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John Sutherlin



Petra Hamman



Bart Bramley



Dan Morse



Mike Passell

Jo Smith

District 16
President



He had two hands to play while the so-called defenders each had one hand. While Herman was trying to count winners and losers, he wondered if Kenny "The Gambler" Rogers would approve.

Perhaps it was time to walk away, or even run!

But Herman was not going to let this "easy" game beat him. For 6 weeks, he continued lessons, studied everything he could find online, kibitzed actual players. It still didn't all make sense, but the picture was getting clearer.

Playing with the other beginners started to frustrate Herman. It was like the blind leading the blind. How could he learn more by playing with people who only knew as much as he did? Herman longed to play with some of the more experienced players.

Herman's first "real" bridge game was 0-299, though he had little clue what that even meant. He knew he wasn't very good...yet. Playing in a real game allowed Herman to network with other players. One of the "good" players asked him to play. At first he said yes, then got cold feet and cancelled. An "open" game sounded too intimidating.

But some more studying and a couple of weeks later, Herman called up his new, more experienced friend and took him up on his offer to play. Sixteen boards later, Herman felt confused, but the results showed they actually had an okay game. Apparently, Herman knew more than he gave himself credit for.

That one "good" player opened the door to a new world for Herman. More games meant more socializing, which led to more bridge dates with other longtime players. The hardest thing Herman had to overcome was the acceptance that bridge was not black and white. Each partner had different lessons to teach. Some lessons conflicted with others, or at least seemed to. As Herman's confidence grew, so did his willingness to make his own decisions at the table.

I ran into Herman not too long ago at a tournament. He was ecstatic! Though he still felt frustrated at times, he could see improvement every time he played. He had used Blackwood for the first time last week and credited Mr. Kanter for teaching him to count the hands and defend. In fact, he'd just won his first tournament session the day before!

vs. 34). Average STaC table count increased by 1%. Through June, face to face club table count is down 3.6%.

The overall table count for club games for the first half of 2013 is 1,576,300 of which 462,910 were from on-line games. Total tables have decreased 1.45% compared to the first half of 2012.

District 16 can be proud - The University of Texas Collegiate team finished in 4th place this year. Members of the team are: Dennis Kriventsov, Yoanguang Zhu, Anant Rathi and Samuel Harris.

The Clubs and Membership department made a concerted effort to move all clubs over to electronic reporting through ACBL Score. Of the 3,200, District 16 has six clubs out of 160 still reporting manually.

Three 0-10,000 events are being added to the National schedules. There will be a pairs event in the summer, starting the second day of the Life Master Pairs, a Swiss Team in the fall starting the second day of the North American teams and the Reisinger, and a KO that starts the same day as the Vanderbilt in the spring.

See you in Phoenix!

John Sutherlin and Dan Morse Win Senior Swiss; Petra Hamman Wins Mixed BAM; Bart Bramley and Mike Passell Win Open Swiss; GNT Flight A Team is Second

David Sokolow
Senior NABC
Correspondent



Here, here...it was quite a national for District 16 players. Three firsts and one second in NABC team events! Results like that are music to my ears—and who doesn't like a good tune? Curiously, all the winners live in or near Dallas, with the lone exception of one Houstonian.

John Sutherlin of Dallas and Dan Morse of Houston, our long-time ACBL board representative, won the Senior Swiss. In second place entering the last round, they blitzed the leaders (OK, it was 19-1) to capture the title. I kibitzed the first three hands of the match, and it was evident they were going to win big. It was the twelfth NABC win for each, including victories in the LM Pairs, Vanderbilt, and Spingold (and in Dan's case, the Reisinger). Although they had won the Senior KO before, this was the first time either had topped the Senior Swiss. Congrats to two of the nicest guys around—senior, junior, or anywhere in between.

And speaking of nice guys...Bart Bramley of Dallas and Mike Passell of Plano won the Open Swiss Teams on the final day of the nationals. Bart and Mike should be familiar to everyone in District 16; they have multiple wins in the premier team and pair events at the nationals. For those of you who are counting, this was Bart's fourteenth NABC win and Mike's twenty-third. Mike and Bart also finished 5/8 in the Spingold.

Dallas denizen Petra Hamman won the Mixed Board-A-Match Teams for the fourth time (it was her tenth win overall). With the astounding number of outstanding male players in our district (for starters, see above), it's easy to forget how many exceptional women players call District 16 home, Petra among them. Well done!

In the Grand National Teams, only our Flight A team reached the "medal rounds." Austinites Mitch Towner and Rob Witcher, and Houston residents Gary King and Anthony Bianco, came within a whisker of victory, losing in the final by a margin of one IMP. That hurts. But I know I speak for everyone in D16 when I say: you did us proud. Give 'em hell next year!

There were a number of other top 10 finishes by District 16 players in NABC events. In the Spingold, Bob Hamman and Hemant Lall, Dallas, finished 5/8, playing on different teams. In the Women's KO, Lynn Baker, Austin, finished 3/4. In the Mixed BAM, Chris and Donna Compton, Dallas, were sixth. In the Fast Open Pairs, Nagy Kamil, Plano, and Dan Morse ended up fourth, while Steve Shirey, Ft. Worth, and Babu Koneru, San Antonio, landed in seventh place. For a little variety, Steve and Nagy were partners in the Open Pairs and finished seventh. Finally, in the GNT Flight C, Suvabrata Biswas, Katy, Val and Dale Grady, Pearland, and Shyma Bhatia, Sugarland, wound up 5/8.

The thermometer may still read 100+ degrees, but it's not too soon to make plans for the fall NABC, to be held in Phoenix beginning on Thanksgiving, November 28, and continuing until Sunday, December 8. The weather in Phoenix at that time of year is nearly perfect: a high around 70 and a low of 45—a light sweater is all you need. Phoenix hosted the spring 1995 and fall 2002 NABCs, so the organizers know how to run a great tournament. Tobi and I hope to see you there, but whether we do or not, please give thanks this Thanksgiving for all the blessings in your life and the lives of your loved ones. Despite all the turmoil in the world, there is still so much to be thankful for!

Von Zedtwitz LM Pairs

15/Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio
27/ Daniel Suty, Houston
34/ Greg Hinze, San Antonio
Nagy Kamel, Plano
50/ Thomas Peters, Grapeland

Grand National Team Flt A

2/ Anthony Bianchi - Gary King, Houston ; Mitch Towner, Austin ; Robert Witcher, Cedar Park

Grand National Team Flt C

5/8 Suvabrata Biswas, Katy ; Val Grady - Dale Grady, Pearland ; Shyam Bhatia, Sugar Land

Seniors Swiss

1/ Dan Morse, Houston ; John Sutherlin, Dallas

Wernher Open Pairs

7/ Steve Shirey, Fort Worth

Nagy Kamel, Plano

Wagar Womens KO Teams

3/4 Lynn baker, Austin

NABC+ Fast Pairs

4/Dan Morse, Houston
Nagy Kamel, Plano
7/ Steve Shirey, Fort Worth Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio
17/Jack Lacy, Lago Vista
Jeff McKee, Nevada
22/Greg Hinze, San Antonio

Freeman Mixed BAM Teams

1/Petra Hamman, Dallas
6/ Chris & - Donna Compton, Dallas

Spingold KO Teams

5/8 Bart Bramley, Dallas
5/8 Bob Hamman, Dallas
5/8 Hemant Lall, Dallas
17/32 Eddie Wold Houston
17/32 Greg Hinze, San Antonio
17/32 Jeffrey Juster, Dallas

Roth Open Swiss

1/Bart Bramley, Dallas
18/ Mark Feldman, Austin
26/ Greg Hinze, San Antonio
27/28 Robert Morris, Houston
29/ Jeff Juster, Dallas
32/ Hemant Lall, Dallas

275.90 Bart Bramley, Dallas
165.46 Dan Morse, Houston
135.18 Petra Hamman, Dallas
124.22 Steve Shirey, Fort Worth
118.19 Nagy Kamel, Plano
108.01 John Sutherlin, Dallas
96.63 Hemant Lall, Dallas
94.30 Bob Hamman, Dallas
86.61 Chris Compton, Dallas
85.74 Greg Hinze, San Antonio
84.46 Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio
80.12 Kenneth Schutze, Austin
68.96 Mitch Towner, Austin
61.45 Robert Witcher, Cedar Park
58.89 Terry Richardson, Austin
56.25 Gary King, Houston
56.25 Anthony Bianchi, Houston
52.09 Ira Hessel, San Antonio
51.92 Ellen Hessel, San Antonio
50.48 Eddie Wold, Houston
48.50 Mark Feldman, Austin
47.55 Jeffrey Juster, Dallas
44.65 Sandra Stevens, Paige
44.29 Daniel Suty, Houston

Dan Morse

District 16
Representative



Atlanta Report 2013

Atlanta was a fun place for an NABC. The attendance was 12,364 which was respectable but a little below expectations. What I liked most about Atlanta was the great food court connected to the Hyatt Hotel and it was open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Eating there I saved money and managed to come home with out gaining 5 pounds, which I do at most NABC'S.

MEMBERSHIP

As of the end of June, ACBL Membership stands at 167,232. Up this year 824 additional members.

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Board of
Governors

Dewitt Hudson



The 2013 NABC was indeed a great summer NABC. Jack Feagin, Chairman, and his two co-chairs, Becky Butler and Dick Meyers from District 7 put on a great show. They embraced the idea of making this a great NABC for all players to give back to the game they love. The table count was 13,363 which was down 100 tables from the NABC summer nationals held in Atlanta in 2005. As of the end of June, ACBL membership stands at 167,232, up 824 from this time last year.

Through the end of June, year-over-year total regional table count decreased by 8%, while average regional table count increased by 4%. As predicted, there are fewer regionals scheduled in 2013 as compared to 2012. Through June, 59 regionals were held this year as compared to 67 held last year. Total sectional table count increased by 2% with 11 more sectionals this year (479 vs. 468). Average sectional table count is flat (178.4 vs. 178.3). Total STaC table count increased by 10% with 3 additional STaCs held this year (37

District Charity Game

Just a reminder the District charity game is October 1, 2013. All clubs with Tuesday sanctions are eligible to host this charity game. The fee is \$1.00 per player in addition to regular ACBL fees. The sanction # is 122739 and must be used with payment and reporting results.

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North American Pairs Announcement

District 16 A/B/C finals will be January 18th (2 qualifying sessions) and January 19th (2 final sessions), 2014 at the Omni Hotel in San Antonio. Managers should send a list of club qualifiers within 3 days of last game to both Unit and District NAP Coordinators. **Unit Coordinators should send list of unit qualifiers within 3 days** of unit final to Melody Euler, District Coordinator. Email at melodious@hotmail.com. Club-qualified players may play in any ONE Unit Final per stratification within District 16. Special permission is NOT required.

Please Check with local site as posted times may be tentative.

| Unit # | Name | Flight | Date | Time | Location |
|--------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| 172 | San Antonio | ABC | Sat 9/21 | 10:00 TBA | Fiesta Bridge Club |
| 173 | San Miguel | No info Available at Press Time | | | Club de bridge amigos |
| 174 | Houston | AC | Sun 11/10 | 11:00/TBA | Houston Bridge Studio |
| | | B | Sat 11/9 | 11:00/TBA | Bridge Club of Houston |
| 176 | Dallas | C | Sun 9/22 | 1:30/TBA | BAND |
| | | B | Sun 9/29 | 1:30/TBA | Dorsey's Bridge Studio |
| | | A | Sun 10/6 | 1:30/TBA | Dorsey's Bridge Studio |
| 183 | Fort Western | AC | Sun 9/29 | 12:30/TBA | Ft Worth Bridge Studio |
| | | B | Sun 10/27 | 12:30/TBA | Ft Worth Bridge Studio |
| 187 | Corpus Christi | ABC | Sat 9/21 | 10:30/TBA | Bridge Club of South Texas |
| 197 | Llano Estacado | ABC | Sun 11/10 | 10:00/TBA | The Bridge Center |
| 201 | Sabine Neches | ABC | Sat 11/2 | 9:30/3:30 | Beaumont Bridge Studio |
| 204 | Fort Concho | ABC | Sat 11/9 | 10:00/2:00 | Sue Barber Bridge Club |
| 205 | Armistad | ABC | Th 10/15 | 1:30 | Lake Chapala DBC |
| 207 | Texas Capitol | ABC | Sat 10/26 | 10:00/2:00 | The Bridge Center of Austin |
| 209 | Greater Permian Basin | ABC | Sat 9/14 | 10:00 /TBA | Allison Bridge Center |
| 224 | Fort Phantom | ABC | Sat 9/21 | 1:00 | Mabel Lillius Bridge Studio |
| 225 | East Texas | ABC | Sat 11/2 | 10:00/1:00 | Dottie Pirkle's DBSS |
| 233 | Central Texas | ABC | Sun 9/15 | 1:00 | Temple CAC |
| 237 | Magic Valley | No event Scheduled | | | |
| 353 | Wichita Falls | ABC | Sun 11/17 & 24 | 1:30 | The Bridge Center |

| Unit | Column | Announcement | Results | Pictures |
|--------------------|--------|--------------|---------|----------|
| 172 San Antonio | 4 | 4,5 | 4-5 | 5-6 |
| 174 Houston | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7-8 |
| 176 Dallas | 8 | 9 | | |
| 183 Fort Western | 8 | 8 | | |
| 187 Corpus Christi | 9 | 10 | | |
| 197 Lubbock | 10 | | | |
| 201 Beaumont | 10 | | | |
| 204 Fort Concho | 10 | | | |
| 207 Texas Capital | 11 | | | |
| 209 Permian Basin | 11 | 11 | | |
| 224 Abilene | 11 | 16 | | |
| 225 East Texas | 12 | 12 | 13-14 | 15 |
| 233 Central Texas | 12 | | 12 | 13 |
| 237 Magic Valley | | | | |
| 353 Wichita Falls | 12 | | | |
| Go Away Cruises | | 3 | | |
| Puerto Vallarta | | 15 | | |
| Carlsbad NM | | 2 | | |

DISTRICT 16 TOURNAMENTS

SEPTEMBER

New Braunfels (July Issue 5) 5-8
 Athens NLM 19-21
 Spring 299er 19-22
 Beaumont (July Issue 11) 19-22
 Austin (July Issue 12) 26-29

OCTOBER

Houston 299er 3-6
 Midland (11) 4-6
 Mexico DF 3-6
 STaC U174 7-13
 San Antonio (5) 10-13
 Arlington NLM 12-13
 ABILENE REGIONAL (16) 14-20
 Humble (7) 25-27
 Richardson (9) 10/31-11/3

NOVEMBER

Rockport (10) 1-3
 PUERTO VALLARTA REGIONAL 4-10
 Tyler (12) 8-10
 Austin 199er 9-10
 Dallas 299er (9) 15-17
 Spring 499er 21-24
 San Antonio (6) 21-24
 Fort Worth (8) 22-24

DECEMBER

San Miguel de Allende 5-8
 Austin 199er 7-8
 McAllen 27-29

JANUARY

Austin 2-5
 Richardson 9-12
 San Antonio 17-20
 NAP San Antonio 18-19
 Dallas 99er 24-26
 Harlingen 24-26
 HOUSTON REGIONAL 1/27-2/2

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FINANCIALS

At the end of June the ACBL has a net income for 2013 of \$302,192.

NEW MASTERPOINT LIMITS FOR GNT's
 These limits start immediately.

Flight C non L-M up to 500 MP
 Flight B 0-2500 MP
 Flight A 0-6000 MP
 Championship 0-unlimited

MASTERPOINTS LIMITS FOR FLIGHT B NAP's
 This starts June 1 2014
 Flight B 0-2500 MP

VICTORY POINT SCALE

A new victory point scale for NABC+ events passed. It is the scale used by the USBF and the WBF.

A requirement for top seeds in NABC+ events to purchase their entries at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the event. This is an effort to start the events on time instead of 15-30 min late.

NEW NABC EVENTS

The 0-10000 Swiss teams in St. Louis was a big success, so the Board added 0-10000 mixed teams and a 0-10000 pairs at the Summer NABC.

A 0-10000 KO was added to the spring NABC and a 0-10000 Swiss in the fall.

THE LONGEST DAY

Carlsbad, New Mexico

56th Annual HARVEY HICKS SECTIONAL
 District 17, Unit 376, ACBL
SEPTEMBER 27, 28 and 29, 2013

Best Western STEVENS INN (Host Motel)
 1829 South Canal Street, Carlsbad, NM 8822
 For Special Bridge Rates, call Reservations
 (800) 730-2851 or (575) 887-2851 by 9/1/13

FRIDAY, September 27, 2013

1:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs (single session)
 299er Pairs (single session)
 7:00 pm Sitting Bull Compact Bracketed KO Teams Rounds 1-2
 Stratified Open Pairs (single session)
 299er Pairs (single session)
 Sitting Bull Compact Bracketed KO Teams Rounds 3-4

SATURDAY, September 28, 2013

9:00 am Stratified Open Pairs (single session)
 Cavemen Bracketed KO Teams (round 1)
 1:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs (single session)
 299er Pairs (single session)
 Cavemen Bracketed KO Teams (round 2)
 7:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs (single session)
 299er Pairs (single session)
 Cavemen Bracketed KO Teams (round 3)

SUNDAY, September 29, 2013

9:30 am and TBA Stratified Swiss Teams
 (two sessions with break for lunch)

All pair and team games stratified by average master points

KO Events may be Handicapped

\$10/person/session; Swiss Teams \$100/team
 (includes both sessions and lunch)
 \$1 additional for non- and unpaid ACBL members
 Stratified: (A) 2000+, (B) 750-2000, (C) 0-750
 299ers: (A) 200-300, (B) 100-200, (C) 0-100
 Free coffee, tea and snacks all sessions

Director-in-Charge: Robert Craig (915) 581-0371
Tournament Chair: Regina Ballard (575) 236-6004, cell (575) 200-8446, rballard2@windstream.net

Partnership Desk: Nancy Hollyfield (575) 200-9060

Hospitality: Aloma Crow, Lee Johnson,
 Sally Miller, Marcia Westfall

Publicity: Bette Rae Campbell

This was a big success with the ACBL raising over \$550,000 for Alzheimer's. The Bridge Academy of Dallas and the Bridge Club of Austin were 2 of the top fund raisers in the US

WOMEN'S EVERNTS

The Machlin Women's Swiss and the Wagar Women's Kos were reevaluated because of the small number of players. It was decided to keep the events, but after this year they will no longer serve as qualifying events to make Grand Life Master

COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Marketing and Education are reorganizing the college program to make it easier for colleges to start programs in their school. A webpage dedicated specifically to college will be created, and with a step-by-step process being developed.

PRESIDENT S RESIGNATION

Donald Mamula, whom many of you

met at the San Antonio Regional, resigned as President of the ACB effective at the end of the Atlanta National for personal reasons. Bill Cook was elected to serve as president for the remainder of the year.

The Grand National Teams and the Grass roots Open Pairs are the next best thing to attending an NABC so I would like to recommend every one participating, you may win a free trip to the National to play in the finals.

Six players from District 15 won over 100 masterpoints in Atlanta.

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|----------------|--------|
| Bart Bramley | 275.98 |
| Dan Morse | 165.46 |
| Petra Hamman | 135.18 |
| Steve Shirey | 124.22 |
| Nagy Kamel | 118.19 |
| John Sutherlin | 108.01 |

See you at the tables

Dan

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Announcements: October 1st
 Articles, Columns: October 6th
 Pictures & Copy must be digital.
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2014 Bridge Cruises



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January 18-25, 2014
Texas Sectional at Sea
7-Night Western Caribbean
Round-Trip Houston
Caribbean Princess
The first 25 people SAVE \$200!



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Round-Trip Galveston
Royal Caribbean's Navigator of the Seas
The first 100 people SAVE \$150!



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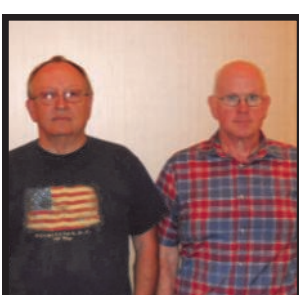
In order to participate, your reservation must be made with Go Away Travel.



Tues Swiss Bkt 2 (Tie)
Rebecca Brown, Susan Hernandez,
David Johnson, Laurie Levin



Tues Swiss Bkt 2 (Tie)
Bill Beashaw, Irby Jones,
Jeannie Beashaw, MarthaJo Jones



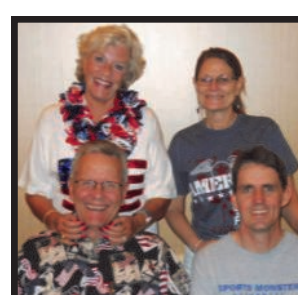
Fri Open Pairs B
Don White, Clif Capen



Sat Open Pairs X
Pawel Hanus, Bogumil Knypinski



Fri/Sat Eve Swiss Flt B
Kimi Lambert, Vivian Thompson,
BJ & Mark Sanders



Thurs Swiss Bkt 2
Ellen Meyer, Patty Miller,
Wiley McMinn, Roger Miller



Thurs/Fri Eve Open Pairs B
Anymarie Weaver, Dee Baker



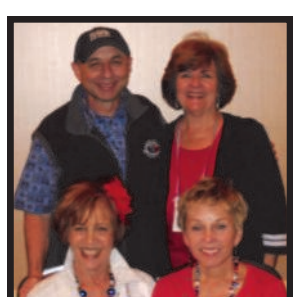
Mon-Tues KO Bkt 3
Wayne Bahr, Shyla McGill,
Walt Langendorf, Nancy Hollyfield



KO 5 Bkt 2
Becky Ellisor, Nancy Riley,
Buddy Ellisor, Bill Riley



Wed Open Pairs C
Jim & Carolee Lee O'Connor



Thurs Swiss Bkt 3
George & Karen Fillis,
Laurie Levin, Jeri Tribo



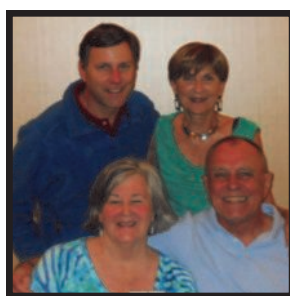
Thurs Swiss Bkt 4
Bob Orvis, Pablo Siegal,
Gayle Orvis, Eleanor Siegal



Fri/Sat Eve Swiss Flt C
Kathy Simkin-Amor, Susan Hernandez,
Forrest Gray, Larry Levin



Fri Open Pairs C
Jan Wingate, Polly McCamey



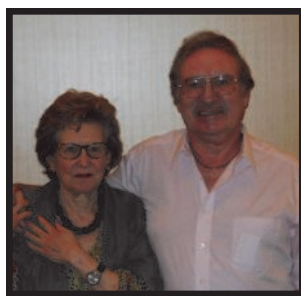
Tues Swiss Bkt 3, Thurs Swiss Bkt 5
KO 5 Bkt 4, Sun Swiss Bkt 5
Art Widen, Gilda Reynolds,
Cathy Supple, Steve Anderson



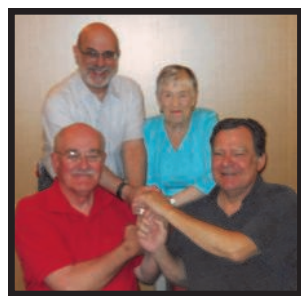
KO 5 Bkt 3
Tom Trudeau, George Fillis,
Rebecca Brown, Karen Fillis



Tues Gold Rush Pairs B
Mack Guderian, Joe Moseley



Sat Gold Rush Pairs B,C
Marge Miller, Larry Levin



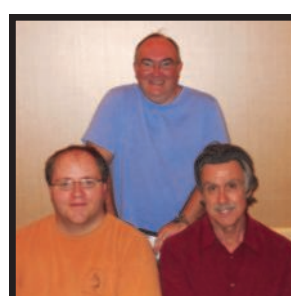
Sat Compact KO Bkt 3
John Nydick, Elaine Martin,
Harry Ingram, Grant Coon



Sun B,C,D Swiss Bkt 1
Helene Hennelly, Linda Anthony,
Jenny Stocker, Kathy McCabe



Sun B,C,D Swiss Bkt 2
Richard Frankeny, Ken MacMorran,
Diana Frankeny, Sharon MacMorran



Sun B,C,D Swiss Bkt 3
Paul Johnston, Dan Baker,
Dave Ticen



Sun B,C,D Swiss Bkt 4
Katey Levihn, Gloria Wilson,
Sanday & Mike Harris

Unit 174 Houston

Carol Ann
Wilson



Club & Other Successes

Dave Glandorf, Director of Education for the **Clear Lake Bridge Club**, has been selected as the Winner of the 2013 Bridge Teacher of the Year Award presented by the American Bridge Teachers Association (ABTA). The group meets before annual tournaments, and Dave's honor was announced at the recent Atlanta nationals. Dave's fine teaching and support of bridge in his community is one of the many reasons the Clear Lake Bridge Club is having such success. And speaking of success: they purchased their building at 16614 Sea Lark Road last June! It has been their leased home for the past ten years, and remodeling is underway. Their Web address is <http://www.acblunit174.org/clearlak/clearlake.html>.

Gary King will again be teaching his now-famous "Learn to Play Bridge-Beginning Fundamental" lessons. His classes will run on eight Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. at the **Houston Bridge Studio** beginning September 11, and continuing through October 30 at the Houston Bridge Studio. The fee of \$125 (no proration), which includes all class materials, is well worth it, as any of his former students will attest. Contact Gary by email to houston-bridge@gmail.com.

Another very special story comes to us from **Houston Bridge Studio** via

Kay Johnson. During the recent 99er Tournament at the Studio on Thursday, 6/27, they needed a pair from Kay's Supervised Play group to fill in so as not to have a sit-out. A very brave pair, **Gene Buck and Bhagvanta Das**, agreed to "give it a go" and joined the tournament. They ended up with a 60.54% game, placed First overall, and earned 1.62 MPs for their courage! See? Just do it!

Bridge Club of Houston continues to increase its tables by teaching and more teaching! That's the secret, isn't it? **Barbara Phillips** will teach Defense on Mondays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. beginning September 9 and continuing through October 28 for \$90, materials included. **Joan Torrance** will teach Basic Bridge Conventions for six weeks September 9 through October 14 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. for \$60. On Tuesdays from 2 to 4 p.m. **Julie Halperin** will be teaching "2 Over 1 Game Force" for six weeks beginning September 10 running through October 15. She will use the book by Audrey Grant and Eric Rodwell and the course cost is \$75. Julie will also hold a Supervised Play game on Wednesdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., \$40 for the series. Finally **Norm Gautier** will teach six weeks of "Bridge Basics" Lessons from September 7 through October 19, Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, using Audrey Grant's text, which is included for the \$60 course fee. For I/N group, BCOH will host a "299r Tournament" September 19-22. For details on all lessons and schedules go to www.bridgeclubofhouston.com.

On August 28 the **Southwest Duplicate Bridge Club** returned to the

Merfish Center at 9000 S. Rice Blvd. for the remainder of the year. They have games every Tuesday and Wednesday at 10:30. **David Dyer** teaches a short lesson at 10 a.m. before the Tuesday games.

Star Duplicate Bridge Club is growing with the Bryan/College Station area and have recently welcomed several new members. To help improve the skills of all members, Life Master **Richard Duble** has initiated "Bridge Talks" on Tuesday afternoons with topics that have included conventions, opening leads, and filling out convention cards. Players of all skill levels have benefited from these discussions. This is another great idea, and we thank **Sandie Murphy** for this report. We look forward to hearing more about their club successes!

Our hats are off to all these teachers who give their time so frequently to help this game we all love so much. Give 'em a hug sometime and let 'em know how much we appreciate them.

Some of our Unit 174 players travel to Lake Charles for their annual "Contraband Bayou" Sectional. Their club is known for its unmatched hospitality, and many friendships are made and renewed at tournaments across the country. On August 4 the Sunday Swiss was won by a great team from Houston composed of **Steve Schwall, Ann Brinker Schwall, Wolf Schroeter, and Raïda St. Pierre**. They beat out the second-place team, headed by **Tom Clarke**, who made Emerald Life Master at that tourney. Congrats to all!

Another world championship

looming? By winning the Senior Teams USA2 at the USBF trials in Orlando, **Eddie Wold** and his teammates **Mike Passell, Marc Jacobus, Carolyn Lynch, Garey Hayden, and Roger Bates** will travel to Bali to compete for the 2013 Seniors Bowl world event September 16-29. We continue to be very proud of you, Eddie!

70% Games

Bridge Club of Houston has reported lots of 70% games: **Joe Everette and Bill Gemas**, 70.19% on 6/5; **Wally Klugiewicz and Jeff Kroll**, 70% on 6/7; **Amaldas Makken and Allen Wolf**, 71% on 6/14; **Wally Klugiewicz and Bill Daniel**, 71.04% on 7/4; **Bill Gemas and Mary Anne Woessner**, 72.52% on 7/8; and **Dave Russell and B. J. Renshaw**, 70.49% on 7/17; all of these in the Open Game. And they have a special "Mini Harold Award" for 70%+ games in I/N games (players with less than 299 Mps). The June-July players were: **Sally Axelson and Frank Zebedeo**, 87.35% on 6/17; **Bob and Laurie Babb**, 72.22% on 6/22; **Howard Fishman and Susan Fenton**, 70.31% on 6/26; and **Suzanne Dittman and Ora Ottman**, 75% on 7/22.

Fundamental Tip

With such a long report this issue, we'll have a short tip, and here it is: **SECOND HAND LOW!!!!!!**

Last Farewell

Jim Clipson passed away July 3. He and his wife Jane had finished second in the Bracketed Swiss at our

Sectional on June 14, and he had a massive heart attack the next day. **Jim Brister**, who played mostly at Bridge Club of Houston, also left us in early July. He specifically did not want a memorial service, but the Club had a "Celebration of Life" party in his memory on Saturday, August 10, with food and bridge and fun for all. We will miss them.

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Awesome August

Houston, TX
August 16-18, 2013
627 players. 629 tables.

1 38.75 John Zilic
2 38.75 Gil Micheletti
3 38.75 Dan Morse
4 25.81 Mimi Hagedorn
5 22.49 Jane Armstrong
6 22.49 Betty Starzec
7 21.09 Jolie Hess
8 20.80 Jeanne Linzel
9 20.62 Paul Nimmons
10 19.28 Tom Clarke
11 19.28 Joe Quinn
12 17.89 Jack Balter
13 17.64 Vic Sowers
14 17.30 Karen Nimmons
15 16.75 Lewie Travis Jr
16 16.75 James Winfield

Friday Bracketed Swiss #6-10 Tables 1.Elizabeth Vondy-Bente Davies -Lita Hopke-Scott Hopke 2.Willie Jo Schaefer-Tish Stephenson-Gail Gillespie-Alice Heckerroth

Friday Bracketed Swiss #2-9 Tables / Based on 35 Tables 1.Daad Rodgers-Terry Harrison-Ann Ankrum -Yin Choo 2.Beverley Cheatham-Anna Alix-Sandra Sue

SPOOKY FALL SECTIONAL

October 25 - 27, 2013
 Humble Civic Center
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Holiday Inn Express
 7014 Will Clayton Parkway
 Humble, Texas 77338
 281-446-9997
 Bridge Rate: \$85/night



LECTURES

Friday @ 1:00
 Barbara Phillips - How Team Play Differs from Matchpoint Play

Saturday @ 3:00
 Buddy Hanby & Sally Wheeler - TBA

STRATIFICATION

Stratified Open Events
 A:2000+ B:750-2000 C:0-750

Stratified 299r Events
 A:200-300 B:100-200 C:0-100

Stratified 49r Events
 A:20-50 B:5-20 C:0-5

Strati-Flighted Swiss
 A:4000+ Ax:0-4000 A, Ax play together
 B: 0-2500 Bracketed;
 No one with more than 2500 points may play in the B Flight

Bracketed Swiss
 Teams bracketed into groups of 7-9 by total masterpoint holding.
 Teams will play within their bracket.

*Pair or team average masterpoints used for stratification in all stratified events.
 Strats may vary at the directors' discretion*



ENTRY FEES

Friday & Saturday: \$10
 Sunday (lunch catered by Demeris included!): \$13

\$2 more for non and unpaid members

Novice Players Play Free on Friday & Saturday
*Players with less than five MP's play free.
 Get a "Free Play Coupon" at the Intermediate/Novice table.*

EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday, October 25

1:30 pm
 Stratified Open Pairs (Session 1 of 2)
 Stratified Side Pairs
 Stratified 299r Pairs
 Stratified 49r Pairs
 Bracketed Swiss (Session 1 of 2)

7:00 pm
 Stratified Open Pairs (Session 2 of 2)
 Stratified Side Pairs
 Stratified 299r Pairs
 Stratified 49r Pairs
 Bracketed Swiss (Session 2 of 2)

Saturday, October 26

10:30 am
 Stratified Open Pairs (Session 1 of 2)
 Stratified Side Pairs
 Stratified 299r Pairs
 Stratified 49r Pairs
 O-5 Pairs
 Bracketed Swiss (Session 1 of 2)

3:30 pm
 Stratified Open Pairs (Session 2 of 2)
 Stratified Side Pairs
 Stratified 299r Pairs
 Stratified 49r Pairs
 Bracketed Swiss (Session 2 of 2)

Sunday, October 27

10:30 am & TBA
 Strati-Flighted Swiss (double session)
 Stratified Open Pairs (double session)
 Stratified Side Pairs (single sessions)
 Stratified 299r Pairs (single sessions)



Davis-Sonia Bryant
Friday Bracketed Swiss #3-9 Tables / Based on 18 Tables 1.Jerrold Albom-Suvabrata Biswas-David Ticen-Ronald Francey 2.Myrna Dorman-Dianne Foussac-Yvonne Pierce-Charlotte Coon
Friday Bracketed Swiss #4-9 Tables / Based on 15 Tables 1.Karen Dittert-Judith Stark-Clarissa Dowdy-Giovanna Spiker 2.Gary Winston-Shari Winston-Jo Ann Pierce-Tomi Porterfield
Friday Bracketed Swiss #5-9 Tables / Based on 12 Tables 1.Jeff Armstrong-Chris Whiteloni-Michael Kelingos,-Marilyn Fontenot 2.Courtney Coffman-David Morris-Keith Everett-Steve Varner
Friday Bracketed Swiss #1-9 Tables / Based on 51 Tables 1.Gil Micheletti, Md-Kerr Godfrey-Dan Morse-John Zilic 2.Sally Wheeler-Buddy Hanby-Tom Clarke-Joe Quinn
Friday Aft Side Pairs-15.5 Tables AB1. Robin Ladin-Stephen Reichel AB2.C1.John Montgomery- Mack Guderian C2.Lana Guise-Dianne Segerstrom
Friday Aft 299er Pairs-24.0 Tables DEF1/2Jerry Hoffman-Jerry McNeely DEF1/2Cynthia Bell-Andrew Remson
Friday Aft 49er Pairs-7.5 Tables G1. Paul Shack-Joan Shack G2. Frank Zebedeo-Odis Nolte H1. Harry

Trainer-Rony Klein H2. Bonnie Loudin-Edith Purgason I1. Janet Helm-Marie Watkins I2. Becky Vogel-Kevin Vogel
Friday Eve Open Pairs-25.0 Tables / Based on 57 Tables A1. Lewie Travis Jr, -James Winfield A2. Jack La Vigne-Barbara La Vigne B2. Bill Joplin-Mimi Hagedorn C1, Robert Reichel-Herbert Kalman C2. Marc Beardsley-Joe Moseley
Friday Eve Side Pairs-5.0 Tables A1. Shatrugna Prasad-Stephen Schwall A2BC1. David Lueders, - Kyle Lueders C2. Lenny Roberts-Ann Sinclair
Friday Eve 299er Pairs-10.5 Tables DEF1. Bebe Walker-Darlyn Dusek DE2. Leigh Primerano-Sybil Stephens F2. Milton Bryant- Gary Cheatham
Friday Eve 49er Pairs-4.0 Tables G1. Frank Zebedeo-Odis Nolte G2H1. Peggy Woods-Bill Petersen H2. Hilda Deroner-Joan Schouest
Saturday Compact KO #2-16 Tables 1. Jerrold Albom-Ronald Francey-Suvabrata Biswas-David Ticen 2. Millicent Wear-Suzie Wilson-Jo Ann O'Malley-Carol Winograd
Saturday Compact KO #3-16 Tables 1. Ann Van Volkenburgh-Nancy Tiner-Betty Potter-Martha Wallace 2. Janet Smith-Carol Krug-Marilyn Jordan-Carol Ostermeier
Saturday Compact KO #4-16 Ta-

bles 1. Geri McKallip-Elisabeth Cabiness-Katherine McClure-Troy Carr 2. Courtney Coffman-David Morris-Keith Everett-Steve Varner
Saturday KO #1-10 Tables 1. John Zilic-Dan Morse-Lenny Roberts-Gil Micheletti, Md 2. Tom Clarke-Joe Quinn-Ellen Hessel-Ira Hessel
Saturday Morn Side Pairs-9.0 Tables A1. Marsha Bernstein-Chuck Gillis A2BC1. Scott & Lita Hopke BC2. Terry Brown-Charles Lanni
Saturday Morn 299er Pairs-20.0 Tables AB1. Louis Bockman-Larry Cossey AB2C1. Bharat Shrestha-Bajanti Shrestha C2. Jerry Hoffman-Jerry McNeely
Saturday Morn 49er Pairs-10.0 Tables A1. Joan Shack-Paul Shack A2B1. Stacy Ludden-Kimberly Sunderland B2. Betty Cartmell-Marcia Lindsey C1. Becky & Kevin Vogel C2. George Mercurio-Sherry Gee
Saturday Aft Open Pairs-26.5 Tables A1. Paul Nimmons-Mary Pat Gentry A2. J Evans-Vic Sowers BC1. Shih-Ming Yang-Shou Chao B2. John Heath-Paula Hradecky C2. Joyce Wormser-Sandra Pollard
Saturday Aft Side Pairs-5.0 Tables AB1. Betty Kyle Moore-Paul Wear AB2. Mark Miller-Lourdes Fletcher
Saturday Aft 299er Pairs-16.0 Tables DEF1. Wanda Durham-Helen Burton D2. Ed McMullen-Rhonda McMullen E2. Lisa Zummo-Laura Wrenn C2/3 Lorita Tipton-Linda

McReynolds C2/3 Judith Jan-Kris Sankaran
Saturday Aft 49er Pairs-8.5 Tables G1. Paul Shack-Joan Shack G2H1. Vickie Deneui-Patricia Tardiff H2. Sheila Odell-Annette Ehrhardt I2. Patricia Dunnell-Carla Burns
Saturday Afternoon Swiss-40 Table A1. Kyle Lueders-John Lai-Kitty Wong-Gordon Yee A2/3B1./2 Judith Glasco-Johnny Gills-Brenda Metz-James Morgan A2/3B1/2 Charles Lanni-Robert Watkins-Terry Brown-Belinda Brown
Sunday Morn 299er Pairs-6.0 Tables DE1. Carolyn Wedel-Charo Barnette DE2F1. Rosalind Kokolis-Lisa Zummo F2. Jerry Hoffman-Andrew Remson
Sunday Bracketed Swiss #1-7 Tables / Based on 36 Tables 1. Robert Arnett-Nancy Reader-Mike Floyd-Mack Meigs 2.Lily Andre-James Andre-Donald Varvel-Eleanor Sherwyn
Sunday Bracketed Swiss # 2 1. Jim Harp-Margaret Raymond-Harry Elliott-David Goldfarb 2. David Dyer-Ann McDougal-Carolyn Campbell-Laura Jones
Sunday Bracketed Swiss #3-7 Tables / Based on 18 Tables 1. Marcella Thomas-Catherine Brown-Marion Collins-Charles Collins 2. Claudette Roush-Carol Wilson-Cornelia Freeman-Hillel Weinbaum
Sunday Bracketed Swiss #4-7 Ta-

bles / Based on 16 Tables 1. Kyle Lueders-John Lai-Kitty Wong, - Gordon Yee 2. Genie Hayden-Norma Becker-Betty Jean Reeves-Betty Schell
Sunday Bracketed Swiss #5-7 Tables / Based on 13 Tables 1. Gary Winston-Shari Winston-Tomi Porterfield-Jo Ann Pierce 2. Steve Vaughn-H Sonneman-Michael Novack-Alan Adams
Sunday Bracketed Swiss #6-7 Tables / Based on 11 Tables 1. Connie Montgomery- Connie Burnett-Katherine McClure- Troy Carr 2. Joe Moseley-Marc Beardsley- Marilyn Fontenot- Michael Kelingos
Sunday Bracketed Swiss #7-12 Tables 1.Jeffery Parker-Robert Armstrong- Alick Einav- Leightman 2. Judith Smith-Sherrie Massin-Barbara Frankel-Titia Smulders
Sunday Aft Open Pairs-10.0 Tables / Based on 15 Tables 1. Phillip Grothus-Bill McCarty A2. B1. Leora Nowitz-Raymond Alexanian B2.William Van Dame-Lesly Van Dame
Sunday A/X Swiss-17 Tables / Based on 71 Tables A1. Jolie Hess-Mimi Hagedorn-Betty Starzec-Jane Armstrong A2.John Zilic-Dan Morse -John Erickson-Gil Micheletti X1. Debi Balter-Jack Balter-Catherine Prasad-Jeanne Nimzel X2 Paul Nimmons-Karen Nimmons-Donald White-Clif Capen

HOUSTON AWESOME AUGUST SECTIONAL CHAMPS



Fri Open Pairs A
 Lewie Travis, James Winfield



Fri Open Pairs C
 Robert Reichel, Herb Kalman



Fri Swiss Bkt 1
 John Zilic, Kerr Godfrey,
 Dan Morse, Gil Micheletti



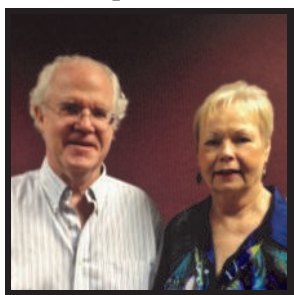
Fri Swiss Bkt 2
 Terry Harrison, Daad Rodgers,
 Ann Ankrus, Yin Choo



Fri Swiss Bkt 3
 Ron Francey, Suv Biswas,
 Dave Ticen, Jerrold Albom



Sat Compact KO Bkt 1
 John Zilic, Lenny Roberts,
 Dan Morse, Gil Micheletti



Sat Open Pairs A
Paul Nimmons, Mary-Pat Gentry



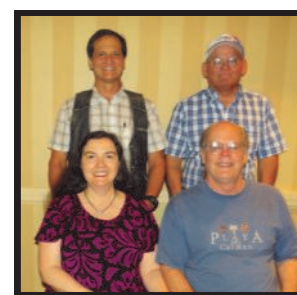
Sat Compact KO Bkt 3
Nancy Tiner, Betty Potter,
Martha Wallace, Ann Van Volhenburgh



Sat Compact KO Bkt 4
Geri McKallip, Katherine McClure,
Elizabeth Cabiness, Troy Carr



Sat Open Pairs B, C
Shih Ming Yang, Shou Chao



Sat Aft Swiss C
Charlie Lanni, Robert Watkins,
Belinda Brown, Terry Brown



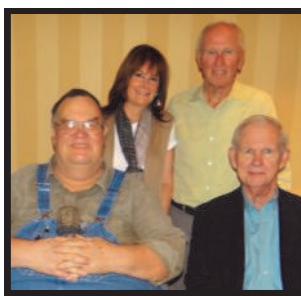
Sat Aft Swiss C
James Morgan, Johnny Gills,
Judith Glasco, Brenda Metzger



Sunday Swiss A
Betty Starzec, Jane Armstrong,
Mimi Hagedorn, Jolie Hess



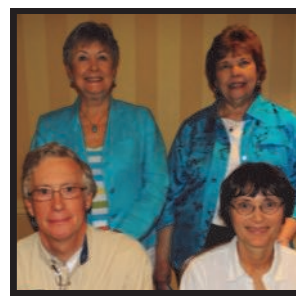
Sunday Swiss AX
Cathy Prasad, Jack Balter,
Jeanne Linzel, Debi Balter



Sunday BCD Swiss 1
Nancy Reader, Bob Arnett,
Mack Meigs, Mike Floyd



Sunday BCD Swiss 4
Gordon Yee, Kitty Wong,
John Lai, Kyle Lueders



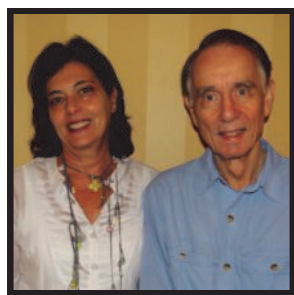
Sunday BCD Swiss 5
JoAnn Pierce, Tomi Porterfield,
Gary & Shari Winston



Sunday BCD Swiss 6
Connie Burnett, Casey McClure,
Connie Montgomery, Troy Carr



Sunday Open Pairs A
Bill McCarty, Phillip Grothos



Sunday Open Pairs B,C
Leora Nowitz, Raymond Alexanian



Unit 176
Dallas

Judith Lotridge

I hope you have qualified at the club level for the NAP's. This year's NAP will be your last opportunity in the foreseeable future to participate in this grassroots event without leaving the state because the finals will be in Dallas! Make plans to play in the next step of the competition, the Unit qualifiers. As is the unit's custom, the Flight C, Flight B, and Flight A qualifiers will be held on separate days so that players who have qualified at the club for more than one flight will be able to try to qualify again if they have an off day in the first unit qualifying event. (Please note that if you fail to qualify at the unit level for, say, the Flight C event, you may not try to qualify for Flight C in another unit, but you MAY try to qualify for Flight B or even Flight A.) The Flight C qualifier will be September 22 at BAND, followed by the Flight B qualifier on September 29 at Dorsey's and the Flight A qualifier on October 6 at Dorsey's. The finishers in the top 60% of each flight - and any pair with a higher than 50% game - will be eligible to play at the District qualifiers on January 5th and 6th in Austin, with the top three or four pairs at the District competition eligible to play at the March Nationals in Dallas. This event involves subsidies for travel, and there is no entry fee for the qualifiers at the National level.

Moving up the ranks during this period were new Life Master Julie Butterfield and new Bronze Life Masters Barbara Aide, Kate Hopkins,

Richard Barber, and Miriam Usry. In addition, Nancy Passell became the unit's fifth Emerald Life Master.

July provided an abundance of opportunities for Dallasites wishing to try their hand participating in Regionals and Nationals, starting with San Antonio over the Fourth of July, then the Tyler Regional, and finally the Nationals in Atlanta. Here's hoping everybody has saved up some mojo for the Dallas Regional over Labor Day.

The Fourth of July Regional in San Antonio winners from Dallas included Barry Schaffer, who won Bracket 1 of the Tuesday Swiss; Nancy Passell and Nagy Kamel, who won Bracket 1 of the Wed/Thurs KO and, with Bryan Storey, Bracket 1 of the 4-evening Roxie Tom KO; Hua Yang and Yan Song, who won Bracket 1 of Friday's Doug Cross KO and Sunday's Fiesta Bridge AX Swiss; Pawel Hanus and Bogumil Knypinski, who won the X strat of the Saturday AX Pairs; Nagy Kamel (again!) and John Sutherlin, who won Bracket 1 of the W Rauschuber Compact KO on Saturday; and Chris Compton, who won Bracket 1 of Thursday and Friday's Ed Rawlinson KO. As you might suspect, Nagy Kamel was the highest master point winner from our unit. In addition, he was the tournament's top winner with over 117 points.

The unit was also well represented at the Tyler Regional at the end of July. Jim Bauer, playing with longtime partner Judy Northup, won Strat A of the Tuesday Choice Pairs, while Jimmie and Paula Justice won Strat B of the same event. Milton Neher and J Terrence Wolfe won Strat B of the Tuesday Open Swiss Team. Chris Compton won in Bracket 1 of the Monday/Tuesday KO, the Thursday/Friday KO and the Friday evening/Saturday KO. Nagy Kamel was on the winning team in Bracket 1 of the Tuesday/Wednesday KO, while Carol Reiger and Betty Ellis were on the winning Bracket 2 team. Peggy Sutherlin won Strat A of the Wednesday Choice Pairs, and Randy Earle and Clint Pruett won Strats B and C. Mike Murphy, Stan Kohan, Jim Thurtell, and Jim Bauer won the Thursday Open Swiss. The Thursday Choice Pairs were good to the unit. Jay Gibson and Florence Beaird won Strat A, Susan Flick won Strat B, and Chester Neel and Chris Kelly won Strat C. Gerry McKim, John Schwartz, Michael Hout, and Brady Allen won the Friday Open Swiss Teams. Frank Durante, Diana Chen, Barbara Franklin, and Nancy Latner won Bracket 1 of the Friday 0-750 Swiss. They also won Bracket 5 of the Flight B Swiss teams. Hua Yang won Bracket 1 of the Saturday Compact KO and Strat X of Sun-

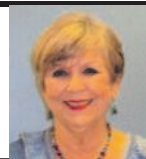
day's AX Swiss. Marion Gebhardt won the Morning Side Series. Dorsey Shaw and Catherine Tucker won Strat B of the Saturday Choice Pairs. Rich Brandenburg, Bob McNeill, Jerrold Albom, and George Burcham won Bracket 2 of the Flight B Swiss teams. The unit's top masterpoint winner was Chris Compton with almost 80 points.

Finally, Unit 176 winners of two-session events at the Nationals in Atlanta included Bart Bramley in Bracket 1 of the R Arnold 10&3 KO and the NABC Roth Open Swiss, Jim Thurtell in Bracket 1 of the L Bluhm Mon-Tue KO, John Sutherlin in the NABC Seniors Swiss, Jeff McKee in Side Series 3, Petra Hamman in the NABC Freeman Mixed BAM Teams, and Jo Shah in the Thur-Fri Eve Bracketed Swiss. Bart Bramley was the unit's top masterpoint winner with 276 points.

It is with sadness that I report the passing of Jessica Brown. A fixture in Dallas bridge for many years, she was a native of Boston and came to Dallas from Lubbock. I had the honor of becoming one of her partners during the past year and admired her thoughtful approach to the game.

Unit 183
Fort Worth

Millie Williams



By the time you are reading this, there might be frost on the pumpkin...or even 90 degree temperatures...until then, stay at the table and keep those dealing machines dealing wonderful, challenging hands. This week, playing in Ft. Worth, there were at least four boards which produced successful contracts of 7NT. It was interesting to see how many pairs found their ultimate contracts and how they went about it. I was lucky enough to play two of them..Needless to say, there was a lot of discussion all week long about these fabulous hands.

We kicked off June with WorldWide Matchpoint games in Arlington and Fort Worth. There were 10 tables in play in Arlington and 11 in Fort Worth. Arlington winners were NS, J'Neane Huey and Jerry Cosby first, followed by Melody Gann and Clay Waldrop 2nd and Jimmy Reynolds and Mary Ann White 3rd. EW winners were Buck Buchanan and Bill White, Donna and Joe Dean 2nd and Bob and Gayle Orvis 3rd. Winners in Fort Worth were NS, Linda Spangler and Hugh Hillaker 1st, followed by Kay Jones and Mel Bason, 2nd, with Judy Staser and Millie Williams 3rd. EW winners were Jane Larimore and Jacque Montgomery, 2nd was Mike Goldman and

November 22-24, 2013



FORT WESTERN ELECTION SECTIONAL

RADISSON FORT WORTH HOTEL
2540 Meacham Blvd, Fort Worth Texas 76106

817-625-9911

Bridge rate: \$79.00 per night
Reservation deadline October 31, 2013

SCHEDULE

Friday, November 22, 2013

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| Compact Knock-Out Teams (4 players only) | 1:30 & 7 PM |
| Stratified Open Pairs (SINGLE SESSION) | 1:30 & 7 PM |
| Stratified 299er Pairs (SINGLE SESSION) | 1:30 & 7 PM |
| Single Session Swiss Team | 7 PM |

Saturday, November 23, 2013

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| Compact Knock-Out Teams (4 players only) | 10:00 AM & 3:00 PM |
| Stratified Open Pairs (SINGLE SESSION) | 10:00 AM & 3:00 PM |
| Stratified 299er Pairs (SINGLE SESSION) | 10:00 AM & 3:00 PM |
| Single Session Swiss Team | 3:00 PM |

Sunday, November 24, 2013

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| Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams | 10 AM & TBA |
| Stratified 299er Swiss Teams (2 SINGLE SESSIONS) | 10 AM & TBA |

DINNER served between sessions

Stratified Open Events: A (2000+), B (750-2000), C (0-750) - based on average
Strati-Flighted Swiss: A (4000+) & AX (0-4000) Play together
B (750-2000) & C (0-750)

Stratified 299er Events: A (200-300), B (100-200), C (0-100)
Knock-Out Events may be handicapped at the discretion of the Director in Charge

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Tournament Chair: Carolyn Pinto (817) 845-0185 bridgepinto@gmail.com
Partnerships: Darlene Shirey (817) 292-4719 shireysa@charter.net

All single sessions \$11 per PLAYER

Two session Swiss \$100 PER TEAM

NOTE: Additional charge of \$2 per SESSION for players who are unpaid or non-ACBL members
Players with 0-20 MP play FREE on Saturday morning
Section top prizes

The UNIT 183 Annual Meeting will be held between sessions on SUNDAY. Polls will be open for the Board of Directors elections one hour before each session Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Polls close at the start of the Swiss session on Sunday.

Barbara Jones and a tie for 3/4 between Mary Jane Orock, playing with Carolyn Pinto, and Randy Ausmus, playing with Billy Leeper.

We had a couple of special celebrations in June..we bade Ruthie Bracken Bon Voyage as she leaves to move to North Dakota. Gary Neisler provided rotisserie chicken and hearty sides for this event.We will all miss Ruthie's sweet smile and wonderful personality. In Fort Worth Mary Hoger, Jacque Montgomery and others provided a grand celebration for Bill Ream and Millie Williams, as they both became Gold Life

Masters. Lunch was delish, topped off with a fabulous cake. Thanks to all our friends.

July 20th found a Fiesta in celebration of Judi Evans becoming a Life Master! Way to go, Judi! 33 tables were in play and overall winners were Marlene Round and Penny Mixon followed by Steve Hibbard and Bill White.

Once again, thanks to the hard work of Mary Ann White and Marguerite Lavender for their dedication and hard work in spearheading "The

Team Events Every Session!
Food, Drink & Fun for Everyone
 Lunch provided for 2-Session players

Big Time in Big "D" Sectional

"City of World Champions"
Oct. 31 – Nov. 3, 2013

World Class Speaker Program
1pm & 6:00pm Thursday-Saturday
 Pictures, Section Pins & Trophies

Thursday 9:30am Bracketed KO (session 1 of 3)
 49er Silver Pairs (0-5 Play Free)
 299er Silver Pairs
 1500er Silver Pairs
 Open Silver Pairs

Thursday 1:30pm Bracketed KO (session 2 of 3)
 Compact Bracketed KO (session 1 of 2)
 49er Silver Pairs (0-5 Play Free)
 299er Silver Pairs
 1500er Silver Pairs
 Open Silver Pairs

Thursday 6:30pm Bracketed KO (finals)
 Compact Bracketed KO (session 2 of 2)
 49er Silver Pairs (0-5 Play Free)
 299er Silver Pairs
 *NEW 1500er Silver Pairs
 Open Silver Pairs
 Silver Swiss Teams (single session)

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 299er Silver Pairs
 1500er Silver Pairs
 Open Silver Pairs

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 Open Silver Pairs

Friday 6:30pm Bracketed KO (finals)
 Compact Bracketed KO (session 2 of 2)
 49er Silver Pairs
 299er Silver Pairs
 *NEW 1500 Silver Pairs
 Open Silver Pairs
 Silver Swiss Teams (single session)



Warren Buffett Trophy
 Save the Date – BTinBD 2014
 March 6-9, 2014

Tournament Site: Richardson Civic Center
 411 West Arapaho Rd., Richardson, TX 75080
 Southwest corner of Arapaho & Central (75)
 Many great restaurants nearby!

Nearby Hotel: Courtyard By Marriott
 1000 S. Sherman Street, Richardson, TX
 972 235 5000 Mention BAND \$56 rate!
 Cut-off date TBA
 Entry Fee: \$13 (\$15 for Non ACBL Members)

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Sunday 10:30am & TBA Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams (play through)
 A: 3000+; X: 0-3000 (Play together)
 B: 1000-1500; C: 500-1000; D: 0-500

10:30am 299er Silver Swiss Teams I (single session)
 49er Silver Pairs
 Open Silver Pairs

2:30pm 299er Silver Swiss Teams II (single session)
 49er Silver Pairs
 Open Silver Pairs

ALL PAIR EVENTS ARE SINGLE SESSION SILVER POINTS
 Open - A: 3000+; B: 1500-3000; C: 0-1500
 1500er - A: 750-1500; B: 500-750; C: 0-500
 299er - A: 200-300; B: 100-200; C: 0-100
 49er - A: 20-50; B: 5-20; C: 0-5
 Average Masterpoints

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Longest Day" event in Arlington and other venues. A total of \$5,000.00 was raised to aid in Alzheimers" research. Thanks, also, to all of you who so generously supported this great cause.

We've had lots of players on the move this summer...some are vacationing, some are playing bridge tournaments, and some are simply trying to stay cool. We're glad to welcome Linda Spangler back after she had very successful hip replacement surgery recently.

At press time, many are in Atlanta representing our Unit in the Nationals. Some of the representatives are very young. Participating in the Youth NABC in Atlanta were Katherine and Matthew Pope who were first in the Morning Cardbook Pairs, Flight C. These are grandchildren of Tom and Dorothy Moore. They have attended bridge camp and have become interested in duplicate bridge. These kids are the future of bridge...congratulations to them and their mentors.

Continuing education is in full swing in both Fort Worth and Arlington, with well-qualified teachers offering a variety of topics. Check the bulletin boards to see what it is offered...way to many topics to try to address here. It's never too late to add a new twist to your same old game. I mentioned this to Steve Shirey one day when I was playing with him and he just said hmmm. he knows full well I don't really know all the ones he thinks we play...thank goodness he can see through the backs of the cards.

It's always exciting to see hard work pay off when players achieve personal goals. New Life Masters are Michael Cain and Barbara Baker. New Bronze Life Masters are Sandy N. Kristoferson and Barbara

Baker. Congratulations to you all!

The other significant achievement is the 70% game...sounds easy, doesn't it? Arlington reports big games by Charlie Raines and Mary Ellen Stanton (79%), Roy Baughman and Melody Gann (74%) 71% by Rosalee Hacker and Betty Boring and also Bill White and Buck Buchanan.

Fort Worth players were: Robert Scanland and James Atteberry (73.9%), LaQuita Talbot and Herb Falin 70.41%, Tom Hughes and Randy Ausmus 71.97% and Billy Leeper and Randy Ausmus 71.41%, and Gwen Staiger and Marilyn Norton 72%

Mark your calendars with some important dates: NAP Pairs Finals, Ft. Worth Studio, September 29 and October 27. The Fort Western Election Sectional is November 22 - 24, at the Raddison Fort Worth Hotel.

Saying goodbye is never easy, especially when you lose people who mean so much to the bridge community. Amy Percy lost a long and brave struggle without ever giving up or losing her dignity. I remember so well the day she became a Gold Life Master..."No big deal, said she...it's just an attendance award anyway". She was a valued friend and mentor to many. Just this week we lost another loved one..Roy Walker. Roy and his sister, Louise, were fixtures at our studio and could just beat the socks off you. Roy never lost his sense of humor when his health failed him, and never failed to show up without a pie, some corny dogs, or some yummy snack food for us. Both of these people were dearly loved and will be sorely missed.

Play Well, have fun and be good to each other

Millie



Unit 187
Corpus Christi

Dee Schade

One of the nicest gentlemen in our unit had a real milestone on June 25. Chaker Choucair received his U.S. citizenship! We had a fun day at the bridge club the next day with Amelia bringing a cake to celebrate. Since Mabel Byrnes had a birthday, Larry Nagel brought hot tamales & wine. Nothing like food to get the bridge players out.

Our unit participated in the Longest Day on June 21. We had games at 9:00 AM, 1:00 PM & 5:00 PM with a lot of food & wine to keep everyone happy! Over \$1,000.00 was raised for the Alzheimer's Foundation. A flight morning winners were Bob Gerberich & Ron Francey. Penny Snow & Dee Schade were 2nd. B flight was won by Lina Crumpler & Mahesh Maruvuda. Claude Melton & Sue Parsons were 2nd. C flight winners were Claude & Sue with Connie Freeman & Becky Landon in 2nd. Afternoon winners were Eleanor Sherwyn & Don Varvel with Edy Laser & Linda Medina coming in 2nd. Edy & Linda won B flight with Lina Crumpler & Barbara Layton in 2nd. C flight was won by the sister duo of Janet Daniel & Susan Smegal with Annette Cottingham & Peggy Kennedy coming in 2nd. In the evening Martha DeCou & Marilyn German were 1st with Margaret Ann Kennedy & Betty Mengle in 2nd. Margaret Ann & Betty won B flight with Mabel Byrnes & Darlene Kinstley coming in 2nd. Thank to all who participated to make this event a success!

A big thank you to Ron Francey, the webmaster for our new web page. There is a lot of info there & it

changes frequently so sign on to southtexasbridgeunit187.com & check it out.

NAP qualifying games have gone on all summer. The Sep 21 unit finals will be history by the time you read this so will tell you more next issue.

Oct 8 at 6:00 PM we are having a Club Appreciation Swiss team game with pizza & wine. Line up a team or tell Martha you would like to play. This will be a lot of fun.

Nov 1-3 is the date for our fall sectional tournament. It will be in Rockport at the Sanddollar Pavilion. The schedule is listed on our web page.

The unit Christmas party will be Sunday afternoon, Dec 1, at 2:00 PM at Corpus Christi Yacht Club. Grab your favorite partner & put this on your calendar. The price is a bargain at \$30 per person for players & \$25 for non-playing guest. Hasn't gone up in several years! Alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase. Single session with dinner to follow.

Meet Linda Medina. She has a very interesting background. She was born on Guam, the eldest of 15 children - 7 sisters & 7 brothers! Her father is from Granada, Spain. He came to Guam in the Merchant Marines shortly after WW2. He was 36 & had never married. He fell in love with a local girl who was 18 at the time. Linda's mother & her twin sister were part of a dance troupe that entertained on the weekends at military R&R sites, doing the hula & other local dances. Her mom & dad married. Linda's mom was 19 when Linda was born. Linda says her fondest memories from childhood include living with her grandmother on weekends in a small village on Guam. Her Grandma was a healer using herbs & plants grown on the island. Deep sea fishing with her Dad

was always an adventure. She especially remembers being in a terrible storm that threatened to capsize their tiny boat. Her dad tied her & two brothers to the boat to keep them from being thrown in the ocean. When trolling for tuna the children had the job of fighting off the sharks by clobbering them on the head! She did not like fishing for octopus, putting her skinny arm into little holes at low tide. The octopus wrapped tentacles around her arm & her dad would physically bite the heads off. When they were older, her dad would take them on his job projects in the jungle, where he operated heavy equipment for clearing brush & trees. Linda learned how to operate a dozer, a skill she actually put to use in clearing property she owned in CA. She says her husband thinks she should write a book about the adventures & funny stories of growing up on a tiny island, the oldest of 15. She was her mother's right hand assistant. She was leader & disciplinarian to the younger siblings. She says this is a whole separate book!

Linda spent 32 years with the Postal Service. She began as a temporary earning \$2.40 per hour & retired as a postal career executive. She has an under graduate degree in Business Management which she earned while working full time, with 3 children, at the age of 21. She holds a master's degree in Organizational Management. Her life has seen her wear many hats, Cub Scout Den leader, PTA secretary & Little League coach. When she retired she was in charge of operations for 11 western area states including Alaska. She was responsible for a \$2.2 billion budget & 400,000 employees. Shortly after retiring, she trained as CASA advocate (late 1990s), but her volunteer work was curtailed by cancer & a move to California. She underwent surgery, radiation & year long chemotherapy. She says she is currently

The grass is greener at the renovated park behind the old fire station. That's the location of the tree and plaque in honor of Warren Alexander. Warren was a regular at the Monday and Thursday evening games and has been missed very much since his passing in 2011. The plaque reads "This tree proudly stands in honor of Warren Alexander... Friend, American Patriot, WW II Pilot, ...presented with love and admiration by his friends with whom he played the game of bridge."

I saw the ACBL top ten goodwill gestures which distilled it down to essentials. These can be seen at the ACBL website or in the Bulletin. Leading by example cannot be emphasized enough in spreading our game. I especially like #7 which says "Accept defeat and victory with grace."

In January 2009 Pamela and Matthew Granovetter's Bulletin installment about Partnership Bridge centered on the principle that "the discipline and responsibility owed to one's partner is also owed to one's teammates." "Do you make use of your experience and talent to do what you think is right, even if it is off-beat, or do you take the "blameless" action so that nobody can criticize you? On one hand, all the great players of the past had the courage to back their judgement. On the other hand, many matches are lost because of the Lone Ranger decisions that don't work out." Concluding comments were: "Perhaps it's just as much an error to hold oneself back from doing something good as it is to make a more obvious mistake. If you're lucky enough to play with a partner and teammates who will not double-dummy you for taking a chance, I think you should go for it. And, if you're the partner or teammate who will not second-guess the other players on your team, you will benefit more than you will lose from their flair and talent. Being a good partner does include responsibility and discipline, but it doesn't mean you have to play in a straitjacket."

Unit 207 Austin

Joyce Cooper



The Austin City Championship bridge pairs for 2013 are: Flight A: Geoff Blandy and Pam LaSelle; Flight B & C: Steven Anderson and Gilda Reynolds; Novice: Kathleen Monahan and Nola Ray. Congratulations! This competition is hosted annually by Unit 207 as a 2 session event, free to all members, with lunch served between sessions. The Unit sponsors 4 complimentary bridge events per year for the membership: the annual business meeting in February, the City Championship, a summer event, and the annual holiday party. This is one of the ways the Unit gives back to the membership.

Unit 207 has been faithfully led by President George Watkins for the past 4 years. Under George's leadership, we have seen a dramatic increase in bridge participation and an elevation of our membership. George has been but one element in this step toward better bridge in the Capital City, but he has been an important factor. A native Texan, George started playing bridge as a student in college at the student union. It was a time when a certain element of students could be found hanging out at the student union most any time of the day and a time when some of our best bridge players developed their games. The image brings back vivid memories! Anyway, he got hooked and at one of his first tournaments was awarded .03 points for a tie in a Swiss Team event. George graduated from the University of Texas and became a teacher which didn't leave

a lot of time for bridge. After retirement, he returned to the ACBL after he and his wife Trish won a Swiss regional in San Diego.

George is the ultimate partner because he will play whatever system his partner wants to play, though at heart, George loves just good basic bridge. He once asked Bob Hammond how much his complicated systems helped him, and Bob replied that it helped 5% of the time – which makes all those systems really important at the elite level, but makes the systems a bit over rated at the Club level. George has learned to laugh at good and bad happenings at the bridge table and that keeps him relaxed and that makes his brain function best. It also makes most of the other players smile and say "listen to that!" Asked for advice for newer players, this is what George says: "To step up your play: Study (he recommends Bridge Master and counting soft wear). Play bridge every week." And finally: "Get the courage to ask better players for advice and then ask them to play with you. You will be surprised to find out how many good players will take the time to play with you occasionally."

Our person of the month last time was Mitch Towner. On Sunday, August 4, we were playing bridge at the Bridge Center while Mitch, Robert Whitcher and their team were playing for the Grand National Team, Flight A, Championship in Atlanta. Harry Ingram was keeping up with the play and everyone was cheering for their success – just so you know guys! The unfortunate report is that they lost that championship by 1 point with a score of 120-121. Amazing really.

The Austin Board has begun to prepare for the 2014 Regional. A new addition to that event will be the naming of events to honor current Austin bridge players or in memory of past players. Another change for that event and upcoming events is that Unit 207, on the recommendation of our Region, has voted to try using the 20 Victory Point Scale system for Swiss team events. It will be used for the Sunday Swiss at the September sectional and for all brackets at the 2014 Austin Regional.

Future Austin Events: September 26-29: Austin Sectional, at the Bridge Center; November 9-10: Non Life Master Tournament at the Bridge Center; and January 2-5: the Austin Winter Sectional at the Doubletree Hotel. Put the dates on your calendars!

Milestones: New Life Master: Todd Pontius, Gilda Reynolds, Danny Feng; Bronze Life Master: Anita Albert, Dan Baker, Curtis Hitt, Gayle Moyers, Kate Adams, Ester Ellis, Wanda Kuehler, Martha Norman; Silver Life Master: Sandy Potts, Vivian Thompson, Raymon Borrego, Danny Feng; 1500: Robert Whitcher; 2,000: Stephen Wood; 200: Mary Ehrichs, Patricia Rutledge, Dennie Saul, Robin Tucker, Patty Webb; and 100: Marjorie Butler, Nola Ray, Spencer Ledlow, Andrew Sullivan.

In Memory: Lydia Bearden, a silver life master, and Jerry Bigler, a gold life master, recently passed away. Although Lydia had recently moved away, each of these individuals were long time Austin bridge players and played a beautiful game of bridge

Unit 209 Greater Permian Basin

Jean Pistole



Well, we "NAPed" all the month of August, earning extra points and boosting attendance. August 2nd the Thursday night club hosted the "Eight is Enough" game. Belle Har-



MIDLAND TALL CITY SECTIONAL OCTOBER 4 – 6, 2013



MIDLAND COLLEGE
3600 N. GARFIELD
CARRASCO ROOM MIDLAND, TEXAS

Friday, October 4, 2013

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

Saturday, October 5, 2013

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

Sunday, October 6, 2013

Stratified Swiss 10:00 am & TBA

Donuts and coffee available before this game

Director: Scott Humphrey
Entry Fee \$10.00/ SWISS \$100.00 per Team

\$1.00 additional per session for non and unpaid ACBL members

Lunch between sessions on Sunday
Free coffee & refreshments

ris has this game really "pumped up" and had eleven teams. This game groups teams of Life Masters and "up & coming Masters" in each team and is a one session game. 1st A – Tommie Strack & Nunzio Martorino, Les Neal & John Seymour; 2nd B – Patti Witt & Brenda Leonard, Charlie Grimes & Nancy Ward; 3rd C – Helen Davis & Frances Levin, Carol Hastings & Lennie Wilkins. Another "Eight is Enough" session is scheduled for October 11th and will feature pizza on that night. Belle Harris is president of the Midland Club and her helpers are really working and prompting good fellowship. Thanks!

August 10th began a "Roberta Bacon" three day birthday marathon. The Midland Country Club group had a surprise cake after the game and "toasted" her to many more happy ones. The Odessa Club on Saturday presented her another cake and the Unit group on Sunday the 12th (her actual birthday) had snacks and cake. Roberta and Bob have been avid supporters of our groups.

September brought on International Fund games and the calendar showed an International Fund game all 30 days; even two on some days, so if you missed out on extra points Your Fault! September 22nd the Midland Unit held the play-off for NAP qualifiers and Jean directed 9 full tables. Flo Curry coordinates the planning for this game. Lunch and desserts were provided. Winning in A - 1st Gloria Crites & Lena Nichols, 2nd in A – Ann Servatius & Charlie Grimes. 1st in B – K C Evans & Bob Baker; 2nd in B, 4th in A – Sandra Thomas & Marilyn Matthews. 1st in C – Helen Davis & Gloria Jackson, 2nd Linda Aaron & Leilani Matthews.

The Midland Club, Midland Country Club group and the Odessa Club are really busy learning the electronic scoring system and "so far, so good!" We think it will be beneficial, not only for accuracy, but also time wise.

The response to this has been just great and welcomed by all.

Most of the Club Appreciation games are on schedule for October with Halloween games on tap. I see that Richard Stein has made life master and Carol Hastings, his wife, who received her life master a year ago, has been waiting on him so they could have a joint life master party. They will be honored with a party soon. Congratulations!

I was called on October 3rd by Evelyn Smith of Temple (sister to Joe Brittain) to tell me that Joe had passed away at Hospice House in Odessa on September 29. Joe was always "Mister Bridge" in Midland, ever kind and courteous. He and Joe Salman were great players together. Joe is survived by sons Steven of Houston and Douglas of Midland and three sisters. A memorial service will be held later.

Gloria Crites was injured in a car wreck a few weeks ago and was very fortunate not to have been more severely injured. A pickup pulling a trailer turned in front of her blocking the street and had no reflectors on the trailer. She is coming along but has had a very painful recovery after spending five days in the hospital. I was informed by the Humphries of Big Spring recently that Donita Cunningham also had a serious wreck. She was airlifted to Lubbock and is now back at home but needs a lot of recuperation. Joan Lafond reported that Tom Dick of Big Spring has been moved to an assisted living complex in Ft. Worth; his wife, Mary, is in an apartment there as their children live in that area.

Our area welcomed the rain, rain and more rain though it caused havoc for some as their cars suffered engine problems. Some houses were flooded but overall, it was welcome.

Into fall we go and as we look forward to cooler temperatures, we look

forward to our great games. Remember, friendliness is not a burden but brings a happy frame of mind to those around us. Smile and be happy! See you at the table.

Jean

Unit 224 Fort Phantom

Vance McCracken



Barbara Bridges. Partnered by Norma Labarthe, Barbara Bridges turned in a stellar performance at the Tournament of Stars in Tyler in late July and earned her Life Master designation.

As with most meteoric events, a lot of preparation preceded this one. Although she had played a little party bridge, Barbara did not try her hand at duplicate bridge until 2000, when she sold her interest in a prominent local insurance agency. She started with lessons from Jackie Sonnenburg, learned from Coleen Grisham's sessions, and partnered in local games with a variety of players, including Jeane Brittain, Bobbie Grier, Martha Murphy, Darla Mawson and Don Dwyer, among others.

As her skill grew, Barbara began to attend tournaments. Once at a Lubbock sectional she and her partner gave one of the world's best players two consecutive bottoms, much to the amazement of all four at the table.

As a mother and an accomplished businesswoman, Barbara had little time to play bridge before 2000. She started her career at Perry Hunter Hall in 1954 and continues to work there, as an employee now rather than an owner. She has two children. Rusty is an electrician with Schlumberger Oilfield Services and lives in Andrews. Denise is a Deputy Criminal Prosecutor in the U. S. Attorney's Office in Lubbock. During these busy years Barbara insisted on making time to resume her studies at Hardin-Simmons University and Abilene Christian University, which she had postponed in order to marry and to support her husband's education. Receipt of her degree in 1986 was one of her proudest achievements.

Barbara has four grandsons and one granddaughter, ages 25, 22, 17, 1 and 1. Readers who require enlightenment about this unusual lineup should ask her to explain. She would also probably be prepared to discuss her schnauzers, Princess and Penny.

Barbara's business and administrative skill benefited the unit when she served as Club Manager for three years and later as Vice-President of the Board. Everyone who knows Barbara appreciates her gentle disposition, intelligence and hard work, and the entire unit congratulates her on becoming a Life Master.

Player Success. Eleven players from Unit 224 attended the Tyler Regional. Jo Smith was 5th overall, and Robert Patton was 14th. At the San Antonio July 4th Regional Jo Smith placed 12th. In local play Gwen Riggs and Bette Byrd had a 70.0% game, Peggy Ford and Betty Henderson a 71.3% game, and Bette Byrd and Coleen Grisham a 70.8% game - all at Bridge Etc in July.

Abilene Harvest Regional. From October 14th through 20th Unit 224 will host the Abilene Harvest Regional at the Abilene Civic Center. There will be **Gold Rush** events every day, and a team game will be available at every start time. Gold Rush games are limited to players with fewer than 750 masterpoints, and gold points are awarded. Abi-

Land 3/4 Edward Yetter-Bonnie Kay Yetter, Garland; Robert Lynn, Salem VA; Bryan Morgan, Dallas
Fri/Sat KO5-Bracket 1-9 Tables 1. Ellen Hessel-Ira Hessel, San Antonio; Tom Clarke, Lake Charles LA; Joe Quinn, Sugar Land 2. William Lindner-Jeffrey Kroll, Conroe; Joseph Volanski, Spring; Bill Gemas, Huntsville 3/4 Steve Shirey, Fort Worth; Jo Smith, Abilene; Virginia Noelke, San Angelo; Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio 3/4 William Garrard Jr-Donna Garrard, Irving; Larue Stott, Dallas; Gerrie Owen, Celina
Fri/Sat KO5-Bracket 2-16 Tables 1. Janet Davis-Donald Davis-Christian Remling, Norman OK; Eric Genheimer, Mustang OK 2. Jerrold Albom-Clint Schuhmacher-Linda Thomas-Phil Merkel, Dallas 3/4 Rhonda Bryant, Friendswood; Jabeen Farooki-Debra Bellan, Sugar Land; Nancy Reader, Houston 3/4 Janie Wolaver, Jefferson; Karen Cowling, Edgewood; Ginny Jones-Mary Squyres, Longview
Saturday Compact KO Bkt 1-9 Tables 1. Hua Yang, Plano; Tiger King, Houston; Hank Eng, San Antonio; James Zhan 2. Virginia Noelke, San Angelo;

Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio; Jo Smith, Abilene; Steve Shirey, Fort Worth
Saturday Compact KO Bkt 2-10 Tables 1. Kimi Lambert, Austin; Carol Perrin, Baton Rouge LA; Carmen Keys-Paul Cuneo, Houston 2. Nancy Green, Bullard; Ennis Dyess, Tyler; Jimmy Wright, Athens; Chester Neel Jr, Red Oak
Saturday Compact KO Bkt 3-9 Tables 1. Jack Manderscheid, Houston; Jean Foltz, Pearland; August Birke, Montgomery; H Patricia Leavitt, Friendswood 2. Rosalee Hacker, Southlake; Marguerite Lavender, Colleyville; Alan Robson-Bonnie Jan Robson, Denton
AFTERNOON SIDE SERIES-29.75 Tables / Based on 10 Tables 1/2 Mary Bartley, Bullard 1/2 Emily Leake, Tyler 3/4 Richard Bryant, Henderson 3/4 Alta Peck, Tyler 5. Brenda Baker, Tyler
EVENING SIDE SERIES-43.25 Tables / Based on 13 Tables 1/2 Joyce Ryan, Houston 1/2 David Henke, Houston 3/4 Christian Remling, Norman OK 3/4 Eric Genheimer, Mustang OK 5/6 Gail Wells, Dallas 5/6 Darlene Shirey
MORNING SIDE SERIES-35.00 Ta-

bles / Based on 14 1/2 Roy Baughman, Pantego 1/2 Marion Gebhardt, Richardson 3/4 Brenda Baker, Tyler 3/4 Emily Leake, Tyler 5/6 Virginia Noelke, San Angelo Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio
Saturday 0-750 Choice Pairs-26.0 Tables B1. Beryl Cobb, Tyler; Beth Hankins, Longview B2. Norma Labarthe-Barbara Bridges, Abilene B3. Marifrances Watson-Carolyn Reed-Jones, San Angelo B4CD1. Fran Hewitt-Susan Young, Shreveport LA B5. Richard Stolle-Bernice Stolle, Gilmer C2. Bonnie Burch-Jo Ann Parten, Emory C3. Marjorie Kemp-Charlie Kemp, Longview C4. Barry & Lynn Cooper, Dallas B5. Laveta Christian, West Columbia; Leigh Primerano, Houston C2. Helen Marberry-Deronda Bailey, Hideaway
Saturday Choice Pairs-14.5 Tables / Based on 41 Tables A1. David Henke-Joyce Ryan, Houston A2. Gerry McKim, Garland; John Schwartz, Plano A3. James Thurtell-James Bauer, Dallas A4. S Kohan-Michael Murphy, Dallas A5. Nancy Stanton, Frisco; Jacquelyn Kimberley, Tyler B1. Dorsey Shaw, Plano; Catherine Tucker, Dallas B2. Hans Strohmmer-Nancy Strohmmer, Houston X3. Jeff

Brown, Texarkana AR; Kathryn Young, Hope AR X4. Gary Carey, Coppell; T Jean Kidd, Double Oak X5. Nelda Avent, Tyler; Dorothy McCasland, Pittsburg
Flight A Swiss Teams-18 Tables / Based on 64 Tables A1. Ellen Hessel-Ira Hessel, San Antonio; Joe Quinn, Sugar Land; Tom Clarke, Lake Charles LA A2. Beth Bromberg-John Bromberg, Dallas; Tom Edwards, Grand Prairie; Bryan Storey, Frisco A3. Robert Patton, Abilene; Mark Lair, Canyon; Nagy Kamel, Plano; Greg Hinze, San Antonio A4/5 Jo Smith, Abilene; Steve Shirey, Fort Worth; Virginia Noelke, San Angelo; Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio A4/5 X1 Hua Yang, Plano; Tiger King, Houston; Hank Eng, San Antonio; James Zhan, Sugar Land X2 Brady Allen, Dallas; Michael Hout-John Schwartz, Plano; Gerry McKim, Garland
Flt B Swiss Tms Bkt 1-7 Tables / Based on 33 Tables 1. Mamie Stafford-Betsy Smith, Athens; Ginger Rhamey, Murchison; Helen Stevens, Palestine 2. Jeff Dater-Stephen Bimbaum-Eileen Smith-James McCommons, Dallas
Flt B Swiss Tms Bkt 2-7 Tables / Based on 18 Table 1. Rich Brandenburg, Coppell; Bob McNeill, Frisco; Jerrold Al-

bom-George Burcham, Dallas 2. Janet Davis-Donald Davis-Christian Remling, Norman OK; Eric Genheimer, Mustang
OK Flt B Swiss Tms Bkt 3-7 Tables / Based on 15 Tables 1. Linda Briggs-Carolyn Worsham, Port Arthur; Patricia Bell, Silsbee; Linda Adamchik, Beaumont 2 Bill Beaushaw & Beaushaw, LA Sandy Potts-Martha Norman, Austin
Flt B Swiss Tms Bkt 4-7 Tables / Based on 13 Tables 1. Sue Ritschel, Tyler; Yvonne Houston, Enchanted Oaks; Carol Bates, Athens; Kathleen Holmes, LaRue 2. Renate Brown-Judith Kelley, Lindale; Pat Cawley, Tyler; Marlene Phillips, Chandler
Flt B Swiss Tms Bkt 5-7 Tables / Based on 11 Tables 1. Frank Durante-Diana Chen-Barbara Franklin-Nancy Latner, Dallas 2. Bob Dingle, Addison; Kimberly Dorsey-Jeff Newman, Arlington; Shirley Rampy, Tyler
Flt B Swiss Tms Bkt 6-11 Tables 1. Gladys Freeman-Sue Kay Reeder, Arlington; Gayle Orvis-Robert Orvis, Burleson 2. Joan Cobb-Sue Latham-Helene Hall-Linda Baker, Longview



Life's a Beach---Play in Puerto Vallarta Mexican 33rd Annual Resort Regional November 4 thru November 10, 2013 The Westin Resort & Spa, Puerto Vallarta



Monday, November 4

Welcome Charity Open Pairs 7:30pm
 Vallarta KO Teams-1 7:30pm

Tuesday, November 5

Vallarta KO Teams—2, 3, 4, 9:30am 2:00pm 8:00pm
 Morning Side Game Series (1st of 5 sessions) 9:30am
 Afternoon Side Game Series (1st of 5 sessions) 2:00pm
 Tuesday Open Pairs (2 sessions) 2:00pm 8:00pm
 Tuesday Swiss Teams (2 sessions) 2:00pm 8:00pm
 Tuesday Novice Pairs 2:00pm 8:00pm
 Evening Side Game Series (1st of 5 sessions) 8:00pm

Wednesday, November 6

Los Cabos KO Team-1 9:30am
 Morning Side Game Series (2nd of 5 sessions) 9:30am
 Acapulco KO Team-1 & 2 2:00pm 8:00pm
 Afternoon Side Game Series (2nd of 5 sessions) 2:00pm
 Wednesday Open Pairs (2 sessions) 2:00pm 8:00pm
 Wednesday Novice Pairs 2:00pm 8:00pm
 Evening Side Game Series (2nd of 5 sessions) 8:00pm
 Wednesday Single Session Swiss 8:00pm

Thursday, November 7

Los Cabos KO Team-2 9:30am
 Morning Side Game Series (3rd of 5 sessions) 9:30am
 Afternoon Side Game Series (3rd of 5 sessions) 2:00pm
 Acapulco KO Team-3 & 4 2:00pm 8:00pm
 Thursday Swiss Teams (2 sessions) 2:00pm 8:00pm
 Thursday Open Pairs (2 sessions) 2:00pm 8:00pm
 Thursday Novice Pairs 2:00pm 8:00pm
 Evening Side Game Series (3rd of 5 sessions) 8:00pm

Friday, November 8

Los Cabos KO Team-3 9:30am
 Morning Side Game Series (4th of 5 sessions) 9:30am
 Morning Swiss Team (1st of 2 sessions) 9:30am
 Cancun KO Team- 1 & 2 2:00pm 8:00pm
 Afternoon Side Game Series (4th of 5 Sessions) 2:00pm
 Friday Open Pairs (2 sessions) 2:00pm 8:00pm
 Friday Novice Pairs 2:00pm 8:00pm
 Evening Side Game Series (4th of 5 sessions) 8:00pm
 Friday Single Session Swiss 8:00pm

Saturday, November 9

Los Cabos KO Team-4 9:30am
 Morning Side Game Series (5th of 5 sessions) 9:30am
 Morning Swiss Team (2nd of 2 sessions) 9:30am
 Cancun KO Team- 3 & 4 2:00pm 8:00pm
 Afternoon Side Game Series (5th of 5 Sessions) 2:00pm
 Saturday Open Pairs (2 sessions) 2:00pm 8:00pm
 Guayabitas Compact KO- 1 & 2 2:00pm 8:00pm
 Saturday Novice Pairs 2:00pm 8:00pm
 Evening Side Game Series (5th of 5 sessions) 8:00pm
 Saturday Single Session Swiss 8:00pm

Sunday, November 10

Swiss Teams (short break for Mexican Buffet) 10:00am
 Sunday Open Pairs (2 sessions) 10:00am

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Web Page: www.westin.com/puertovallarta
 For Special Bridge Rate of \$90USD plus Taxes
 Call the hotel directly.

Stratifications:

A: 1500+, B: 500-1500, C: 0-500
 Average Master Points

Novice Events

0-200 as attendance warrants

Entries: USD \$12.00 ACBL Members

USD \$14.00 Non & Unpaid ACBL Members

Tournament Chairpersons:

Lew Crippen

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 And

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Hospitality

Guest Speakers

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

NO SMOKING and NO PERFUME POLICY

Hospitality/Smoking Breaks

Bracketed KO's & Compact KO's

Stratified Swiss, Open Pairs & Novice Games

Side Game Best 2 of 5 each

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Tue Choice Pairs A
Jim Bauer, Judy Northup



Venkatrao Koneru, Steve Shirey,
Virginia Noelke, Jo Smith
Tue Open Swiss 1st A



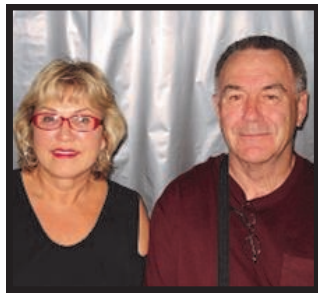
Thurs Open Swiss 1st Strat A
Stan Kohan, Mike Murphy,
Jim Thurtell, Jim Bauer



Wed Open Swiss 1st A
Nancy Riley, Joyce Ryan,
Bill Riley, David Henke



Ellen Hessel, Ira Hessel,
Joe Quinn, Tom Clarke
KO5, BKT 1
Sunday Swiss Team Flt A



Puddin Barnes, J.B. Nabors
Fri Choice Pairs 1st Overall



Sat Compact KO Bkt 1
Tiger King, Hank Eng,
Hua Yang, James Zhan



Sat Choice Pairs A
Eve Horizontal
Joyce Ryan, David Henke



Sat Eve Choice Pairs X
Catherine Tucker, Dorsey Shaw



Thurs Open Swiss 1st X
Francine Hargrove, Karla Riddick,
Janelle Frusha, Mavis Warren



Tue Open Swiss 1st B
Milton Neher, J Terrence Wolfe
Sara & Michael Bossert



Wed 2 Session Open Swiss B
Virginia Farley, Mike Peiffer



Fri Swiss Flt X
Paul Cuneo, Carol Perrin,
Carmen Keys, Kimi Lambert



Mon-Tue KO1 BKT 4
Larry Peterson, John Know,
John Peterson, Mark Nemitz



MonTue KO BKT2
Kathy Coleman, Francis Chang,
Jane Larimore, Jacque Montgomer,
Barbara Baker



Paula & Jimmy Justice
Tue Choice Pairs B



Sat Compact KO Bkt 3
Jack Manderschied, Jean Foltz,
Patricia Leavitt, August Birke



Tues Choice Pairs C
Judy Gibson, Jeffrey Kroll



Kay Bickman, Opal Thurman,
Jim Goza, Ray Duncan
KO 4 BKT 2



Tue 750 Swiss BKT4
Mary Peden, Pat Hargrave,
Jo Ann Parten & Bonnie Burch



Mon-Tue Gold Rush Pairs
Bonnie Burch & Jo Ann Parten



0-750 Gold Rush Swiss BKT 2
Troy Lankford, Laura Murphey,
Terry Slater, Beryl Cobb



Andrea Sullivan, Dennie Saul,
George Sullivan, Jane Collins
Fri 0-750 Swiss BKT 2



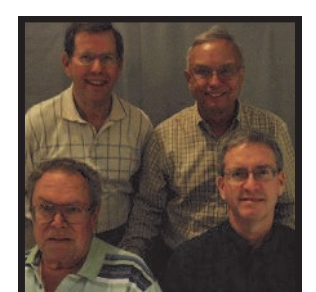
Wed 0-750 Swiss
Carol Findlay, Melba Clark,
Ann Curry, Nelle Hixson



Diana Ely, Peter Hancock,
Sybil Ricketson, Beryl Hancock
Wed 0-750 Swiss BKT 2



Gold Rush Swiss 1st BKT3.
Lisa Holzgrafe, Gilda Reynolds,
Margaret Bennett, Cathy Supple



Tue 750 Swiss Bkt 3
Robert Ziegler, David Morris,
Jack Manderscheid, Courtney Coffman



Linda Neal, Jo Booth,
Birdie Taylor, Twyla Whitesell
Thur 0-750 Swiss BKT 3



Thur 0-750 Swiss BKT 1
Barbara Williams, Deanna Drab,
Valarie Chapman, Sue Ritschel



Sun Flt B Swiss Team Bkt 1
Ginger Rhamey, Mamie Stafford,
Helen Stevens, Betsy Smith



Sun Flt B Swiss Team Bkt 2
Bob McNeill, Rich Brandenbug,
Jerold Albom, George Burcham



Sun Flt B Swiss Team Bkt 3
Linda Briggs, Carolyn Worsham,
Lynn Adamchik, Pat Bell



Sun Flt B Swiss Team Bkt 4
Sue Ritschel, Yvonne Houston,
Carol Bates, Kathy Holmes



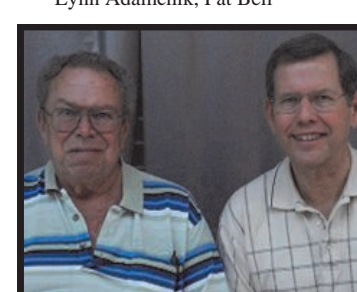
Sun Flt B Swiss Team Bkt 5
Barbara Franklin, Diana Chen,
Nancy Latner, Frank Durante



Tue 750 Swiss BKT 2
Norma Labarthe, Barbara Bridges,
David & Jerre McAfee



Sun Flt B Swiss Team Bkt 6
Gayle & Bob Orvis,
Sue Kay Reeder, Gladys Freeman



Mon-Tue Gold Rush Pairs
Jack Manderscheid, Robert Ziegler

Abilene's Harvest Regional



AX Pairs 1 of 2 Sessions 7:00
 GOLD RUSH PAIRS (0-750) 1 OF 2 SESSIONS 7:00
 Charity Pairs 7:00
 KO I (Round 1 of 4) 7:00

Tuesday, October 15

AX Pairs 2 of 2 Sessions 9:30
 GOLD RUSH PAIRS - 2 OF 2 SESSIONS 9:30
 KO I (Rounds 2, 3 & 4) 9:30 2:00 7:00
 Horizontal AM, AFT & EVE Side Game Series 9:30 2:00 7:00
 2 Session Swiss 2:00 7:00
 BRACKETED GOLD RUSH SWISS (0-750) 2:00 7:00
 Evening KO II (Round 1 of 4) 7:00

Wednesday, October 16

K O III (Rounds 1 & 2) 9:30 2:00
 Horizontal AM, AFT & EVE Side Game Series 9:30 2:00 7:00
 2 Session Swiss 2:00 7:00
 BRACKETED GOLD RUSH SWISS (0-750) 2:00 7:00
 Evening KO II (Round 2 of 4) 7:00

Thursday, October 17

KO III (Rounds 3 & 4) 9:30 2:00
 Horizontal AM, AFT & EVE Side Game Series 9:30 2:00 7:00
 2 Session Swiss 2:00 7:00
 BRACKETED GOLD RUSH SWISS_(0-750) 2:00 7:00
 Evening KO II (Round 3 of 4) 7:00

Friday, October 18

KO IV (Rounds1 & 2) 9:30 2:00
 Horizontal AM, AFT & EVE Side Game Series 9:30 2:00 7:00
 2 Session Swiss 2:00 7:00
 BRACKETED GOLD RUSH SWISS (0-750) 2:00 7:00
 Evening KO II (Round 4 of 4) 7:00

Saturday, October 19

KO IV (Rounds 3 & 4) 9:30 2:00
 Horizontal AM, AFT & EVE Side Game Series 9:30 2:00 7:00
 2 Session AX Pairs 2:00 7:00
 2 SESSION GOLD RUSH PAIRS 2:00 7:00

Sunday, October 20

GOLD RUSH SUNDAY-BRACKETED SWISS 10:00 TBA
 2 Session Stratified Swiss
 Lunch provided

Stratification:

A = Over 2000
 B = 750 - 2000
 C = 0 - 750

Stratification based on average MP's per pair or team

Team Games May be Handicapped at Director's Discretion

199'er Pair Games - Morning & Afternoon if Attendance Warrants

AX & GOLD RUSH Strats

AX Pairs: A=unlimited; x = 0 - 2500
 Gold Rush Pairs: B = 300-750; C = 0 - 300 & Gold Rush Swiss

HOTELS:

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Comfort Suites
 3165 S. Danville Drive, 325-795-8500
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Sleep Inn & Suites
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ENTRY FEES

\$12 per session; Sunday \$96 per team

\$2.00 additional per session for non and unpaid ACBL members

ZERO TOLERANCE FREE PARKING

NON-SMOKING W/BREAKS

FREE COFFEE AND LOTS OF GREAT SNACKS AND HOSPITALITY