake, Corinth 215



Hank Eng Mitch Towner Brady Allen Hugh Miller Mary Pat Gentry Donna Swarthout Tom Breed, Dave Swarthout Justin Lall

1000 to 2500		2500 to 5000		5000 to 7500		7500 to 10,000	
1	Brady Allen, Dallas 477	1	Mary Pat Gentry, Houston 549	1	Dave Swarthout, San Antonio 926	1	Justin Lall, Henderson NV 1218
2	Hugh Miller, Spring 438	2	Herbert Fallin Jr., Keller 488	2	Tom Breed, Kingwood 826	2	Donna Swarthout, San Antonio 908
3	Catherine Miller, Spring 424	3	La Quitta Talbot, Keller 466	3	Thomas Clark, Austin 754	3	Carolyn Peters, Grapeland 644
4	Susan Stubinski, Houston 386	4	Marilyn Arnold, San Antonio 396	4	Gail Wells, Dallas 576	4	Barry Schaffer, Frisco 574
5	Bruce Wick, Houston 384	5	Betty Starzec, Sugar Land 390	5	Billy Leeper, Fort Worth 557	5	Paul Kelley Jr., Austin 482
6	Jim Harp, Dallas 352	6	Melody Gann, Arlington 372	6	Ellen Hessel, San Antonio 520	6	Pat Levy, Houston 387
7	Roxana Tom, San Antonio 345	7	Bob Friz, Leonard 370	7	James La Fountain, Temple 500	7	Joe Quinn, Sugar Land 346
8	Jerrold Harrington, Garden Ridge 340	8	Gary King, Houston 369	8	Rosemary Kelley, Austin 477	8	Stephen Kornegay, N Richlnd Hls 322
9	Janet Clark, Austin 327	9	Victor Sitton, Sugar Land 366	9	Ed Rawlinson, Helotes 461	9	Georgiana Gates, Houston 292
10	Florence Beard, Dallas 323	10	Bill Walker, Bulverde 361	10	Marion Gebhardt, Richardson 459	10	Diane Olson, San Antonio 269
11	Jack Balter, Houston 319	11	Richard Ware, New Braunfels 347	11	Jack Lacy, Lago Vista 448	11	Kimmel Jones, Euless 215
12	Philip Duterme, Bellaire 316	12	Pam LaShelle, Round Rock 343	12	Bill Staats, Southlake 443	12	Kenneth Schutze, Austin 172
13	David Pearlman, Trophy Club 306	13	Anna Marlatt, Houston 331	13	Carolyne Fox, Manvel 434	13	Joan Jackson, Dallas 79
14	Virgil Massey, Driftwood 298	14	Betty Freedman, Houston 308	14	James Thurtell, Dallas 368	14	Jim Miller, Dallas 9
15	Joe Black, Austin 291	15	Marsha Bernstein, Houston 306	15	Buddy Hanby, The Woodlands 356		

Platinum LM	
1	Ira Hessel, San Antonio 724
2	Hugh Hillaker, Grand Prairie 590
3	Linda Spangler, Ft Worth 518
4	George Pisk, Manchaca 339
5	Billie Mitchell, Lubbock 314
6	Edward Groner, Houston 288
7	Terry Riely, San Antonio 274
8	Steve Lawrence, Athens 161

Grand LM	
1	Chris Compton, Dallas 2918
2	Eddie Wold, Houston 1667
3	Tobi Sokolow, Austin 829
4	Thomas Peters, Grapeland 826
5	Dan Morse, Houston 800
6	John Zilic, Houston 738
7	Robert Morris, Houston 731
8	Nagy Kamel, Plano 702
9	Greg Hinze, San Antonio 690
10	Bob Hamman, Dallas 668

Points won at Sectionals	
1	Dave Swarthout, San Antonio 285
2	Donna Swarthout, San Antonio 282
3	Ira Hessel, San Antonio 241
4	Ed Rawlinson, Helotes 223
5	Chris Compton, Dallas 219
6	Ellen Hessel, San Antonio 209
7	James La Fountain, Temple 207
8	Marilyn Arnold, San Antonio 193
9	Hugh Hillaker, Grand Prairie 187
10	Linda Spangler, Ft Worth 187

Top Women	
1	Donna Swarthout, San Antonio 908
2	Tobi Sokolow, Austin 829
3	Carolyn Peters, Grapeland 644
4	Shawn Quinn, Sugar Land 591
5	Gail Wells, Dallas 576
6	Ellen Hessel, San Antonio 520
7	Mary Patt Gentry, Houston 549
8	Linda Spangler, Ft Worth 518
9	Rosemary Kelley, Austin 477
10	La Quitta Talbot, Keller 466

DALLAS MEMORIAL DAY SECTIONAL

May 24-28, 2012

RICHARDSON CIVIC CENTER Richardson, Texas Hosted by Gerrie Owen & Valley View Bridge Club
Southwest corner of Arapaho and Highway 75 (Central Expressway)

Sectional Tournament Schedule

THURSDAY MAY 24

Stratified 199er and 499er Pairs 9:00am, 1:30, 7:00pm
 Stratified Open Pairs 9:00am, 1:30, 7:00pm
 Bracketed KO I 1st Session 9:00, 2nd Session 1:30, 3rd Session 7:00
 Compact KO's 1:30 & 7:00pm

FRIDAY MAY 25

Stratified 199er and 499er Pairs 9:00am, 1:30, 7:00pm
 Stratified Open Pairs 9:00am, 1:30, 7:00pm
 Bracketed KO II 1st Session 9:00, 2nd Session 1:30, 3rd Session 7:00
 Compact KO's 1:30, 7:00pm
 Stratified Swiss Teams 7:00pm

SATURDAY MAY 26

Stratified 199er and 499er Pairs 9:00am, 1:30, 7:00pm
 Stratified Open Pairs 9:00am, 1:30, 7:00pm
 0-5 Pairs (Play Free) 9:00am, 1:30pm
 Bracketed KO III 1st Session 9:00, 2nd Session 1:30, 3rd Session 7:00pm
 Compact KO's 1:30, 7:00pm
 Stratified Swiss Teams 7:00pm

SUNDAY MAY 27

Stratified Open Pairs 9:00am, 1:30, 7:00pm
 Stratified 199er & 499er Pairs 9:00am, 1:30, 7:00pm
 Bracketed KO IV 1st Session 9:00, 2nd Session 1:30, 3rd Session 7:00pm
 Compact KO's 1:30, 7:00pm
 Stratified Board-A-Match 7:00pm

MONDAY MAY 28

Stratified Swiss Teams 10:00am & TBA
 499er Swiss Teams 10:00am & TBA

Stratifications:

Stratified Pairs: A: 2000+, B: 750-2000, C: 0-750
Stratified Teams: A: 4000+ AX: 0-4000 (play together)
 B: 750-2000, C 0-750 (Play Together)
499er Stratified: A: 200-500, B 100-200, C 0-100

Grand National Teams Schedule

District 16 Finals

SATURDAY MAY 26

Sessions 1 & 2 1:30 7:00

SUNDAY MAY 27

Sessions 3 & 4 1:30 7:00

MONDAY MAY 28

Sessions 5 & 6 10:00 TBA

(If needed, based on number of teams entered)

GNT FLIGHTS

A: 0-5000 B: 0-2000;

C: NLM (less than 500 points)

(B & C Flights require Unit qualifications)

QUESTIONS: JIM THURTELL, jthurtell@sbcglobal.net (214) 691-6668
 FLIGHT A SHOULD PRE-REGISTER WITH JIM THURTELL

Entry Fees: Pairs: \$12.00 per session; Monday Swiss Teams \$100.00 per team.
 Unpaid & Non-members Add \$1. per person per session.
 Membership applications available

Complimentary drinks & snacks every session. Meal will be provided Monday between rounds

Host Hotel: Hampton Inn; 1577 Gateway Blvd, Richardson, TX 75080
 Phone 972.234.5400

Tournament Chair: Gerrie Owen 214-477-4181

Tournament Director: Tom Whitesides

Partnership Chair: Larue Stott 214.369.9576

Unit 173

San Miguel de Allende

Phyllis Culp

Bordello Breakfast and Bridge is a new weekly charity game in San Miguel de Allende! The game is held on Thursday mornings at Casa de la Noche, a previous "landmark" bordello which Barbara Poole has converted into a charming bed and breakfast. San Miguel Neighborhood Bridge has been conducting an all-charity game for four years in this lively central Mexico historic city and is happy to be playing in this "bawdy" new location where the "tricks are good!" In 2012, the proceeds are helping to support local nonprofit CASA's Early Childhood Development Center. In prior years, this small but mighty club has supported three 5-year university scholarships and a variety of other local nonprofit activities. The very best part is that the players help set up and clean up (transform the space really) in a spirit of fun and cooperation. You are invited to come and play with us! We have fun AND do good!

Unit 176

Dallas

Judith Lotridge



The January sectional in Dallas was a huge success. In all, there were 635 tables in play. Top masterpoint winners were Mark Bumgardner and Michael Murphy. Leslie Conant and Susan Flick did a terrific job in their first outing as Tournament Chairmen. My crystal ball tells me there may be other opportunities to chair tournaments in the future.

Several of the 199'er sessions were graced with students at Austin College who were taking Charlie Price's Bridge class. I asked Charlie how many members of the class were repeating it, and he assured me that the only repeater was his graduate assistant. It was great having the college kids around.

Cheryl Clark and I were elected as new members of the Board of Directors at the January sectional. David Greims was re-elected. Receiving our heartfelt thanks for their service as they leave the Board are Bob Butterfield and Charlie Price. Their absence will be felt, although we will still be able to call on Bob in his role as Executive Secretary of the district Board of Directors. Officers for 2012 were elected at the first Board meeting. Our new President is Leslie Conant; Tomi Fitzgerald is the Vice President; Susan Flick is the Secretary and Cheryl Clark is the Treasurer.

Players from Dallas attending the Houston Regional this year felt right at home because everywhere they turned they ran into other Dallasites. The highlight of the tournament came on Saturday, when Bob Butterfield received the Unit Texas Star award. Congratulations, Bob, on a well-deserved honor!

Several Dallas players won two-session events in Houston, starting with Nancy Passell and Grace Hunt (Tuesday Stratified Pairs) and ending with Ginger Morgan and Barbara Ferm (Bracket 16 of the Sunday B Swiss). In between these first and last events, winners included Leslie Conant and Eloise Meachum (Sudy Zane KO2 Bracket 8); Robert Clarke, Alma Farley, Sharon Tomnitz, and Corinne Roberts (Thursday Swiss Bracket 4); Hemant Lall (Thur-Fri

KO Bracket 1); Jerrold Albom (Pasadena Bridge KO1 Bracket 3); Jerr Boschee, William Olds, Nancy Latner, and Frank Durante (Friday Swiss Bracket 6); Brian and Janet Gelles (Saturday Gold Rush Pairs); Lucky Snyder (Morning Side Series); Gail Wells (Evening Side Series); and Bart Bramley (Compact KO3 Bracket 1).

In addition to the two-session winners, Leslie Conant, Nancy Fellman, and David Grimes all made Life Master in Houston. Congratulations to all of you!

It is with sadness that I report the passing of Annetta Olson. A fixture at Dallas bridge clubs for about half a century, she was always the lady with a smile and perfectly coiffed hair. For years her only partner was her late husband, Warren. In all the times I saw them together, I never heard a cross word exchanged between them. There are not many long-term partnerships or married partners who can make the same claim. I would say that makes them models for the rest of us.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the "Big Time in Big D" sectional scheduled for March 29 through April 1. Donna Compton has already started soliciting for home-baked goodies for our enjoyment, and players in two sessions of the same day will be treated to a light lunch or dinner between sessions. Still another feature of the event will be the District Superflight GNT qualification. Flight A teams that would like to hone their skills against the "big boys" may play in this event without jeopardizing their right to compete against other Flight A teams in May. Speaking of the GNT, the Unit Qualifiers of the B and C flights will be held in Dallas on Saturday, May 12. The Flight B event will be held

at Dorsey's Bridge Studio, and the Flight C event will be held at BAND. The District Qualifiers of flights A, B, and C will be at held at the Memorial Day sectional in Dallas. Put your teams together now so that you can play in the GNT. It is a lot of fun and provides the opportunity to win a subsidy to the Summer Nationals in Philadelphia. Captains of Flight A teams should contact Jim Thurtell to reserve a spot at the District Qualifiers.

Dallas Election Sectional

Richardson
 01/19-01/22/2012
 603 players 635 tables.

1 30.89 Mark Bumgardner
 2 30.38 Michael Murphy
 3 28.89 John Bromberg
 4 27.76 Bill Staats
 5 25.14 Linda Spangler
 6 23.31 Jessica Brown
 7 21.01 Kimmel Jones
 8 21.01 Hugh Hillaker
 9 19.17 Barry Schaffer
 10 17.82 Mark Hatkoff
 11 17.59 Gail Wells
 12 17.57 Bart Bramley
 13 17.39 James Bauer
 14 16.93 Stephen Kornegay
 15 16.93 Nancy Kornegay

Thu-Fri KO Bracket 1-6 Tables 1. Linda Spangler, Ft Worth ; James Thurtell-Michael Murphy-James Bauer, Dallas
 6.60 2. Nancy Passell, Plano ; Bryan Storey, Frisco ; John Bromberg-Beth Bromberg, Dallas
Thu-Fri KO Bracket 2-7 Tables 1. Jeff Dater-Stephen Lyle Birnbaum-Bob Butterfield, Dallas ; Judith Lotridge 2. Bill Osborn-Bob McNeill, Frisco ; Tony Pellegrini, Plano ; Richard McGill, N Richmond Hls
Thu-Fri KO Bracket 3-8 Tables 1. Mark Shekter-Jim Farmer-Kathleen

Bumgardner- Robert Schmidt 2. Betty Wheeler- Miriam Usry-Penny Hawkins- E J Nowak
Fri Eve Swiss Teams-23 Tables A1. Derrell Childs-Marion Gebhardt-Roy Baughman- Marcia Hutchison A2BC1. Brian Gelles-Janet Gelles, - George Burcham-Patricia Marchman, Garland B2. John McConnell-Charles Gibson Jr, Arlington ; Roy Booth-Bill Strange C2. Frank Durante-Nancy Latner-Sheri Wolkenstein-Jon Wolkenstein, Dallas
Fri Eve Open Pairs-12.5 Tables A1. Stephen Hibbard-Mickey Tryon A2. Stephen Kornegay-Nancy Kornegay B2. Vernon Earl Hodge-Judy Corey Edmiston C1. Sherry Roberts-Diane Duncan C2. Peggy Singer-Beth Hankins
Thu Aft Open Pairs-30.0 Tables / Based on 51 Tables A1/2 Jessica Brown-Ilene Greene A1/2B1. Mark Hatkoff-Randall Smith B2. Patricia Marchman-Loretta Green C1. Kate Hopkins-Jane Kirby C2. Gay Anderson-Cecil Parsons
Thu Aft 499er Pairs-11.0 Tables A1. Ann Sims-Timothy Banks A2BC1. Joyce Holland-Melba Lancaster BC2. Pat Graham-Shirley Utley
Thu Aft 199er Pairs-10.0 Tables ABC1. Bernadette Solomon-Karen Silberman AB2. Janice Trombello-Beverly Strauss C2. Lena Parekh-Ashok Parekh
Thursday Morning Open-14.0 Tables A1. Derrell Childs-Donna Garrard A2. David Nurenberg-Lynne Wood BC1. David Sterner-Donna Jordan BC2. Denise Shade-Kenneth Bickelhaupt
Thursday Morning 499ers-6.0 Table ABC1. Pat Graham-Shirley Utley A2. Marcia Hansen-Linda Scott BC2. Gay Schleicher-Jo Driscoll
Thursday Morning 199ers-7.0 Tables AB1. Janice Trombello-Beverly Strauss A2. Barry Cooper-Lynn Cooper B2/3 Gerald Bates-Eugene Morrison B2/3C 1 Karen Silberman-



Thurs Aft 299ers
Timothy Banks - Ann Sims



Thurs Morn 199ers
Janice Trombello - Beverly Strauss

DALLAS WINTER SECTIONAL CHAMPS



Thurs Morn Open Pairs A
Donna Garrard - Darrell Childs



Thurs, Fri Morn, Fri Aft 199ers
Karen Silberman - Bernadette Solomon



Sat Aft Pairs B,
Sat Eve Pairs A & B
Donna & William Garrard



Sat Aft 499ers
Stephen and Eugene Wuller



Thurs Eve 499ers
Connie & Dennis Van Patter



Sat Eve 499ers
Mary Burdette - Emily Ray



Thurs Eve Open Pairs A
Mark Bungardner - Bill Staats



Fri Morn 499ers
Jerr Boschee - Ray Olds



Sat Eve Swiss Flt C
Mary Ellen Stanton, Louise LaRoux
Mike Goldberg, Charles Raines



Fri Morn Open Flt C
Scott Nason, Rich Brandenburg



Sat Eve Swiss Flt B
Margot Hirsch, Dorsey Shaw
Edwina Corn, Catherine Tucker



Thurs Eve Open Pairs B & C
Karen Caton, Richard Langland



Sat Eve Swiss Flt A
Nancy Stanton, Gail Wells
Larue Stott, Jessica Brown



Fri Aft Open Flt A
Becky Koenigseder, Gary Neisler



Sat Morn Open Flt C
Janet & David Borg



Sat Morn 499ers
Patricia Smith, Ellen Heck



Sat Morn Open Flt A
Gerry McKim, Mike Hout



Fri Compact KO Bkt 2
Charles Burke, Caron Peck
Karen Caton, Michael Cain



Fri Aft Open Flt B & C
Tom Lang, Reg Watt



Sat Morn 199ers
Rebecca & Thomas Head



Fri Compact KO Bkt 1
Nancy Fellman, Ed Yetter
Bryan Morgan, Jim Harp



Sun Aft Open Flt A
Richard Barber, Marc Robins



Sat Morn 199ers
Jerry & Marcia McClurg



Sun Swiss Flt B
Mary Pennington, Lynn Belmer
Phil Merkel, Linda Thomas



Sun Swiss Flt X
Frances Haratyk, Ray Clark
David Haratyk, Truett Cates



Sun Swiss Flt A
Barry Schaffer, John Bromberg
Mark Bungardner, Bill Staats



Sun Morn 499er Swiss
Susan Bates, Majorie Deutsch
NJ Tripode, Joe Fletcher



Sat Compact KO Bkt 1
Gayle Cowart, Lana Greeley
George Cowart, Jack Greeley



Thurs-Fri KO 1
Linda Spangler - Mike Murphy
Jim Turtell - Jim Bauer



Thurs-Fri KO 2
Jeff Dater, Judy Lotridge
Steve Birnbaum, Bob Butterfield



Thurs-Fri KO 3
Kathy Bungardner, Mark Shekter
Bob Schmidt, Jim Farmer



Fri Eve Swiss Flt A
Marci Hutchinson, Marion Gebhardt
Derrell Childs, Roy Baughman



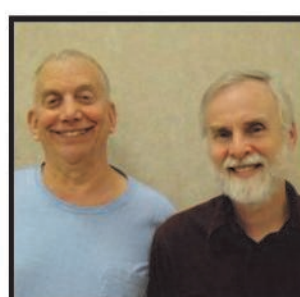
Fri Eve Swiss Flt B & C
Janet Gelles, George Burcham
Brian Gelles, Patricia Marchman



Fri Eve Open Pairs A & B
Steve Hibbard - Mickey Bryon



Thurs Aft Pairs A
Ilene Greene, Jessica Brown



Thurs Aft Open Pairs B
Mark Hatkoff, Randall Smith



Sat Aft Open Pairs A
Stan Kohan - Mike Murphy



Sat Aft 199ers
Jean Smaistria, Sue Palmer

Bernadette Solomon C2. Caryn Jacobs-Elise Sher
Saturday Aft Open Pairs-35.0 Tables A1. S Kohan-Michael Murphy A2. Gail Wells-Jessica Brown B1. William Garrard Jr-Donna Garrard B2. John Nydick-John Pataki C1. Marc Robins-George Burcham C2. Alan Kahn-Ronald Mankoff
Saturday Afternoon 499'er-14.0 Tables ABC1. Stephen Wuller-Eugene Wuller A2. Richard Wittrup-Peter Hylak B2. Jack Brennan-Melvin Sharp C2. Lynn Cooper-Barry Cooper
Saturday Afternoon 199'er-22.0 Tables AB1/2 Margaret Ann Boatright-Mary Ann Murray AB1/2C1, Sue Palmer-Jean Smaistria C2. Dennis Van Patter-Connie Van Patter
Sat Eve Open Pairs-10.0 Tables / Based on 15 Tables AB1. William Garrard Jr-Donna Garrard A2. Mark Bumgardner-Hua Yang B2. Judith Lotridge, -Elda Kay Hampton
Sat Eve 499er Pairs-9.5 Tables AB1. Emily Ray-Mary Burdette AB2. Stephen Wuller-Eugene Wuller C1. Jacob Gattuso-Paul Schommer C2. Keonhee Cho-Harris Pradhan
Sat Eve Swiss Teams-18 Tables / Based on 23 Tables A1. Gail Wells-Jessica Brown-Larue Stott, -Nancy Stanton A2B1, Margot Hirsch-Edwina Corn-Catherine Tucker-Dorsey Shaw B2C1. Mary Ellen Stanton-Charles Raines-Mike Goldberg-Louise LeRoux C2, Jean O'Neal-Nancy O'Fallon-Jo Driscoll-Gay Schleicher
Thu Eve Open Pairs-15.0 Tables / Based on 23 Tables A1. Bill Staats, -Mark Bumgardner A2. Jeff McKee, -Jimmy Reynolds BC1. Richard Langland-Karen Caton B2. Bryan Morgan-Edward Yetter C2. Janet Borg, -Maria Gregorat
Thu Eve 499er Pairs-8.0 Tables ABC1. Dennis Van Patter-Connie Van Patter ABC2. Linda Rhodes-Phillip Rhodes
Fri Morn Open Pairs-15.0 Tables / Based on 28 Tables AB1. Jimmy Hubbard-Shirley Shelton AB2. Lee Huber-Mark Hatkoff C1. Rich Brandenburg-Scott Nason C2. Leslie Conant-Eloise Meachum
Fri Morn 499er Pairs-9.0 Tables ABC1. William Olds-Jerr Boschee ABC2. Frank Durante-Satish Shah
Fri Morn 199er Pairs-4.0 Tables ABC1. Louise Shanley-Penny Morrow ABC2. Bonnie Burch-Jo Ann Parten
Friday Aft. Open Pairs-26.0 Tables / Based on 49 Tables A1. Gary Neisler-Becky Koenigseder A2BC1. Reg Watt-Tom Lang C2. Jeanne Kretz-Mark Till C2. Leslie Conant-Eloise Meachum
Friday Aft. 499'ers-13.0 Tables ABC1. Sue Kay Reeder-G Morey A2. Cheryl Clark-Sharon Tomnitz BC2. Barbara Vines-Shelley Early
Friday Aft 199'ers-9.5 Tables AB1. Donna Guthrie-Jacqueline Nade AB2C1. Bernadette Solomon-Karen Silberman C2. Burt Echtenkamp-Linda Echtenkamp
Friday Compact KO Bkt 1-9 Tables 1. Edward Yetter-Bryan Morgan -Jim Harp-Nancy Fellman 2. Margot Hirsch- Edwina Corn- Dorsey Shaw-Catherine Tucker
Friday Compact KO Bkt 2-13 Tables 1. Charles Burke-Caron Peck-Karen Caton- Michael Cain 2. Ruby Hill- James Cothran- Lynda Bradley-Sandy Kristoferson
Sat Morn Open Pairs-10.0 Tables / Based on 31 Tables A1. Michael Hout-Gerry McKim A2B1. Betty Bartula- Loretta Green B2C1. Janet Borg-David Borg 2/3 David Greims-Fred Curtis Jr C2/3 Denise Shade-Kenneth Bickelhaupt,
Sat Morn 499er Pairs-11.0 Tables A1. Mike Stimson-Larry Laudig A2BC1. Ellen Heck-Patricia Smith BC2. Robert Stewart-Nancy Love
Sat Morn 199er Pairs-10.0 Tables AB1. Thomas Head-Rebecca Head A2/3 Barbara Barrett-G Wayne Campbell A2/3B2C1. Jerry McClurg -Marcia McClurg C2/3 Edwin Ducayet Jr-Patricia Ducayet C/3 Denise

Strueber-John Ellis
Sat KO Bracket 1-5 Tables 1. He-mant Lall-Bart Bramley-Petra Ham-man-Bob Hamman 2. Nancy Kornegay-Stephen Kornegay -Hugh Hillaker- Kimmel Jones
Sat KO Bracket 2-7 Tables 1 Jimmy Reynolds-Mary Ann White-Lauren Brown-Penny Mixon 2. Shirley Ashby-Jim Harp-Mary McGinnis- Susan Shively
Sat KO Bracket 3-6 Tables 1. Peter Hudson- Christian Stevens, Garland ; Richard Langland- Richard Gordon 2. Khalifa Ahmed-Joan Paradeis-Kim Brinkman- Thomas Miyake
Sat KO Bracket 4-7 Tables 1. Peggy Singer-Sherry Roberts-Diane Duncan-Beth Hankins 2. Karen Franklin- Carol Rieger- Mark Hatten - Robert Razon
Sat CKO Bracket 1-16 Tables 1. Jack Greeley-Lana Greeley- George Cowart-Gayle Cowart 2. Vernon Earl Hodge-Judy Corey Edmiston- Chris Anderson-Margaret Raymond
Sun Swiss Flt A/X-23 Tables / Based on 69 Tables A1. Barry Schaffer-Mark Bumgardner-John Bromberg-Bill Staats A2. Nancy Kornegay-Stephen Kornegay-Ira Hessel-Ellen Hessel-Hugh Hillaker-Kimmel Jones X1. Raymond Clark-Truett Cates-David Haratyk-Frances Haratyk X2. Michael Hout-Gerry McKim-Stewart Angel-Jonathan Ernest
Sun B/C Swiss-29 Tables B1. Phil Merkel-Linda Thomas-Mary Pennington-Lynn Belmer B2. William Strong-Dinah Strong--Rita Hol-zswweig-Sanford Holzswweig C1. Paul Taylor-Robert Scrimale-Betsy Goldsmith-Margaret Raymond C2. Kim Brinkman-Jo Bryan-Hung Shen Tai-Thomas Miyak
Sun Morn 499er Swiss-17 Tables AB1. Susan Bates-J Fletcher-Majorie Deutsch-N Tripode A2. Cheryl Clark -Sharon Tomnitz-Alma Farley-Robert Clarke B2C1. William Hig-gins-Jean Higgins-Diana Chen-Barbara Franklin C2. Allen Haskell-Genoveva Friedel-Josephine Basel-Beth Castleberry
Sunday Afternoon Pairs-5.0 Tables ABC1. Marc Robins-Richard Barber A2. Jules Schoenberg-Hazel Schoenberg BC2. Harold Avery-Marion Avery

What would January be without the Annual Steve Shirey and Gene Britton Birthday Bash? Seventeen and a half tables celebrated the 101st Birthday of our amazing Gene. Steve's favorite was served...mountains of pizzas! Happy, Happy and Many More Gene and Steve!

February 10-12 Arlington hosted their Winter Sectional in Grapevine. The weather cooperated beautifully, even if the construction woes didn't. Attendance was up from last year...thanks to all who worked so hard to hard to organize such a good tournament. Thanks to the players who helped make this a successful tournament.

It's always exciting to honor those of you in our midst who has earned special recognition from ACBL. Congratulations to new Life Masters Cynthia Bohnenblust of Euless, Tx. and Stan Powell of Fort Worth. Our Unit 183 President, Diane Washabaugh, is now a Silver Life Master and Betty Boring is a Bronze Life Master. It's always fun when you're reading the Bridge Bulletin to see outstanding achievements by our players. Playing in the Denton, Tx. Bridge Studio, Mark Zeitlin and David Pearlman had an amazing 75.93% game. Wow!

We were all so happy and thrilled to learn our own Carolyn Pinto won the Texas Star Award this year. I don't have the space to list all the things she does for Unit 183, not to mention all the hard work she does on behalf of the Fort Worth Studio. She epitomizes the name "volunteer". We were also very excited to learn Mary Jane Orock is one of seven finalists for "Bridge Teacher of the Year". The winner will be announced at the Memphis Nationals. Good luck, Mary Jane!

gan-Nancy Clements C2/3 John Gilbert-Jan Choyce C2/3 John Biel-Philip Macdonald
Friday Eve Open Pairs-12.0 Tables / Based on 18 Tables A1. Carolyn Motes Jr-Preston Morrow A2. James Bauer-Judy Northup B1. Gary Neisler-William Morris Jr B2C1. Kay Lynch-Linda Stoke C2. Bill Sandars-Opie White
Fri Eve Swiss Teams-27 Tables A1. Nancy Kornegay-Stephen Kornegay-Linda Spangler-Michael Murphy A2B1. Melanie Watson-Joyce Stone-Jane Hopkins-David Sauder B2. Bob McNeill-Joseph Gill-Jerrold Albom-Rich Brandenburg C1. Susan Keyes-Majorie Deutsch-Nancy Young-Jeanette McDonald C2. G Morey-Sue Kay Reeder-Ann Overfield-Letty Garek
Friday Eve 299er Pairs-6.0 Tables AB1. Catherine Quella-Jay Quella A2. Jacqueline Montgomery-Susan Pratt B2. Richard Spohn-Barbara Spohn C1. Jan Choyce-John Gilbert C2/3 Deborah Christian-Sandra Lovin C2/3 Willow McGregor-Ann Perryman
Sat Morn EZ! Bridge-4.5 Tables AB1/3 Craig Briney-Mary Ann Briney AB1/3 John Ellis-Sudhir Shah AB1/3C1. Jeffery Smith-Maureen McDonald C2. Sandy Beyer-Susan Smith
Friday Compact KO Brkt 1-6 Tables 1. Claybourne Waldrop Jr-Melody Gann-William White- Virginia Sherman 2. Billy Leeper-Mary Orock-Bill Ream-Pat Cassidy
Friday Compact KO Brkt 2-15 Table 1. Diane Washabaugh-Bruce Mann-Francis Chang-Jean Helmers 2. Stephen Hibbard-Penny Mixon--Richard McGill -Marlene Round
Friday Compact KO Brkt 3-12 Tables 1. William Olds-Jerr Boschee -Penny Hawkins-Bruce Harbour 2. Carl Witt -Anna Deaton-Robert Stewart-Nancy Love

On Saturday, Feb. 19, there will be a Unit Volunteer Appreciation game in the Fort Worth Bridge Studio. What a great day to thank all our volunteers, as we know, our game wouldn't and couldn't exist without you. If you are asked to help out, consider saying "yes"- you will be glad you did!

We lost one of the "fixtures" around the Fort Worth Studio with the passing of Esther Blaylock. I can think of no one who loved the game more than she, and I especially remember her taking me under her wing when I was a newcomer and I needed a partner. We all have memories of her which we will never forget.

Do you have news? Send it to me at milliewms@yahoo.com

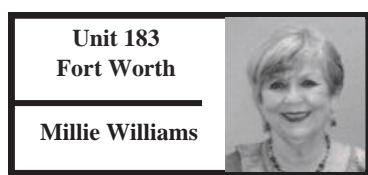
Play Well and Have Fun!

Millie Williams

The one little daffodil in my front yard tells me Winter's over and Spring is here!! Yipee!! These last few weeks of Winter have been full of wonderful things going on it our Unit. Linda Spangler and Mike Murphy rang in the New Year with a 70% game in Arlington on New Year's Eve.

Spring always reminds us of Unit 183's Spring Sectional. It will be held Mary 4-6, 2012, at a new venue for us. The new site is on I-35 South at the Crowne Plaza Hotel South. You out-of-towners...make plans now to attend! Great location, plenty of free parking and coffee...and of course, our famous chocolates! Room rates \$85.00

The Unit participated in the International Fund Game on January 28, with games being offered in Denton, Arlington and Fort Worth. Winners in Arlington were Sue Kay Reeder and Don Farrell in the 0-500 game and the open game winners were Stephen and Nancy Korneagy NS and William Morris, Jr. and Gary Neisler EW. Denton's winners were Jim Bufkins and Donna Gibbs NS and James Cothran and Ruby Hill EW. Big winners in Fort Worth with a 70% game were Carolyn Pinto and Mary Jane Orock NS and Linda Spangler and Nary Hoger EW. Many thanks to Tom Moore for coordinating these three games.



Unit 183 Fort Worth
 Millie Williams

Heart Of The Metroplex
 Grapevine
 Feb 10-12 2012
 464 players.417 tables.
 1 29.48 Michael Murphy
 2 29.48 Linda Spangler
 3 25.70 James Bauer
 4 22.71 Stephen Kornegay
 5 22.71 Nancy Kornegay
 6 22.20 James Thurtell
 7 21.45 Sara Bossert
 8 21.45 Michael Bossert
 9 17.82 Hugh Hillaker
 10 16.54 Kimmel Jones
Fri Aft Open Pr-19.0 Tables / Based on 31 Tables A1. Nancy Stanton-Lynne Wood A2B1. Jon Browne -Adrienne Feuer B2. Amy Peterson-Reznik-Jimmy Wright C1. Joan Paradeis-Martha Harvey C2. Bill Sandars -Opie White
Fri Aft 299er-12.0 Tables AB1/2 Jenny Oswald-Sandy Brown AB1/2 Stan Hsu-Anne Kyle C1. Sue Mor-

FORT WESTERN SPRING SECTIONAL

MAY 4-6, 2012

CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL
\$85 @NIGHT INCLUDES 2 FULL BREAKFASTS PER ROOM
CUT OFF DATE APRIL 12, 2012
100 Alta Mesa East Boulevard, FTW 76134 817-293-3088

Friday, May 4, 2012

Compact Knock Out Teams (4 players only)	1:30 & 7 pm
Stratified Open Pairs (SINGLE SESSIONS)	1:30 & 7 pm
0-300 Pairs (SINGLE SESSIONS)	1:30 & 7 pm
One-Session Stratified Swiss Teams	7 pm

Saturday, May 5, 2012

Bracketed KO Teams (SESSIONS 1, 2, & 3)	9:30 am, 1:30 & 7 pm
Stratified Open Pairs (SINGLE SESSIONS)	9:30 am, 1:30 & 7 pm
0-300 Pairs (SINGLE SESSIONS)	1:30 & 7 pm
One-Session Stratified Swiss Teams	7 pm

Sunday, May 6, 2012

Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams	10 AM & TBA
0-300 Swiss Teams (2 SINGLE SESSIONS)	10 AM & TBA

DINNER served between sessions.

Stratifications average of pair
 Stratified A (2000+), B (750-2000), C (0-750)
 Stratiflighted A (4000+) & AX (0-4000) Play together
 B (750-2000) & C (0-750) play together
 Stratified 0-300 PAIRS A (200-300), B (100-200), C (0-100)

Tournament Chair: Carolyn Pinto (817) 845-0185
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Partnerships: Darlene Shirey (817) 292-4719 shireysa@charter.net
Caddy Chair: Janet Jordan (18) 560-9465
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 All SINGLE sessions \$11 per PLAYER,
 Two session SWISS \$100 PER TEAM.

There will be an additional charge of \$1 per SESSION for players who are non or unpaid ACBL members.
 Players with 0-20 MP play FREE on Saturday afternoon
 Bridge lectures FRI at 6:30 pm - Section top prizes

Saturday Compact Brkt 1-9 Tables 1. Nancy Passell-Hua Yang- Mark Bumgardner- Bill Staats 2. James Thurtell-James Bauer-Michael Murphy- Linda Spangler
Saturday Compact Brkt 2-9 Tables 1. Daniel Fife-Robert Razon- Mark Hatten- Patricia Marchman 2. Melvin Ball-Gay Nell Ball Hurst ; Betty Peterson N Richlnd Hls ; Georgie Jaeger
Saturday Compact Brkt 3-9 Tables 1. Barbara Baker-Mary Cotham- Jacqueline Montgomery- Ginny Collett 2. Jean Higgins-William Higgins- Jay Titone-Grace Ann Titone
Saturday Aft Open Pairs-27.5 Tables A1. Michael Hout Plano ; Gerry McKim A2. Suresh Agrawal- Bob Scallan B1. Robert Lynn-Bryan Morgan B2C1. Philip Metz-Susan Stell C2 .Nancy Fellman-Chris Anderson
Saturday Aft 299r Pairs-18.0 Tables AB1. Dana Pickett-Harriet Motter AB2. Christine Williamson-Jacque Ekhoft C1. John Ellis-Denise Strueber C2. Ann Perryman-Willow McGregor
Saturday Eve Open Pairs-10.0 Tables / Based on 16 Tables A1. Becky Koenigseder-Betty Finley A2. Melody Gann-William White B1. Ruth Bracken-Nancy Peterson B2. Truett Cates-David Haratyk C1. Betty McCauley-Frances Murrell C2. Ginger Kennedy-Judy Floyd
Saturday Eve 299er Pairs-6.0 Tables A1. Stephen Wuller-Eugene Wuller A2B1. Ann Thompson-Kay Benjamin B2C1. Willow McGregor-Ann Perryman C2. Glenda Franks-Gladys Freeman
Sat Eve Swiss Teams-18 Tables AB1. Claybourne Waldrop Jr-Virginia Sherman-Gary Neisler-William Morris Jr A2. Larue Stott-Gail Wells-Marion Gebhardt-Roy Baughman B2C1. Chris Anderson-

Bridge lost another long standing devotee. Ethel Mae "Poochie" Alley Olson of Sonora found bridge at UT in the mid forties and carried it through her many adventures and life stages. The obit describes it best for those of us who didn't have the pleasure of knowing her: ... "a gifted storyteller, devoted mother and grandmother as well as an amazing friend ... will miss her wit, bright blue eyes, contagious smile and her strong convictions to the greater good.")

Tables ABC1. Amanda Shaw-Carolyn Reed-Jones AB2. Marilyn Higgins-Helen Davis C2. Robert Schuler-Delores Schuler
Sunday Stratified Swiss-22 Tables
 AB1. Joy Hardy-W Collins, - Mercedes Barker-Deborah Brookins-Tommy Splittgerber A2. Jo Smith-Tony Haddad-John Grantham-Alan Copeland A2B1. Ralph Aurillo-Mary Aurillo-Carolyn Reed-Jones-Amanda Shaw B2. Mary Jane McCord-Mary Bloodworth-Frances Grogan-Jo Ann Beauchamp

Texas Independence

San Angelo
 February 10-12, 2012
 112 players 150 tables.

- 1 17.79 Virginia Noelke
- 2 17.79 Venkatrao Koneru
- 3 17.22 Jo Smith
- 4 17.22 Anton (Tony) Haddad
- 5 14.96 Joy Hardy
- 6 14.55 John Grantham
- 7 14.55 Alan Copeland
- 8 13.89 Mercedes Barker
- 9 13.35 George Finley
- 10 13.35 Carl McGill

Friday Afternoon Open Prs-21.5

Tables A1. Virginia Noelke, - Venkatrao Koneru B2. Rosemary Kelley-Paul Kelley Jr. B1. Peggy Jackson-Brenda Chapman B2. Barbara Wright-Iris Warren C1. Mary Aurillo-Ralph Aurillo C2. Linda Cole -Gene Cole

Friday Evening Open Pairs-22.0

Tables A1. B Paul Hirsch-Julia Hirsch A2. Tony Haddad-Jo Smith B1. Brenda Chapman-Peggy Jackson B2. Barbara Wright-Iris Warren C1. Gene Cole-Linda Cole C2/3 Howard Huynh-Walter Langendorf C2/3 Linda Reichenau-Toni Hurlbut

Saturday Morning Open Prs-10.0

Tables AB1. Joy Hardy-W Collins AB2C1. Tony Morinello-Bob Joyce C2. Frances Grogan-Jo Ann Beauchamp

Saturday KO-Bracket 1-5 Tables 1.

George Finley-Carl McGill-Neal Perlman-Marcie Perlman 2. Venkatrao Koneru-Donna Swarouth-Dave Swarouth, -Virginia Noelke

Saturday After Open Prs-18.0 Tables / Based on 24 Tables AB1.

Vicky Fisher-Judy Wilde AB2. Mercedes Barker-Joy Hardy C1. David Watson-Marifrances Watson C2. Ralph Aurillo-Mary Aurillo

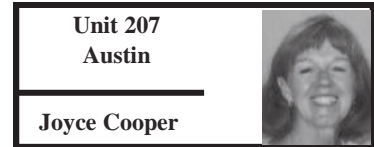
Saturday Afternoon 299r-6.0 Tables ABC1.

Debbie Farr-Leigh Broadway AB2/3 David McAfee-Jerre McAfee AB2/3C2. Amanda Shaw-Kurt Fangmeier

Saturday Evening Open Prs-14.0

Tables / Based on 19 Tables A1. Tony Haddad-Jo Smith A2. Alan Copeland-John Grantham BC1. Helen Barker-Judy Matthews B2. Rebecca Kinsey-Peggy Cook C2. David Watson-Marifrances Watson

Saturday Evening 299r Prs-4.5



Unit 207 Austin
Joyce Cooper

George Pisk, counted among a handful of elite bridge players in Austin and the State, has suffered a life threatening episode and is now undergoing intensive rehab treatment. While his presence is missed at the Bridge Center, many people have inquired about him and have him in their thoughts. George, you are being missed and we hope to see you back! George has always been an awe inspiring opponent, but a thoughtful mentor in that he has always been willing to answer bridge inquiries and share his observations on the game and conventions. He is truly an icon of the game.

As a Unit, we would also like to extend our thanks to everyone attending our January Sectional at the Doubletree Hotel. Nancy Dean and Mark Craig put together a seamless tournament, and Martha Norman did a great job at the partnership desk. Not only did we have a record turnout, we had some of the most pleasant open games I have ever attended. People were just in a good mood and the computer must have been set on "Slam." There were so many fantastic slam hands which had ways to be made and ways to be set. Really interesting! Thank you Scotty & Kevin for the machine settings! I know it will be denied that there is a setting, but tell me truly, isn't there? Unfortunately, I can't say that I made the most of the fun hands. Even though I went home feeling decidedly disappointed in myself, they were great deals. The big winner for the tournament was Jim Hilton with 31.08 points, followed by Virgil Massey and Charlene Sands with 30.3 points each.

Moving on, we now come to the beginning of another year of seasonal events: Lots of folks went over to Houston for their Winter Regional, which we all love to go to, and next comes the Annual Meeting to be held on February 18 (followed by free play for folks attending the

Austin May Sectional

Bridge Center of Austin - 6700 Middle Fiskville Rd

May 3-6, 2012

Thursday-May 3...Friday-May 4...Saturday-May 5

Flighted KO's (0-1250 & 1250+ handicapped) 10:30 am, 2:30 pm, 7 pm
 Stratified Open Pairs, single sessions... 10:30 am, 2:30 pm, 7 pm
 Stratified 199er Pairs, single sessions... 10:30 am, 2:30 pm, 7 pm
 Evening pair games on Friday & Saturday will be charity games.

Sunday-May 6

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams... 10:30 am & TBA

Stratifications (strats for all pair games based on average masterpoints of pair)
 Open Pairs: A: 2000+, B: 500-2000, C: 0-500
 199er Pairs: A: 100-200, B: 50-100, C: 0-50
 Swiss Teams: A: 4000+, X: 0-4000, B: 750-1500, C: 300-750, D: 0-300
 Pair game strats may be adjusted at director's discretion.

Swiss Teams: Director will have the discretion to adjust the A/X masterpoint break if necessary.
 Flighted KO: 0-1250 (bracketed if enough teams), 1250+ (bracketed if enough teams)
 The 1250+ KO and the bracketed KO (top bracket) have 1.5 times the ACBL normal handicap, but no team with an average of 4000+ will receive any handicap.

Lunch Served Between Sessions Thursday-Saturday for Two Session Players.
Meal Served Between Morning and Afternoon Session on Sunday.
 General Convention Card Only Except Midchart for A/X Swiss Teams
 Entry Fees \$11/session (\$12 non & unpaid members); \$88/Swiss Team
Chairperson...George Watkins...512-335-1158...tarzan.watkins@gmail.com
Partnerships ...Pat Rutledge...512-246-0547...pjsr65@gmail.com

Hotels-Reserve by April 25 (both hotels) for bridge rate

Baymont Inn 7400 N. IH-35, Austin TX 78752 512-206-3015 \$53 w/continental breakfast	Midtown Holiday Inn 6000 Middle Fiskville Rd, Austin TX 78752 512-452-9401 \$79 Use code "BCA" when re at Holiday Inn
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meeting), then the now annual I-35 Competition. The biggest event we are looking forward to is the bi-annual Austin Regional to be held July 2-8 at the Doubletree Hotel. The Doubletree has been a wonderful location for us over the past years and their facilities and hospitality are appreciated, as are the great near by restaurants. This tournament will be chaired by Larry Davis and Mary Anne Laier. There will be several "gold rush" events and some new Mini Swiss sessions. Looks to be a great schedule. Put the dates on your calendar, if you haven't already done so.

The ACBL National Mini-McKenney awards for 2011 have just been released. This list comprises the top 100 players nationally in each player ranking group. Austin was well represented this year, and in particular, it is to be noted that Tod Pontias, starting the year in the 20-50 MP ranking, earned the number one spot in his group with 234.71 points. Great year of bridge, Tod! Sanae Zaveloff, who loves bridge about as much as anyone I've met, also placed in this category. In the 100-200 category: Kathleen Adams and Steve Hollahan; 300 -500: Sandy Potts; 500-1000: Mitch

Towner and Harry Ingram; 5000-7500: Jimmy LaFontaine and Rosemary Kelley; and in the 7500-10000 category: Paul Kelly.

Milestones: New Life Masters: Pat Berry, Dolline Burton, Robert Burton, Steve Hollahan, and Martha Norman; **Bronze Life Master:** Lucerne Bunch; **Silver Life Master:** Pat White; **1500:** Ann Cullen, Eric Goff; **750:** Harry Akin, Mary McCarron; **200:** Adrienne Watt; **100:** Keith Boden, Gary Pamplin and **50:** Darrell Ingram and Tom Sopko.

Upcoming tournaments: Austin Sectional: March 8-11, Bridge Center; NLM Sectional: April 21-22, Bridge Center; Austin Sectional: May 3-6, Bridge Center.

Austin Winter

January 5-8 2012
 350 players. 459 tables.

- 1 31.08 Jim Hilton
- 2 30.30 Virgil Massey
- 3 30.30 Charlene Sands
- 4 29.02 Tom Breed
- 5 29.02 Jack Lacy
- 6 24.61 Kenneth Schutze
- 7 23.10 Karen Snyder
- 8 21.90 Michael Huston

- 9 21.90 Dave Swarouth
- 10 20.27 Donna Swarouth

Thursday Morn Open Pairs-28.0

Tables / Based on 33 Tables A1. Leonard McCormick-Nancy Joe A2B1. Kathy McCabe-Mark Craig B2. Mitch Towner-Robert Whitcher C1. Phil Richards-Shailesh Gupta C2. Vivian Thompson-Jan McLaurin

Thursday Morn 199er Pairs-5.0

Tables DE1. Gilda Reynolds-Nancy Ring D2. Charles Ward-Sally McAnulty E2. Barbara Rodriguez-Sally Disanza Austin 57.00%

Thursday Aft Open Pairs-34.0

Tables / Based on 42 Tables A1. Jack Lacy-Tom Breed A2. Jonathan Ferguson-Robert Donathan BC1. C Fred Moore-Osman Ahmed B2. Jim Hilton-Lee Stokes Hilton C2. Shailesh Gupta

Thursday Aft 199er Pairs-7.5

Tables D1. Peggy Painter-Cled Painter D2EF1. Robert Caldwell III-Larry Johnson EF2. Maureen Wynalek-James Wynalek

Thursday Eve Open Pairs-11.0

Tables / Based on 17 Tables A1. Virgil Massey-Charlene Sands A2. Jeff McKee-Pam LaSelle B1. Lee Stokes Hilton-Jim Hilton B2C1. Michael Harris-Sandra Harris C2. Osman Ahmed-C Fred Moore

AUSTIN WINTER SECTIONAL WINNERS



Thurs Morn Open Pairs A
 Nancy Joe - Leonard McCormick



Thurs Morn Open Pairs B
 Kathy McCabe - Mark Craig



Fri Morn 199ers
 Margaret Bennett - Fiona Schuurman



Thurs & Fri Eve Open Pairs A
 Virgil Massey - Charlene Sands



Thurs Aft 199ers
 Peggy & Cled Painter



Thurs Aft Open Pairs A
 Jack Lacy - Tom Breed



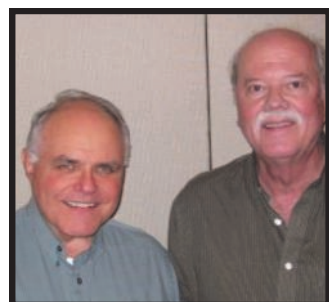
Fri Morn Open Pairs A
 Jim Hilton - Ken Schutze



Fri Morn Open Pairs B
 Anita Cokins - Ellen Meyer



Fri Aft Open Pairs A
 Dave Swarouth - Michael Huston



Fri Aft Open Pairs B
 Joe Black - Dean Truair



Fri Aft Open Pairs C
 Anita Albert - Art Widen



Sat Aft 199ers
Lucy Adcock - Nancy Miller



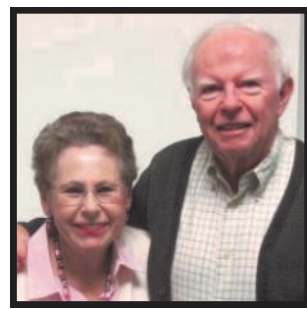
Sat Morn Open Pairs C
Mark & BJ Sanders



Sat Morn 199ers
Cathy Supple - Sheila Milner



Sat Aft Open Pairs A
Paul & Rosemary Kelley



Fri Aft 199ers
Marcia & Allan Kohm



Fri Morn Open Pairs C
Shailesh Gupta - Theda Cook



Sat Aft Open Pairs B
Malou Flato - Alex Labry



Thurs KO
Richard & Diana Frankeny
Nancy Dean - Barbara Hollahan



Sun Swiss Teams Flt A
Ira & Ellen Hessel
Ken Schutze - Jim Hilton



Sun Swiss Teams Flt AX
Tom Hackenberg - Sharon Hoger
Phil Jaeger - Mark Craig



Sun Swiss Teams Flt B & C Tie
Brett Bidwell - Steve Hollahan
Sandy Potts - Anita Albert



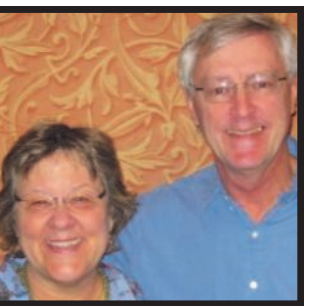
Fri Eve Open Pairs B
Nancy Joe - Christopher Eick



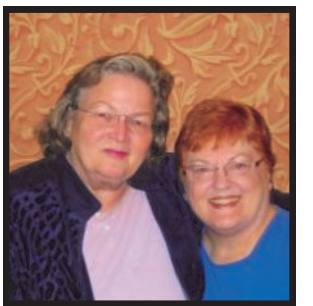
Sat Morn Open Pairs B
Verlyn Stahlecker - Harry Ingham



Thurs Eve 199ers
Jeff Skillin - Sandy Reynolds



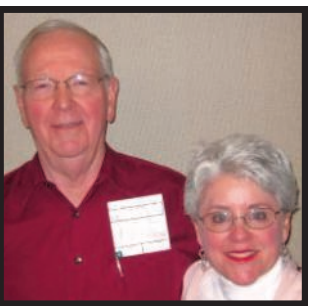
Thurs Eve Open Pairs C
Sandy and Mike Harris



Sat Aft Open Pairs C
Jan McLaurin - Vivian Thompson



Sat Eve Open Pairs B & C
Keith Boden - Paul Johnston



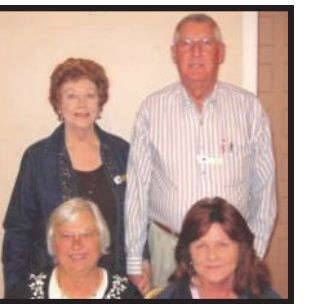
Sat Morn Open Pairs A
Mike Miller - Pam LaShelle



Sat KO Bkt 1
Karen Snyder - Charlene Sands
Mildred Breed - Virgil Massey



Fri KO Bkt 1
Don Varvel - Eleanor Sherwyn
Mary & David McCarron



Sun Swiss Teams Flt D
Peggy & Cled Painter
Barbara Williams - Jo Booth



Thurs Morn 199ers
Gilda Reynolds - Nancy Ring



Fri KO Bkt 3
Bruno Dellamea - Sunny Laird
Sandy & Mike Harris

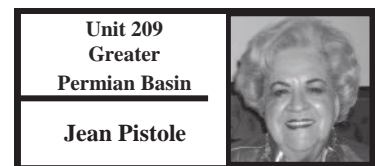


Sun Swiss Teams Flt B & C Tie
Sharon MacMorran - C Fred Moore
Ken MacMorran - Harry Ingham

Thursday Eve 199er Pairs-5.5 Tables DE1. Sandra Reynolds-Jeff Skillin DE2. Robert Caldwell III-Larry Johnson
Thursday 0-1250 KO Bkrt 1-6 Tables 1. Barbara Hollahan-Nancy Dean-Richard Frankeny-Diana Frankeny 2. David Ticen-Robert Coffey-Eleanor Sherwyn-Donald Varvel
Thursday 0-1250 KO Brkt 2-7 Tables 1. Anant Rathi-Patrick Wang-Dennis Kriventsov-Glen Perry 2. Geneva Berg-Jane Collins-Genevieve Lockley-Shirley Griffith
Friday Morn Open Pairs-26.0 Tables / Based on 34 Tables A1. Jim Hilton-Kenneth Schutze A2. Jack Lacy-Tom Breed B1. Ellen Meyer-Anita Cokins B2C1. Shailesh Gupta-Theda Cook C2. Vivian Thompson-Jan McLaurin
Friday Morn 199er Pairs-8.0 Tables DE1. Margaret Bennett-Fiona Schuurman DE2. Gilda Reynolds-Nancy Ring F1. Darlene McConnell-Joyce Lemons F2. Annetta Hughson-Carol Peters
Friday Aft Open Pairs-34.5 Tables / Based on 44 Tables A1. Michael Huston-Dave Swarthout A2. Karen Snyder-Robert Donathan B1. Dean Truair-Joe Black B2C1. Arthur Widen-Anita Albert C2. Stanley Bowen-Diana Rogers
Friday Aft 199er Pairs-8.5 Tables DE1 Marcia Kohm-Allan Kohm DE2F1. John Connolly -Janet Hawk F2. Robert Patterson-Elizabeth Neel
Friday 0-1250 KO Bkrt 1-8 Tables 1. Eleanor Sherwyn-Donald Varvel-Mary McCarron-David McCarron 2. Barbara Hollahan-Nancy Dean-Mark Miller-Gloria Wilson
Friday 0-1250 KO Brkt 2-6 Tables 1. Bill Parrish-Lenora Parrish-Harry Kenny-Peggi Kenny 2. Jackie Franz-Larry Franz-Janet Lavoncher-Jane Collins

Friday 0-1250 KO Brkt 3-7 Tables 1. Michael Harris-Sandra Harris-Sunny Laird-Bruno Dellamea 2. Anant Rathi-Dennis Kriventsov-Patrick Wang-Glen Perry
Friday Eve Open Pairs-16.0 Tables A1. Charlene Sands-Virgil Massey A2B1. Nancy Joe-Christoph Eick A2B1. Donna Frederick-Robert Frederick B2. Herbert Warner-Marcia Warner
Saturday Morn Open Pairs-18.0 Tables / Based on 25 Tables A1. Mike Miller-Pam LaShelle A2. Mary Anne Laier-Marilou Powell B1. Verlyn Stahlecker-Harry Ingham B2. Alexander Labry-Malou Flato C1. B J Sanders-Mark Sanders C2. William Davis-Diana Whitfield
Saturday Morn 199er Pairs-6.5 Tables DEF1. Sheila Milner - Catherine Supple DEF2. Sybil Lowey-Mike Lowey
Saturday KO Bracket 1-6 Tables 1. Mildred Breed- Charlene Sands-Karen Snyder- Virgil Massey 2. Tom Breed-Jack Lacy-Thomas Clark-Janet Clark
Saturday KO Bracket 2-6 Tables 1. Phillip Jaeger-Robert Pruiett-Patrick Long- Thomas Hackenberg 2. Stanley Bowen-Diana Rogers-Nancy Dean-Barbara Hollahan
Saturday KO Bracket 3-8 Tables 1. Ankur Rathi- Anant Rathi-Brian Baresch- Glen Perry 2. Tod Pontius-Liz Cooper-Kathleen Adams Austin ; Mark Heep
Saturday KO Bkt 4-7 Tables 1. Arthur Widen- Steven Hollahan-Steven Andersen-Robin Tucker 2. Kenneth MacMorran-Sharon MacMorran-Sanae Zaveloff- Judy Bagley
Saturday Aft Open Pairs-26.5 Tables / Based on 34 Tables A1. Paul Kelley Jr-Rosemary Kelley A2B1. Malou Flato-Alexander Labry B2. Caroline Baumann-Donna Gerber

C1. Vivian Thompson-Jan McLaurin
 C2. Gloria Wilson-Mark Miller
Saturday Aft 199er Pairs-9.0 Tables DE1. Lucy Adcock-Nancy Miller DE2. Charles Ward-Sally McAnulty C1. Loren Nyer-Genie Nyer C2. Sandra Reynolds- Jeff Skillin
Saturday Eve Open Pairs-12.0 Tables A1. Peter Hudson-Donna Swarthout A2. Ira Hessel-Ellen Hessel BC1. Keith Boden-Paul Johnston BC2. Jurgen Stielow-Rosemary Stielow
Sunday A/X Swiss Teams-19 Tables / Based on 43 Tables A 1. Kenneth Schutze-Jim Hilton -Ira Hessel-Ellen Hessel A2X1. Mark Craig-Sharon Hoger-Phillip Jaeger - Thomas Hackenberg X2. Robert Coffey-David Ticen- Eleanor Sherwyn-Donald Varvel
Sunday B/C/D Swiss Teams-24 Tables BC1/2 Brett Bidwell-Sandy Potts-Steven Hollahan-Anita Albert BC1/2 Harry Ingham-C Fred Moore-Sharon MacMorran-Kenneth MacMorran D1. Cled Painter-Peggy Painter-Barbara Williams -Jo Booth Eustae D2. R Patton Jr-Cam Patton-Dell Clark-Audrey Wilson



December! Whee! Man, did Santa Claus ever come to town (our bridge world that is.) Well, not the man in the red suit but he did send his "elves" in the form of candy makers, decorators and "goodie" cooks that made the Christmas Season a smashing success.
 His first appearance was December



JUNE 8 – 10, 2012 MIDLAND CENTER
 105 NORTH MAIN MIDLAND, TEXAS

Friday, June 8, 2012

Bracketed KO #1 Teams * 9:00 am & 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm
 Sessions 1,2,3 *KO may be handicapped per director's discretion
 Stratified Pairs Single Session 9:00 am & 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm
 199er Side Game (3 tables Minimum) 9:00 am & 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Saturday, June 9, 2012

Bracketed KO #1 Teams * 9:00 am & 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm
 Sessions 1,2,3 *KO may be handicapped per director's discretion
 Stratified Pairs Single Session 9:00 am & 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm
 199er Side Game (3 tables Minimum) 9:00 am & 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Sunday, June 10, 2012

Stratified Swiss 10:00 am & TBA
 Donuts, coffee and orange juice available before this game

STRATS: A (2000+) B (750-2000) C (0-750)
 All Strats determined by average master points
 Non-smoking with breaks
 Director: John Smalley Entry Fee \$10.00/ SWISS \$88.00 per Team

\$1.00 additional per session for non and unpaid ACBL members
 Lunch between sessions on Sunday
 Free coffee & refreshments

TOURNAMENT CO-CHAIRS
 Belle Harris – 432-682-6106
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HOST HOTEL Hilton Midland Plaza
 Right across the street from the Midland Center
 117 West Wall Rate \$124.00 + taxes for single, double, triple, or quad 432-683-6131 or Ask for bridge rate 1-800-722-6131
 Bridge rate available until May 24, 2012

2nd at the Midland Country Club's annual luncheon and bridge game. As usual, it was a lavish affair. Poinsettias centered each dinner table and were gifted to the one with the winning number. A 15 table membership game was won by: NS - 1st in A - Betty Dickerson & Vickie Fisher of Big Lake, Texas, 2nd in A/B - Sue Marshall & Tommie Strack, 1st in C - Patti Witt & Brenda Leonard; EW-1st in A - Charlie Grimes and Sandra Rhodes, 2nd - Flo Curry & Jane Meyers. 1st om B - Janet Stoltz & Vangie Lindsey, 1st C - Amy Jo & Neal Marshall. December 8th, the Thursday night Midland Club had their party with the "elves" hosting. Belle Harris has really gotten this group "charged" and their friendliness is catching. Her students are an encouraged group. The bridge house was beautifully decorated by Linda Aaron and her luncheon and club members.

December 10 was in Odessa at their bridge home and with the "elves" hosting a membership game enjoyed by 7 tables of players. NS - A,B&C 1st - Irene Hamm & Marlene Blumentritt, 2nd - Ann Servatius & Jean Pistole, C - 2nd - Brenda Leonard & Patti Witt. EW - A - 1st Roberta Bacon & Nunzio Martarina, B - 1st - Helen South & Betty Hernandez, 2nd - Phyllis Laird & Barbara Miles.

December 14 had the "elves" back at the Wednesday night party and game serving the good food and desserts. 1st in A, B & C - Linda Aaron & Jerry Burchell, 2nd - Brenda Brauner & Marlene Blumentritt, 3rd - Leilani Matthews & Don Troy.

Traveling back to Odessa on December 15 to host another Christmas party the "elves" and their wares were great. A - 1st Marilyn Matthews & Sandra Thomas, A&B 2nd - Helen South & Marlene Blumentritt, 3rd B - Dale Beck & Jim Hawkins, 1st C - Barbara Miles & Phyllis Laird.

December 18 the party was in Midland with great food and a Club Championship game. December 19 the Monday night game in Midland was actually the game for December 5 which had been canceled due to WHAT?!? SNOW!! Can you believe there was snow twice in December and enough to build snowmen yet.

The Big Spring Club group held their annual "Blackeyed Pea" party on December 30th. 1st was Sandra Rhodes Bartlett & Charlie Grimes, 2nd - Betty Smith & Ramona Harris, 3rd - Pat Underwood & Luci Odom. December 31 - New Year's Eve day at the Odessa Club was hostess to their annual black-eyed pea celebration. Jean Pistole treats with a black-eyed pea stew that is soo good and the elves bring in their "go withs." With 7 tables in play the winners were: NS - A - 1st - Lena Nichols & Jean Pistole, 2nd - Brenda Brauner & Marlene Blumentritt; EW - A - 1st Gloria Crites & Bob Baker, 2nd - Bob & Roberta Bacon, C - 1st - Joan Headlee & Mary Truex.

January 13 a "good luck" party was held at the Midland Country Club. On January 19 the Thursday night group also had a good luck party. If blackeyed peas truly bring us good luck, we are in for a wonderful, lucky new year. However, sadness once again plagued our unit with the loss of two of our players. Judy Hawkins of Odessa passed away on January 12, 2012. Judy put up a valiant battle with cancer. She was a dedicated school teacher, taught French and had traveled to France with her students. Judy was a lovely lady, a great achiever and a Life Master.

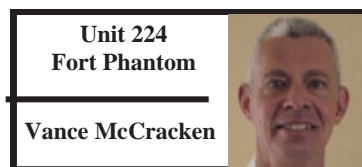
Betty Jean Baxter, also of Odessa, left this world on January 17, 2012. Betty enjoyed games of all sorts:

bridge, Texas Hold-em, was an accomplished pool player having played in both pool and bridge tournaments. She was a bridge Life Master. Our condolences go to their families as they face the loss of their loved ones.

We have others who have health problems and we pray for and support them as they heal.

I want to thank Joan La Fond for her Big Spring news, Carol Hastings and Dorothy Brenneman for deciphering my writing and doing our emails. Thanks.

Jean



Texas Stars. On February 4 at the Lone Star Regional in Houston Sue and Robert Patton were named the recipients of the unit's Texas Star Service Award. District 16 rules require that this award go to an individual or a married couple who "works steadfastly at the unit level to promote bridge and to further unit activities".

The award is meant to be a surprise to the honorees, and Unit President Jo Smith designed a devious stratagem to ensure that Sue and Robert would be unsuspecting attendees at the presentation. Sue was told that Robert would receive the award, which led Sue to cajole him to play at the regional, and also to be there herself to proudly see him honored. Sue was probably the more surprised of the two, but she has recovered sufficiently to consider co-opting Robert's pin and converting both of the handsome Texas Stars into a matching set of earrings.

In another section of this edition of the *Scorecard* are a photograph of Sue and Robert and a synopsis of their contributions to the Unit. Local celebratory festivities are in the planning stage.

The Texas Star Service Award is made only in those years that the Unit's Board chooses. Previous recipients from Unit 224 were Sam Wellhausen and Nina Peebles (1998), Pat Wilson (1999), Howard Wilkins (2000), Jackie Sonnenburg (2006), Pat and Delbert Hess (2007), Dee Stearns (2009), and Martha Murphy (2011).

Unit governance. In this presidential election season, an attendee at Unit 224's annual meeting might have hoped for fierce debates, partisan mudslinging and a smoke-filled room. That attendee would have been disappointed. In late 2011 several Board members and one other player attended the entirely amicable annual meeting, to which all Unit members were invited. The Unit 224 Board of Directors for 2012 is:

Jo Smith - President

Pat Ramsey - Vice-President
Warren Haney - Secretary-Treasurer
Pat Wilson - Club Manager
Barbara Bridges
Bette Byrd
Robert Patton
Dee Stearns

R. L. Howard went off the Board, having completed his term. The terms of Jo, Pat Ramsey, Barbara and Dee will end in December 2013. The others will expire at the end of this year. The entire unit membership is grateful to all those who are willing to serve in these capacities in order to advance the game of bridge for the benefit of everyone.

Meal and Deal. Jackie Sonnenburg and Mary Lou Gross have inaugurated a new bridge format called Meal and Deal. On the second and fourth Saturdays of each month they plan to host a game at the Mabel Lilius Bridge Center. At 11:15 Jackie and Mary Lou will serve a meal that they have prepared from scratch, and at noon the bridge will commence.

The game will be in two sections, one for beginners and one for everyone else. All are welcome. The cost is seven dollars, and reservations for the meal are requested by noon of the preceding Wednesday. The first session drew rave reviews. The luncheon menu was chicken spaghetti, English peas, salad and chocolate meringue pie, served on linen tablecloths. What an elegant way to enjoy a Saturday afternoon with friends. Hats off to the chefs!

District 16. Unit 224 is part of American Contract Bridge League's District 16, which includes most of Texas and all of Mexico. At the Houston regional tournament Unit President Jo Smith was elected First Vice President of District 16, having served on the District's Board of Directors for two years. Her selection is acknowledgement by the game's leaders of Jo's dedication to and enthusiasm for promoting contract bridge.

One of the district's primary goals is to reverse its downward trend in membership, with the aim of moving upward past the current 9,000-member mark. Unit 224 has contributed by adding eighteen new members in the last year, which resulted in a nearly 13% net gain - the largest in the district and eighth largest in the entire ACBL.

Abilene Duplicate. Coleen Grisham, with assistance from Bette Byrd, is conducting a weekly series of lessons followed by games in which one or more of the pre-set hands illustrates the day's lesson. These games are for intermediate players and will conclude in March. There are 26 participants. Coleen and Bette are tireless in their efforts to attract and educate beginning bridge players and are a huge factor in the growth of the unit.

Player success. Recent 70% games were achieved by Billie Stovall and Nancy Knox, Bill and Maedene Armer, Betsy Duncan and Robert Patton, and Peggy Ford and Betty Henderson. Congratulations to all!

At the regional tournament in Houston Sue Patton's team reached the semi-finals in one of the bracketed knockouts, and Jo Smith and her team (which included Tony Haddad, a former Abilene player) won the Friday bracketed Swiss. These are notable achievements in a fiercely competitive environment.



It's tournament time in Unit 225 as the Longview Sectional was a big success on March 1-3 and the Black-eyed Pea Sectional in Athens is just around the corner! Mark your calendars for April 19-21 as the tournament will be held at the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall in Athens, with Ginger Rhamey and Karol Rank co-chairing the event. Come to Athens to enjoy true East Texas hospitality and some of the best food any tournament has to offer!!

Speaking of Longview, a Life Master Party honoring Edna Wilder was held on February 13 at the Longview Duplicate Bridge Center. Carrying

ATHENS Black Eyed Pea Sectional

April 19, 20 & 21, 2012

First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall
306 E Tyler Street (Hwy 31) (Entrance is on Hwy 175)
Athens, Texas 75751 903-675-2130

Thursday-Apr 19, 2012

Bracketed Knockout Teams I, 3 Sessions 9:30 A.M., 2:00 & 7 P.M.
Stratified 299er Pairs (single sessions) 9:30 A.M., 2:00 & 7 P.M.
Stratified Open Pairs (single sessions) 9:30 A.M., 2:00 & 7 P.M.

Friday-April 20, 2012

Bracketed Knockout Teams II, 3 Sessions 9:30 A.M., 2:00 & 7 P.M.
Stratified 299er Pairs (single sessions) 9:30 A.M., 2:00 & 7 P.M.
Stratified Open Pairs (single sessions) 9:30 A.M., 2:00 & 7 P.M.
Stratifications (Based on average masterpoints of pair or team)
(Teams may be handicapped)

Open Pairs: A:1500+, B:500-1500, C: 0-500 299er Pairs: A:200-300, B:100-200. C: 0-100

Saturday-April 21, 2012

Swiss Teams-2 Sessions 10:00 A.M. & TBA
Stratifications (Based on average masterpoints of pair or team)
(Teams may be handicapped) Teams: A:2000+, B:1250-2000 (play together) C:500-1250, D:0-500 (play together)

Tournament Chairpersons

Ginger Rhamey 903-469-3006 * gingerrhamey@msn.com
Karol Rank 903-469-4548 * karolanne1@intergate.com

Tournament Director-in-Charge: John Smalley
Partnership Chairpersons Karol Rank and Ginger Rhamey

Refreshments Compliments of Dottie Pirkle's DBS, Canton & Cedar Creek Bridge Players

Free Coffee and Tea Saturday Dinner Provided for Teams

Entry Fees: \$10.00/ACBL-Saturday Swiss Teams \$100.00-
\$1.00 additional per session for non & unpaid ACBL members

Door Prizes Trophies for Event winners in Flight C and knockouts
Lunches will be available on Thursday & Friday-\$6.00
Playing site is one block east of the square on 175

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out the Valentine's Day theme, the event was directed by Mike Graham, who was assisted by Janie Wolaver, Edwyna Testerman, Shirley Shelton, Ginny Jones, & Diane Sqyres. Edna is substitute director for the LDDB and reached her milestone recently at the LAke DeGray Sectional in Arkansas! Congratulations Edna!!

This month's 70% Club includes players from the Dottie Pirkle DBC in Athens and the Bridge Studio at Cedar Creek in Gun Barrel City.

Ginger Rhamey & Jimmy Wright 76.04%
Sandy Molander & Gloria Rowland 72.7%
Jimmy Wright & Sandy Campbell 70.37%
Barbara McMinn & Larry Laudy 70.5%

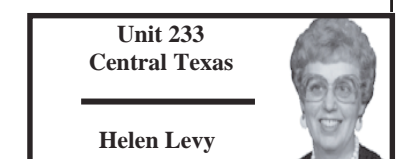
Congratulations to these players, which include two of Unit 224 club managers and directors (Ginger & Gloria).

At the January 2012 Unit Game, winners in the Open Game were:

1st Shirley Matthews & Shirley Shelton
2nd Kay Wright & Vermell Boucher
3rd Don & Mary Bartley

The Spring schedule of classes for the Longview DBC will begin in early March with Monday's classes being held at 10:45 am. These classes are geared to intermediate/advanced players and will include a variety of topics each week. The Wednesday classes will begin at 10:15 am and will cover the textbook in the Club Series that focuses on Defense (Heart

Series). This class is geared to beginner/intermediate players. For more information, contact Club Manager/Instructor Mike Graham at 903-918-8642 or Asst. Club Manager Shirley Shelton at 903-245-9573.



Congratulations to Melody Euler who received the Unit 233 Texas Star Award at the Houston Lone Star Regional Feb. 4. Other 2011 Unit awards have been received by: **Goodwill**, Mary Adams and Malissa Baugh; **Maxine Tessmer**.

Memorial Tournament MP Award, Melody Euler and Mike Bukala; **Gordon Dennis Rookie of the Year**, Betty Haas; **Judy Bales Memorial NLM MP Award**, Asa Waterman.

Congratulations to 70% game achievers: **Monday Slammers, 12/12/11**, Pat Kelly and Russel Kliebert 72.33%; **Bridge Studio, 12/16/11**, Mike Miller and Pam LaShelle 71.25 %; **1/6/12**, Gene Thompson and Mike Miller 73.21%; **1/13/12**, Bennie Hansson and Anne McKamy 72.08%; **Temple DBC, 12/23/11**, Juanita Butler and Roy Butler 70.83%; **2/3/12**, Dale Allen and Janice Walker 71.88%; **Sul Ross, 12/27/11**, Harry Kenny and Bobbie Perley 71%.

Congratulations achievers Stephen Olson and Mary Sturtevant, Silver LM (1,000) and Trudi Lamendola, Bronz LM (500).


Melody Euler has replaced Stephen Olson as club manager of the Temple Duplicate Bridge Club. The club meets at the CAC on Friday at 1 p.m.

Welcome new members Anna Brotherton, Waco, and Joel Wagher, Temple.

We are saddened by deaths of Mickey Heap on Dec. 10 and David Francis on Jan. 5, long-time players at our bridge clubs. They will be dearly missed. We will also miss Edna Lassetter who has moved to Horseshoe Bay to live with her sister.

Upcoming events: Bridge on the Brazos sectional tournament Aug. 10-12 at the Waco Holiday Inn and Suites, NW; mentor/mentee games on the 5th Mon, 600 Dup.; 5th Wed., Rolling Hills; and 5th Fri., Temple DBC. The 600 Dup. club hosted 14 tables Jan. 30 with 17 mentees playing with mentors. Mentees, don't miss this opportunity to increase your bridge skills.

Unit 237
Magic Valley



Johnny Johnson

Want a fast start to 2012. Sectionals in Harlingen and McAllen and a Regional in Houston. Many of our members have attended the Harlingen Sectional and the Houston Regional and will be attending the McAllen Sectional in early March. Chuey Lum won the Doris Allen Award with 15.72 points. This is an annual award presented to the highest point winner in the Harlingen Sectional. Winning the top award in valley sectionals At the Houston Regional, Jackie Burroughs, McAllen, TX was awarded the Texas Star Award for

Unit 237 for outstanding contributions to the unit. In addition, Marie Woods, McAllen and Penny Tesla were honored with Good Will awards for the Unit.

In attendance at the Houston Regional were 12 members of our unit. The top award winner was our winner Texas Tommy (Cowboy) Latham with 22.38 points followed closely by George Van Amburg, Harlingen, TX 21.68 points and Helen Van Amburg 20.58.

Taking no prisoners in a one session Swiss Team event in Houston, were Helen and George Van Amburg's along with Tom (Cowboy) Latham and Johnny Johnson. Out of 120 points in 4 matches, they won 110 points. Congratulations on an outstanding win. In other news, Johnny Johnson was elected 2nd Vice-President of the board of Governors for District 16. He has served on the District board for 3 years.

Congratulations are in order for Paula Huber, Harlingen, TX and Gary Safe, McAllen, TX. They are our newest our newest Silver Life Master and big hurrah for Charlotte Lunsford on obtaining the rank of Life Master.

The results of the Mini McKinney and Ace of Clubs awards are official for 2011. The winners will be presented their awards at the Unit game on March 24th at 1:00 pm followed by another Unit Team Game. and pot luck lunch. Be sure and sign up for this fun event.

The Winners are:
0-5 Mini-McKinney and Ace of Clubs - Neil Lorenz 19.73 pts.
5-20 Scott Defoyd 42.23 pts
20-50 David Bland 16.33 pts
50-100 David Ochs 14.61 pts.; 100-200 John Gitxen 78.23 pts
200-300 Sammie Mills 25.20 pts
300-500 Jackie Burroughs 50.13 pts
500-1000 Paula Huber 63.32 pts
1000-2500 Johnny Johnson 144.55

pts;
2500-5000 Chuey Lum 161.11 pts.
Walt Lackner won the Ace of Clubs award in the 1000-2500 class with 81.87 pts.

Our annual unit meeting will be Saturday March 10th. If you have interest in serving on our board, please contact a board member. We will need 3 new board members for 2012-2015 beginning on March 24th, 2012. See you at the tables at the McAllen Sectional.

Harlingen Bridge Club

January 20-22, 2012
106 players. 118 tables.

- 15.72 Chuey Lum,
- 13.13 Massoud Banan,
- 13.12 N Tarbet,
- 13.12 D Smith,
- 10.02 Tommy Latham,
- 10.02 Clyde Tarbutton
- 8.27 Judi Roy,
- 8.27 Camile Hamel,
- 8.16 Marilyn Mac Donald,
- 8.16 Bill Mac Donald,

Friday Afternoon Pairs - 20.0 Tables AB1.N Tarbet -D Smith A2.Marilyn Mac Donald - Bill Mac Donald B2. Michael Lane, Clio MI; Doris Goberville C1. Mona Bertrand-Donna McLaren C2. Dominique Guay-John Burgoin

Friday Morning Open Pairs - 18.5 Tables AB1. Paula Huber - Dean White A2. John Johnson-Mary Tryer B2. Alan Johnston - Walter Lauckner C1. Terry Purpus-Nora Allen C2. Patricia Latham-Tom Berger

Saturday Open Pairs - 21.0 Tables / Based on 20 Tables A1. Roxana Tom - Janise Saul A2. Massoud Banan - Chuey Lum B1. Elizabeth Hudson-Esther Preciado B2. Bettie

Hollon-Ilse Drawe C1. Mona Bertrand-Donna McLaren C2. Patricia Wilker-Doreen Olson
Doris Allen Swiss Teams - 20 Tables A1. Massoud Banan - Chuey Lum-Alex Bertrand - Richard Zillman A2. Susan O'Neil-Joann Satterthwaite-N Tarbet, Harlingen BC1. Larry Harrington - Ramona Harrington-Bill Markert - Linda Markert C2. Richard Lowry-Dianne Thise - Nancy Almond-Jean Burgoine C2. Glen Mabee-Dorothy Hale-Eleanor Floyd-Lyle McNeil

Unit 353
Wichita Falls



Pat Robinson

Unit 353 is happy to welcome in the Year 2012 at our new Bridge Center. Along with the new year we are welcoming our new board members, Faye Morrison and Rosemary Barrington. Faye is a seasoned duplicate player who recently obtained her Life Master. Rosemary is new to duplicate bridge in the past year and we welcome her fresh outlook and enthusiasm. The returning board members are Lois Roberson, President; Gladys Barley, Vice President; Patty Hofer, Secretary; Cathy Zinn, Treasurer; Tuck Harvey, Margaret Kirkland and Pat Robinson.

We want to extend a big thank you to our departing board members Wanda Gaynor and Joan Paradeis for their services on the board. Wanda will continue publishing The Declarer, our monthly unit bulletin and serve as director for the monthly unit game. Joan has agreed to serve as our tournament director for 2012. We greatly appreciate both of these people.

We also want to thank Kathleen Brown who continues to serve as the education chairperson. She is currently

conducting lessons each week.

Several of our members traveled to Houston for their Regional Tournament beginning on January 30th through February 5th. Cathy Zinn, Nancy Purcell, Joan Paradeis, Rose Van Meter and Khalifa Ahmed. All of them acquired some points and had a good time.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Wanda Hughes who has been admitted to the hospital in Dallas. We hope she can return home soon.

Congratulations to Susan Couch who is our newest Gold Life Master. She is the Director for the Vernon Duplicate Bridge Club.

Congratulations to the following unit game winners: November winners were Cathy Zinn, Jo Ann Stokes, Dave Hertzog and Tomie Johnson. December winners were Helen Probst, Gene Probst, Babs Kleinecke and Bill Kleinecke.

High percentage games in November were Dee McKinley and Helen Cash at Bridge Club; Anne Halsell and Susan Couch at Vernon Duplicate; Margaret Kirkland and Khalifa Almed at Bridge-A-Gap. High percentage games for December were Margaret Kirkland and Kathleen Brown at Bridge Club; Anne Halsell and Susan Couch at Vernon Duplicate; Helen Cash and Dee McKinley at Bridge-A-Gap.

Master point leaders in November were Dave Hertzog, Bridge Club; Susan Couch, Vernon Duplicate and Trudy Downey at Bridge-A-Gap. Master point leaders in December were Tomie Johnson, Bridge Center, Susan Couch, Vernon Duplicate and Rose Van Meter, Bridge-A-Gap.

Stars (Continued from page 3)



Sue and Robert Patton
Unit 224 Abilene

Every player in Unit 224 appreciates the competitiveness, the dedication and the good humor that Sue and Robert Patton bring to the game of bridge in Abilene. Both have worked hard and Unit 224 has achieved a new level of service to local players.

Robert is a graduate of the University of Texas. A member of the State Bar of Texas, Robert has made a career in oil exploration rather than in the law. Sue is a graduate of Texas Christian University and has an arts background. Their son Brent lives in Florida.

As a life-long baseball fan, Robert discovered while in school that he had little talent for playing the game. So about 25 years ago he took up duplicate bridge. He serves on the Unit's Board of Directors. Sue adopted the game much later. Both are particularly generous about participating in unit events that encourage new players.

The Pattons were the driving force behind unit 224's decision to acquire an electronic scoring system and a dealer for the Mabel Lilius Bridge Center. They led the fund-

raising and Robert mastered its use and has taken responsibility for each game.

Robert has assumed the mantle of the late Howard Wilkins in chairing two Abilene Harvest sectionals and the upcoming 2013 regional. His planning and coordination combined with Sue's culinary and artistic contributions have made the Abilene tournaments some of the most popular with area players.

The Pattons continue to make important contributions to the maintenance and growth of the game.

Unit 224 is proud to select Sue and Robert Patton to receive the 2012 Texas Star Award.



Shirley Shelton
Unit 225 East Texas

Shirley learned to play bridge in order to share a passion that her father, the late Jack Williams.

She has served as Co-Chairman of the Tyler Tournament of Roses Sectional twice and has been a member of the Unit 225 Board of Directors for two different tenures. Currently, she serves as Publicity Chairman, and is the columnist for the District 16 Scorecard for Unit 225. Additionally, Shirley was Publicity Chairman for Unit 225's first ever Tournament of Stars Regional in November 2010.

She will be the Co-Chairman for the upcoming Longview Piney Woods Sectional, to be held in March 2011.

Shirley serves as Assistant Club Manager for the Longview Duplicate Bridge Club. She paved the way for the Longview club to increase its attendance by over 300% in the past 2 years by going into the social bridge clubs of Longview and offering free lessons to the players. Her volunteer efforts have brought over 25 new members into the club, She also is a classroom assistant and substitute teacher for the bridge lessons offered at the LDBC.

A longtime volunteer for the Longview Meals on Wheels Ministry, Shirley's humanitarian efforts extend far and wide, but most recently hit very close to home. Shirley's younger brother, Andy, was diagnosed with leukemia, and was a perfect match for a stem cell transplant. Shirley was not only a donor, but a sister who spent many days and nights at her brother's side throughout his traumatic ordeal. Currently, Andy is cancer-free.

We are pleased not only to offer our nomination, but our highest recommendation for Shirley Shelton, one of Unit 225's major assets!



Melody Euler
Unit 233 Central Texas

She is the wife of Bill Euler, golf pro at Wildflower Country Club, and they have three children. Melody became seriously interested in duplicate bridge about 12 years ago and joined ACBL and the 0-299 Duplicate Club. She skyrocketed to the rank of Silver Life Master and has become a certified director. She is an assistant to the Rolling Hills BC manager/owner and directs many of the weekly games. She also directs the games at the Temple Duplicate Bridge Club, including the recent "Eight is Enough" Swiss teams. She is willing to fill in as a director at any of our bridge clubs when needed.

She is friendly and helpful in her relationship with other bridge players, and they look forward to her scoring the club games because of her speed and efficiency.

Early on, she began teaching private bridge lessons and was exceptionally effective in organizing classes for a two-week bridge camp in June 2009 for 50 middle and high school students in Temple and surrounding areas, working in coordination with Temple ISD's cooperative program.

She was elected to the board of directors for a three-year term in 2000. During her term, she was elected president in 2000 and again in 2002. She has chaired three Temple sectionals and co-chaired one, all with excellent results. She has agreed to chair the Temple sectional Feb. 24-26, 2012, as well. She has been appointed by the District as NAP chairman and has brought about increased participation district-wide.

Melody actively supports bridge at the club, district, and National level; and she is most deserving of the Texas Star Service Award for 2011.



Jackie Burroughs
Unit 237 Magic Valley

We would like to nominate Jackie Burroughs for the Texas Star Award. Jackie has been very active in unit 237 and has been a great ambassador for the bridge community. She has been a board member for 2 years and has chaired the last 2 unit sectionals in McAllen. Both were well attended successful events with wonderful hospitality. Prior to that time she co-chaired, and then chaired the Upper Valley Duplicate Bridge Club March sectional in McAllen.

She is always willing to step forward to volunteer her services and to do whatever is asked to promote bridge in our valley community. She is quick to credit those who have helped her to achieve her success in these events and activities. In short, she has contributed much to making the Rio Grande Valley a great place to play bridge.

Jackie, and her husband Stafford, reside in McAllen, TX, where they have lived and she has played bridge, since moving from West Virginia several years ago.

Lindale 1/4 Carolyn Jackson, Sugar Land
 1/4 Chuck Said, Nashville TN 5/6 Darlene
 Shirey, Fort Worth 5/6 Gail Wells, Dallas
MORNING SIDE SERIES - 69.75 Tables /
 Based on 28 Tables 1. L Snyder, Richardson
 2. Rose Calvin, Houston
 3/4 Carol Helms, Schulenburg Darlene Gil-
 more, La Grange 5. Thomas Lin, Houston
Evening Side Series - 83.25 Tables / Based
 on 32 Tables 1/2 Darlene Shirey, Fort Worth
 1/2 Gail Wells, Dallas 3. Madhusudan Patel,
 Houston 4/5 George Fox, Manvel 4/5 Vic
 Sowers, Houston
Fri Late Night Zip KO - 7 Tables 1 Jerry
 Heckman - Linda Adamchik - Ann Montgom-
 ery, Beaumont ; Patricia Bell, Silsbee 2
 Vickie Reeves - Gloria Bennett, Lakeway ;
 Glen Perry, Voorheesville NY; Patrick Wang
 - Dennis Kriventsov

HOUSTON REGIONAL 1 SESSION EVENT



Sat Aft Swiss A
 Charlene Sands, Robert Donathan
 Larry Davis - Virgil Massey



Wed Aft Swiss A
 John Bromberg - Barry Schaffer
 Ellen & Ira Hessel



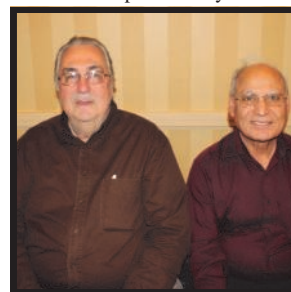
Thurs Eve Swiss A
 George Fillis, Zach Garrison
 David Garrison, Karen Fillis
 Captain Kristy Garrison



Evening Side Series OP 1st A
 Gail Wells - Darlene Shirey



Tues Morn & Aft 299ers
 Bette Benton - Dorothea Faubion



Fri Aft Swiss B
 Ed Zwald - Nand Khatri
 (NP)Vern Schmidt & Julia Blanchet



Sat Aft Swiss C
 Paul Cuneo, Carmen Keys
 Tom & Linda Martinsen

HOUSTON REGIONAL 49ER, 199ER 299ER WINNERS



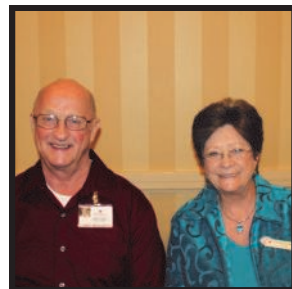
Wed Morn 49ers
 Joanne Miller - Lisa Zummo



Fri Aft 49ers
 Sharon Lowes - Carol Jones



Fri Aft 49ers
 James Soller - Bharat Shrestha



Fri Morn 49ers
 Larry Holloway - Theresa Devereux



Sat Aft 299ers
 Anita Rothfuss - Mary McDonald



Sat Morn 49ers
 Teresa Armstrong - Jo Anne Knodel



Sat Morn 49ers
 Jane Boozalis - Naomi Hewitt



Thurs Aft 49ers
 Brenda Walker - Sheryl Roper



Thurs Morn 49ers
 Theresa Devereux - Tony Knistautas



Tues & Thurs Morn 49ers
 Sylvia Levin - Carol Lee Seliger



Tues Aft 49ers
 Helen Oliver - Lorita Tipton



Tues Aft 49ers
 Bernard Feldman - Robert Komorn



Tues Morn 49ers
 Susan Sadler - Margaret Owen



Wed Aft 49ers
 Tommy & Carolyn Harris



Wed Aft 49ers
 Sheryl - Dorothy Roper



Wed Aft 49ers
 Judy Britton - Olive Jenney



Fri Aft 299ers
 Val Grady - Tomi Porterfield



Mon Eve & Wed Morn 299ers
 Bill & Brenda McIndoo



Sat Morn 299ers
 Julie Butterfield - E W Sweeney



Sat Morn 299ers
 Laveta Christian - Leigh Primerano



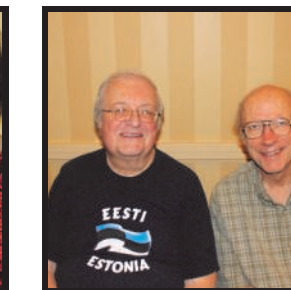
Fri Aft 299ers
 Rogie Peyton - Marion Shortle



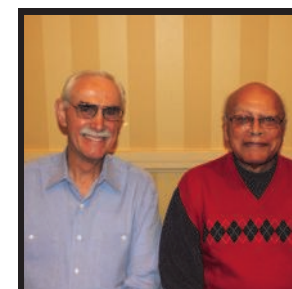
Sat Morn 299ers
 Jim Goodale - Walter Freitag



Wed Morn 49ers
 Sharon Durr - Ann Sinclair



Thurs Aft 299ers
 Dave Durand - JB Davis



Thurs Aft 299ers
 Gary Cheatham - Milton Bryant



Thurs Morn 299ers
 Edna Kelly - Anne Davis



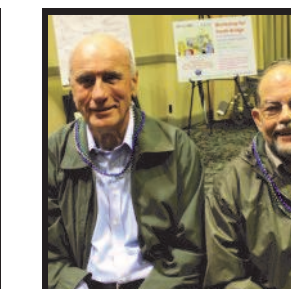
Tues Aft 299ers
 Vickie Reeves - Gloria Bennett



Tues Aft 299ers
 Courtney Coffman - Troy Carr



Tues Eve 299ers
 Linda Wukasch - Julia Thompson



Tues Morn, Thurs Eve 299ers
 Bob Pettit - Nelson Daigle



Eddie Wold is #3 on the all-time ACBL list with over 57,000 masterpoints. A World Champion, he has won the Barry Crane Top 500 three times. He has won 15 National Championships and over 1000 Regionals.

Bob Morris has earned over 15,000 masterpoints in his career and is a perennial top 50 finisher in the Barry Crane Race. He is a 2-time National Champion and has captured over 200 Regionals. Formally trained as a high school teacher, he is comfortable teaching students of all levels.



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 Daily afternoon & evening stratified games with masterpoints awarded
 Swiss Team and other special events scheduled
 Card playing area reserved exclusively for our group



DAY	9:30A-11:30A	1:30P-4:30P	7:30P-10:30P
Sunday	xxx	xxx	Game
Monday	Lecture	Game	Game
Tuesday	Lecture	Game	Game
Wednesday	Lecture	Game	Game
Thursday	Lecture	Game	Game
Friday	Lecture	Game	Game
Saturday	Lecture	Game	xxx

DAY	DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
Sunday	20-Jan	Galveston	xxx	4:30 PM
Monday	21-Jan	Day at Sea	xxx	xxx
Tuesday	22-Jan	Cozumel	7:30 AM	4:00 PM
Wednesday	23-Jan	Grand Cayman	10:00 AM	6:00 PM
Thursday	24-Jan	Falmouth	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
Friday	25-Jan	Day at Sea	xxx	xxx
Saturday	26-Jan	Day at Sea	xxx	xxx
Sunday	27-Jan	Galveston	7:30 AM	xxx

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JS	Junior Suite	299 sq ft	65 sq ft	10, 9	\$1,825	\$2,850
D2	Superior Outside	206 sq ft	42 sq ft	9, 8, 7	\$1,575	\$2,350
E2	Deluxe Outside	184 sq ft	46 sq ft	7, 6	\$1,500	\$2,200
H	Outside	161 sq ft	none	2	\$1,350	\$1,950
M	Inside	158 sq ft	none	9	\$1,200	\$1,700

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