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Bart Bramley

## Bart Bramley Wins Senior KO Mike Passell Second



Mike Passell

**David Sokolow**  
Senior NABC  
Correspondent



In "A Tale of Two Cities," Charles Dickens described the French Revolution as being both the best of times and the worst of times. Well, I'm no Charles Dickens (feel free to disagree!), but I can safely say that the fall NABC in Phoenix fell somewhere in the middle as far as District 16 players were concerned. We had one first, one second, and three third-place finishes—not bad, but not stellar either.

What would you say if I told you that your opponents in the finals of a national KO raced out to a 32-0 lead and went on a 24-0 tear at the beginning of the last quarter? "Where's the bar?" Fortunately, that was not how Dallas resident Bart Bramley responded; he and his squad roared back to triumph in the Senior KO Teams, 156-91. When I asked Bart for a hand, he gave me the one that clinched the win. Bart held QJxx Ax Ax ATxxx and heard the bidding go 1C (17+ points) by partner, 3H by RHO. Bart made a negative double. The bidding proceeded: 4H by partner, 5H by Bart, 5S by partner, 7S by Bart—cold without a finesse. Bart's evaluation was spot-on; he reasoned that partner did not have any wasted values in hearts, and he gave extra weight to the spade jack, noting that "the jack of trumps is essential to bidding a grand slam." Partner's hand: AKTx xx KQxx KQx. FYI, the opponents only got to 6S. Well done, Bart! Unfortunately, the win came at the expense of Mike Passell of Plano, who was on the losing team. It's too bad *both* players could not have won, but ties are not "in the cards" in a KO!

Our district's three thirds were captured by just two players. Hemant Lall of Dallas was third in the Senior Mixed Pairs, while Austinite Lynn Baker was third in both the Life Master Women's Pairs and the Women's Board-a-Match Teams. Lynn played in only two NABC events and had two thirds—how's that for consistency? The Women's BAM was a veritable "gold mine" for District 16 women: Mildred Breed of Austin and Shawn Quinn of Sugar Land tied for fourth/fifth; Dallas denizens Peggy Sutherland, Petra Hamman and Joan Jackson were sixth, along with Nancy Passell of Plano; Tobi Sokolow of Austin finished seventh; and Ellen Hessel and

Donna Swarouth of San Antonio ended up ninth.

Several other District 16'ers had top 10 finishes in NABC events. Hemant Lall and Bob Hamman, Dallas, were 5/8 in the Senior KO, albeit on different teams. Bob finished sixth in the North American Swiss Teams; Eddie Wold, Houston, was seventh. In the Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs, Dan Suty, Houston, wound up sixth. Last, but not least, a special shout-out to Babu Koneru, San Antonio, for finishing fourth in the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams, arguably the toughest team event on the ACBL calendar. Nice job, one and all.

The spring NABC will be held in Dallas March 20-30, 2014, at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel. This is a great opportunity for novice and intermediate players to experience the excitement of a North American Bridge Championship without venturing too far from home. If you think playing at the club is fun, wait until you see what's it's like to roam the halls with thousands (yes, thousands) of bridge players. You had better show up—I will NOT take no for an answer!

Finally, Tobi and I wish each and every one of you a happy, healthy and fulfilling new year in 2014. We look forward to seeing you in the coming year, at the table or away from it.

- 179 Players  
152.54 Hemant Lall Dallas  
133.32 Bart Bramley Dallas  
120.16 Eddie Wold Houston  
113.04 Venkatrao Koneru San Antonio  
110.64 Bob Hamman Dallas  
94.85 Nagy Kamel Plano  
83.29 Dan Morse Houston  
74.66 Tobi Sokolow Austin  
73.85 Tom Breed Kingwood  
68.96 Petra Hamman Dallas  
65.09 Chris Compton Dallas  
63.62 Terry Richardson Austin  
58.50 Lynn Baker Austin  
57.95 Ellen Hessel San Antonio  
56.61 Jeffrey Juster Dallas  
55.61 Ira Hessel San Antonio  
52.26 Peggy Sutherland Dallas  
50.76 Steve Shirey Fort Worth  
48.91 Greg Hinze San Antonio  
48.48 Donna Swarouth San Antonio  
47.41 Nancy Passell Plano  
40.66 Shawn Quinn Sugar Land  
40.45 Joan Jackson Dallas  
40.00 Bill St Clair Jr Cypress  
38.48 Mildred Breed Austin  
38.43 John Sutherland Dallas

### Nail Life Master Pairs

- 31 Dan Morse, Houston  
Nagy Kamel, Plano  
40 Jeffrey Juster, Dallas

### Smith LM Womens Pairs

- 3 Lynn Baker, Austin  
13 Tobi Sokolow, Austin ;  
17 Pat Levy - Mary Pat Gentry, Houston  
18 Miriam Rosenberg, Huixquilucan Mexico; N Lira, Mexico  
19/20 Petra Hamman  
Peggy Sutherland, Dallas  
21 Georgiana Gates, Houston  
23 Ellen Hessel  
Donna Swarouth, San Antonio

### Super Senior Pair

- 18 Jo Smith, Abilene  
Terry Riely, San Antonio

### Mitchell Open BAM

- 12 Eddie Wold, Houston  
25 Jeffrey Juster, Dallas  
30 Joe Quinn, Sugar Land  
Ira Hessel, San Antonio  
Steve Shirey, Fort Worth

### Marsha May Sternberg BAM

- 3 Lynn Baker, Austin  
4/5 Mildred Breed, Austin  
Shawn Quinn, Sugar Land  
6 Petra Hamman - Peggy Sutherland -  
Joan Jackson, Dallas  
Nancy Passell, Plano  
7 Tobi Sokolow, Austin  
9 Donna Swarouth Ellen Hessel,  
San Antonio

### Baze Senior Knockouts

- 1 Bart Bramley, Dallas  
2 Mike Passell, Las Vegas  
5/8 Hemant Lall, Dallas  
5/8 Bob Hamman, Dallas

### Senior Mixed Pairs

- 3/ Hemant Lall, Dallas  
12 Royce McCray, Caddo Mills  
17 Ira & Ellen Hessel, San Antonio  
22 Steve Shirey, Fort Worth  
Jo Smith, Abilene  
41 Bryan Storey, Frisco  
Nancy Passell, Plano

### Reisinger

- 4 Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio

### Keohane NA Swiss Teams

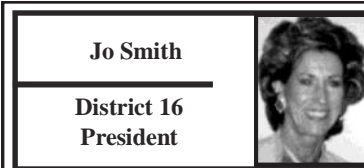
- 6 Bob Hamman Dallas  
7 Eddie Wold  
15/ Bill St Clair Jr, Cypress  
19 Mark Feldman, Austin  
John Sutherland, Dallas ;  
Dan Morse, Houston  
Nagy Kamel, Plano  
22 Chris Compton, Dallas  
Tom Breed, Kingwood  
36 Tobi Sokolow, Austin  
39 Jeffrey Juster, Dallas  
41 Hemant Lall - Petra Hamman  
Dallas  
43 Steve Shirey, Fort Worth  
Ira Hessel, San Antonio

### Mini Blue Ribbon

- 6 Daniel Suty, Houston  
53 Bob Friz, Leonard  
Brady Allen, Dallas

### Blue Ribbon

- 25 Dan Morse Houston  
Nagy Kamel Dallas  
46 Venkatrao Koneru,  
49 Greg Hinze San Antonio  
50 Bill Staats, Southlake



Jo Smith

District 16  
President

Happy New Year from Abilene, Texas!

I write to you one last time as District 16 President. My term of office ends at the Houston Regional, but I will still work to promote duplicate bridge as I always have. It has been an interesting year and I feel honored to have served as President of our busy District 16.

Most of my messages this year have beat the drum for all of us to recruit new players. This, to me, is the greatest challenge we face as an organization. But rather than repeat myself, I will end by highlighting some other (more) famous bridge players.

**James Bond** – Special Agent 007 chalked up "7 clubs redoubled" in Ian Fleming's novel "Moonraker."

**Warren Buffett** – Billionaire investor, philanthropist, and die-hard bridge player (no doubt his most challenging day of bridge was playing with his partner - a guy by the name of Bill Gates - against me in Reno once) states that, "Bridge has got to be the best intellectual exercise out there. In bridge you behave in a way that gets the best from your partner. And in business, you behave in the way that gets the best from your managers and your employees." He says, "Bridge is such a sensational game that I wouldn't mind being in jail if I had three cellmates who were decent players."

**Bill Gates** – The founder of Microsoft declares, "Bridge is the king of all card games. Bridge helps you think. It's a game you can play your entire life and keep getting better and better. Bridge is deliciously

simple in the rules but deliciously complex in doing well."

**Dwight Eisenhower** – WWII General and 34<sup>th</sup> President of the United States was an excellent bridge player.

**Martina Navratilova** – Tennis legend and winner of 59 Grand Slam titles has said, "No matter where I go, I can always make new friends at the bridge table."

**Thom Yorke** - Frontman for Radiohead enjoys playing bridge with members of his band.

**Omar Sharif** – Charismatic star of "Lawrence of Arabia" and "Doctor Zhivago" has also enjoyed a long career as an expert bridge player, columnist and advocate.

**Alfred Sheinwold** - This star bridge player has many great quotes about the game. Among them, "It's not enough to win the tricks that belong to you. Try also for some that belong to the opponents," and, "The real test of a bridge player isn't in keeping out of trouble, but in escaping once he's in."

**Alan Truscott** - "Bridge is essentially a social game, but unfortunately it attracts a substantial number of antisocial people."

**Jan Janitschke** - When dummy hits, commented "Where's the hand you held during the auction?"

**South:** Alert

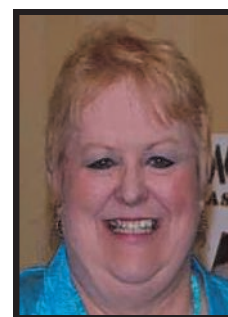
**East:** Yes?

**South:** I'm requested to further misdescribe my hand.

**Barry Crane** - This bridge master said, "Card sense is when it's technically right to do something, the little man that sits on my shoulder or anyone else's shoulder says, 'Don't do that.'"

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## Carol Schoenhals 1945-2013



Carol Schoenhals passed away on Dec. 16, 2013.

Carol began her Duplicate career at the old Lubbock Bridge Center on 19th Street, where she played with Mildred Wayborn. She joined ACBL in 1974 and became a

Life Master in 1979 and a Diamond Life Master in 2007 when she won the District 16 Flight A Grand National Teams. She was also a certified director and had directed various games in Lubbock. Also, she was head of Rules and Ethics for unit 197. She won the Jacoby Service award for the District earlier this year. She served the district in many capacities. She was the long-time district representative from Unit 197, Lubbock and held many district positions. In recent years she served as charity committee chair.

**Sandi Krahmer's shares more about Carol's life in her Unit 197 column on page 12.**

## CHRIS COMPTON WINS AT THE WIRE!

The winner of the 2013 Barry Crane Top 500 is District 16's own Chris Compton who now possesses two of the prestigious crowns. (He won in 2011). Well, it won't actually be unofficial until February 6, 2014 when all of the clubs have turned in their totals. The annual winner is often and usually obvious by the close of the Fall Nationals, but this year was a highly contested race between Chris and Mark Itabashi, and not decided until the very last event of the year! Chris was behind by about 84 on December 9<sup>th</sup> just after the Phoenix Nationals. They both went to the Palm Springs Regional (Dec 9-15) where Chris picked up 186.49 and Mark a mere 106.77. It's really getting close

now! They both played in a STaC tournament in District 17 (Dec16-22) that Mark won overall with 51.92 and Chris took second with 49.22. Have there been any days off yet? These guys both reportedly played a few days of local duplicate where Chris won 10.84 and Mark's total is unknown. Then on December 26th it was off to their year-end tournament destinations, Mark going to Reno and Chris heading to Myrtle Beach. They both had some wins, some places, and some shows but according to Chris, he never actually had the lead until he won that very last KO in Myrtle Beach! Congratulations, Chris, on a valiant and exciting down to the wire victory!

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## The GNT District Finals Will Be In Two Places This Year

By Jim Thurtell, D16 GNT Coordinator

The GNT District finals are in two places this year

In an attempt to get more participation in the district GNT finals, we are having them in two separate sectionals this year. The flight 'C' finals (0 - 500, non-life master) and the flight 'A' finals (0 - 6000\* a new top limit this year) are going to be held at the Houston election sectional April 4 - 6 at the Marriott Westchase. They will start Friday night at 7 PM. They will carry through as many sessions as needed to crown a winner in each flight.

The flight 'B' (0 - 2500\* new top limit this year) and the Super flight (0 - unlimited) finals will be held in Richardson at the civic center May 24 - 25 at the Richardson sectional. They will begin Saturday afternoon at 1:30 and continue until we have a winner in each flight.

The national finals will be held in Las

Vegas this year, July 16 - 20 at the Las Vegas Nationals. The winners from each flight in the district finals will be awarded \$1500 to offset expenses as well as being reimbursed for their entry fees at the national GNT finals.

You may play in a higher flight final without risking your eligibility in your normal flight final. What that means is that if you are a flight 'B' team, you may play in the flight 'A' district finals without risking your chance at the flight 'B' finals. That way you get in some practice, with a chance to win flight 'A' -- or if you are a flight 'C' team and you do not win in Houston, you may take a second bite of the apple at Richardson in the flight 'B' finals.

Get your teams together, get everybody qualified (flight C and B) at some unit qualifying and lets try and win the District finals. We would like to see a lot of participation. It is a fun event and you only have to play against your peers.

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201 Beaumont	13	13		
204 Fort Concho	13	13		
207 Texas Capital	13	14		
209 Permian Basin	14			
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#### FEBRUARY

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Ajjic	13-16
Longview (16)	13-15
Austin NLM	15-16
Temple (17)	21-23
Rockport (12)	21-23
Austin (14)	2/27-3/2
Edinburg [McAllen] (17)	2/28-3/2
SHREVEPORT REGIONAL (4)	2/24-3/2

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Richardson	22-6
GNT B and Superflight Richardson	24-25

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Houston	6-8
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Midland	13-15
Austin NLM	14-15
Spring (Houston) 499er	19-22
Victoria	20-22
Fort Worth	20-22
Dallas 199er	27-29
San Antonio NLM	27-28
AUSTIN REGIONAL	6/30-7/6

Dewitt Hudson

District 16  
President



ACBL, could not find a better place or time to have the 2013, Fall North American Bridge Championships in Phoenix. The weather was wonderful and the temperature average was between 53 and 76F. The Sheraton and the Hyatt Hotels were the host hotels. Phoenix offered many world-class tourist attractions like: Frank Loyd Wright's Taliesin West in Scottsdale, the Botanical Garden, The Museum of Modern Art, and the Folk and Craft Museum.

CO-CHAIRS. Marsha and Darryl Helton did a wonderful job of organizing this national.

NEW PRESIDENT. Phyllis Harlan, District Director 15, from Oklahoma City was elected President by the

ACBL Board of Directors. Harlan has earned a reputation as an exceptionally hard worker.

MICHAEL CAPPELLETTI. Professional bridge player, (1938-2013), passed away after a short illness. He was from Alexandria, Virginia and he was 75 years old. He was best known for the

conventional defense to INT that bears his name. As a teacher, he was very helpful and he would play with anybody. He enjoyed answering questions from anyone at anytime. He will be missed.

MEMBERSHIP. As of the end of October 2013, ACBL membership stands at: 167,912 members. This year had a high membership enrollment of: 1504, the highest membership gain in a single year since 1993 and in 2009, when ACBL changed the requirements in achieving Life Master status.

TOURNAMENT DIVISION. Regional and Sectional table counts have shown small declines as compared to last year. Through the end of October, total Regional table count decreased by 6% with three fewer Regionals held this year. Average table count declined by 3%

SMOKING POLICY AT NABC. Smoking is not permitted in the playing area during any bridge event at an NABC. This includes electronic smoking devices.

DALLAS UNIT 176. This Unit will host the Spring National, March 20-30th, 2014. To the District 16 players who have not been able to attend a National, this is a great opportunity to attend one in their area. Toni Fitzgerald, Tournament Chair, and her committees are ready to put on a "Great Show". See you in Big D

## National Goodwill Committee Appointments

Dan E. Morse, ACBL Director for District 16 recently appointed four District 16 members to a lifetime membership in the Aileen Osofsky ACBL National Goodwill Committee. The appointment recognizes a member's service to her district and their display of goodwill among our fellow bridge players.

Lew Levy



Lew is an active promoter of good behavior at the bridge table. He always greets new opponents before play starts in a round, and compliments good play by the opposition.

Lew has been honored with the Teas Star award for service to Unit 174, and with the Jacoby award for service to District 16. He has been the Executive Treasurer of District 16 since 2007.

Recognized for his leadership capability he has been Unit President in Bellingham, Washington, Honolulu Hawaii, as well as Houston.

Nancy Strohmmer



Nancy currently serves on the Unit 174 Board as Publicity Chair and is the creator/editor of the monthly

newsletter "Special News & Classes."

Nancy is one of ABC-13's 2014 Women of Distinction which is awarded to Houston-area women who have gone above and beyond to make the community better. For over three decades, Nancy has served on the boards of various civic, health and arts organizations.

A Silver Life Master with over 2000 points, Nancy's exposure to the game of bridge began with her mother's love for the game; she is interested in doing whatever she can to grow the game and bring in new players and is a faithful mentor. Nancy, along with fellow Board member Errol LeCesne, has organized the first ever ACBL-ABA joint game in Houston to be held on March 1.

She and her husband, Hans, love to travel to bridge tournaments—Nancy's seven grandchildren are the only ones who can "trump" bridge! She is thrilled and proud that her two oldest grandchildren are avid bridge players.

Chuck Ensor



Chuck, a chemical engineer with an MBA, is retired from a career in the plastics industry. A variety of engineering and management stints ended as Technical Service Manager for a plastic resin supplier.

Though a sporadic party bridge player for many years, Chuck and his wife started bridge lessons in 2002 right after retirement. Soon they were playing regularly in the

Houston area and traveling for tournaments.

Chuck could not sit still so he was soon active in the local Clear Lake Club doing purchasing, publicity and maintenance, then for 18 months serving as President.

The Unit 174 Unit Board then beckoned and Chuck has been elected for two terms. Assignments on the Board have been Supply Coordinator, Tournament Coordinator, Vice President and currently President. He looks forward to chairing the upcoming Lone Star Regional.

Rebecca Brown



In her pre-bridge life, Rebecca was a clinical psychologist, a mediator and a lawyer. Though a relatively new bridge player, Rebecca quickly has shown her passion (aka addiction) for the game and the bridge community. She has served on the Unit 172 Board since 2010, first as Secretary, then as Vice President. One of her responsibilities is to write the Unit column for the Scorecard. Rebecca says that serving on the Board and writing the column have provided her with the opportunity to immerse herself in the bridge community, to serve it, and to get to know many of us. "What a treat for me!" she says. At the beginning of 2013, she was asked to serve as Executive Secretary to the District 16 Board; she was taking minutes even before she was officially onboard. Now, that's the kind of dedication to service we like to see!

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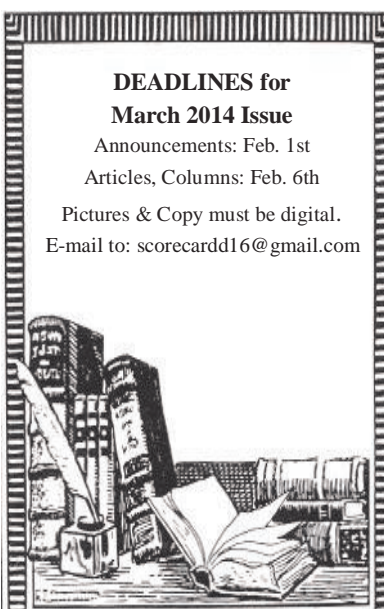
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# BAZE SENIOR KO, 2013

by Bart Bramley

The Baze Senior KO in Phoenix was won by the Gupta team: Vinita Gupta-Billy Miller, Bart Bramley-Lew Stansby, and Jeff Meckstroth-Eric Rodwell. Along the way the team had to defeat a couple of prominent members of District 16. In the quarterfinal our team had a very exciting match against Bob Hamman's team. We were ahead by 39 going to the fourth quarter, but midway through the quarter we were behind by 20! Then we rallied, and with three boards to play the match was tied when this deal arrived:

A9753 KQ64  
VOID AKJ2  
A8732 K64  
A106 93

Lew Bart  
1S 2NT  
4C\* 4D  
4H 4NT  
5C\*\* 6S

Pass  
\*heart void

\*\*0 or 3 keycards

4H 5H  
5S 7S

Pass

\*16+, Precision  
\*\*game force

We play Precision. Lew's 4C showed specifically a void in hearts. Despite my wastage I could envision a good slam opposite a lot of minimum openers. I probed with 4D, and Lew showed enthusiasm with 4H, so I asked for keycards. When he had all of the missing aces I briefly toyed with trying for seven, but that seemed unlikely when he was limited to 15 HCP, so I settled for the small slam. This looks like an easy slam to reach in any system, but the British player with my cards gave up after finding out about the heart shortness. The 11imps we earned became the final margin.

In the final we played the Carolyn Lynch team, which included Mike Passell. After a slow start we built up a healthy lead. Our opponents were pecking away in the fourth quarter until this deal:

AK108 QJ32  
92 A4  
KQ84 A10  
KQ5 A10832

Lew Bart  
1C\* (3H) Double\*\*

Our notrump range is 14-16, so Lew opened with a strong club. The 3H preempt forced us to start our investigation at a high level. My double showed 8+ HCP without a good long suit, and unwilling or unable to bid notrump; with considerable extras I was unwilling. Lew's 4H cuebid showed no long suit and the inability to bid notrump. I tossed the ball back with my 5H cuebid, hoping that he could show spades. I could already place him with nearly all of the non-heart high cards, because he hadn't bid notrump and he needed 16 HCP for his opening. Thus, when he admitted to having spades, I bid a confident grand slam, expecting him to have exactly the high cards that he in fact held. And we had to play in spades; trumps were 3-2, but clubs were 4-1 offside, so Lew had to ruff them out.

At the other table our Polish counterparts never got close after they started with 1NT. We gained 11imps and coasted to the finish.

## Making a Big Deal in Big D Even Bigger

What better way to make a name for yourself at our NABC than to sponsor an event? By sponsoring a game, you may give the session any name you chose and have a mention written in the daily bulletin published at the site and on the Internet on the day your game takes place. There will also be a "Wall of Fame" that will remain up throughout the tournament. Single sessions, two-session events, KO's over several days, and daily sponsorships are available. This is a great opportunity to name a game or a day for your favorite partner, mentor, teacher, or club, honor a departed loved one, bring attention to a charity close to your heart, or publicize any organization you admire (or own).

### Event Sponsorships:

All I/N events and Zip KO's: \$200  
Side Games, Single Session Open Pairs or Team Events: \$250  
Two-Session Events: \$400  
KO Events: \$600  
Daily Sponsorships: \$1,200

All-non NABC events and NABC+ events are eligible for sponsorships. Please contact Cheryl Clark at 972-971-2958 or email her at [cherylsclark@yahoo.com](mailto:cherylsclark@yahoo.com) with questions or to reserve your event. Reservations will be made on a first come, first serve basis, so call now!

Dan Morse



District 16 Representative

Phoenix was a nice place for a National Tournament. There was a few days when it was cold but still much better than the rest of the country where there was ice storms and freezing weather. The players turned up in large numbers, 12565 tables about 1000 more than anticipated.

### FEE INCREASES

New member dues will increase from \$28 to \$29 and regular one year dues will increase from \$37 to \$39 beginning April 1, 2014. Tournament Sanctions Fees will be increased 1.5% beginning April 1, 2014

### MEMBERSHIP

At the end of October Membership stands at 167,912. We have NETTED 1,504 ADDITIONAL MEMBERS, the highest membership gain in a single year since 1993.

### TOURNAMENTS

Regional and Sectional table count have shown small declines. Three fewer Regionals are being held this year. The bright spot is STACKS which were up 10% this year however there were 5 more STACKS this year. The Bridge

Department at ACBL is being transformed in order to enhance both customer service levels and experience.

### Smoking Policy

Smoking and electronic smoking devices are not permitted in the playing area during any bridge playing event at an NABC.

### Mission Statement

The Mission of the ACBL is to promote, grow, and sustain the game of bridge and serve the bridge-related interests of our members.

### GNT

Starting September 1, 2014 the GNT competition will have 4 flights as follows:

- a. Championship flight unlimited
- b. Flight A: 0-6000 MP
- c. Flight B 0-2500 MP
- d. Flight C; non-life master to 500

The District has the option of conducting any fair bridge competition it chooses to select a winning team.

### Phoenix NABC

For the first time Tourney Trax was used to generate all hand records and pre-dupe files for the NABC.

In an effort to get the major games started earlier the ACBL worked with BRIDGE WINNERS to pre sell entries to potential seeded players.

### Regional at Sea from Galveston,

### Texas

The ACBL is now running the Regionals at Sea program, of particular interest to District 16 is the May11-18 sailing out of Galveston with stops at Cozumel, Grand Cayman and Jamaica. The price starts at only \$999. With Bridge author Mel Colchamiro and ACBL CEO Robert Hartman on board. I have not been on board one of the Regionals but I hear you can win lots of points.

### Collegiate Championship

The 2014 Collegiate Bridge Team Championship qualifying game will be held Saturday, February 15, 2014. This free on-line qualifying phase will select the teams for the Summer NABC in Las Vegas. Entry is open to all colleges and universities in North America.

### Learn to Play Bridge in a Day

Whirlwind Bridge has a program called Learn to Play Bridge in a Day. For a limited time the Education Foundation has money to support this program. If interested contact the ACBL Education Foundation for details.

### DALLAS NABC MARCH 20-30 2014

The next National will be right here in Dallas Texas, Tomi FitzGerald and her hard working committee have planned a great Tournament. Let's all go and make it a big Texas success.

Looking forward to seeing all in Big D.

Dan

## Recognition and Remembrance

The Lone Star Regional provides an excellent opportunity to recognize deserving Unit 174 members or memorialize those who have left us by naming an event after that person. Their picture and write-up will appear in the daily bulletin on the day of the purchased event.

The Tournament runs from Monday, January 27 through Sunday, February 2, 2014 with numerous events available:

Daily double-session open pairs	\$100
One of the side game series (Morn, Aft, or Eve)	\$150
Bracketed knockouts	\$150
Compact knockouts	\$100
Daily double-session bracketed Swiss	\$100
Daily single-session Swiss	\$50
Daily side games	\$50
Daily 299r149r Combinations	\$50
Zip KOs	\$50
Saturday Strati-Flighted Pairs	\$100
Saturday Gold Rush Pairs	\$100
Sunday Strati-Flighted Swiss	\$150

To reserve an event, or for more information, please contact: Beverley Cheatham at 281-444-1300 or [beverleycheatham@att.net](mailto:beverleycheatham@att.net) Or Joyce Gore at 281-437-7467 or [joygore@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joygore@sbcglobal.net)

Beverley or Joyce can let you know which events are available. A picture of and write-up (100 words or less) on the honoree will be needed for the Daily Bulletin.

## Playing in The Nationals In Dallas

The 2014 Spring Nationals will be held in Dallas on March 20-30. 179 Texas players attended the Phoenix fall nationals. Many Texans are regulars at nationals and indeed we have done well. We have many national champions. If you have never attended a national it is a way different affair than sectional or regionals. Players come from all over the US, Mexico and Canada and from countries from every continent. It is a great opportunity to play bridge and meet folks from all over. The experience to be at a tournaments with so many players from all over can be very exciting. It can also be quite rewarding to take a day or two and kibutz the great players. The top national events can be challenging but is always a great experience. The idea is to play the game. If playing in the top events are too daunting, you might try some of the limited events for players under 10,000 or 5000 points. There are regional events that are well attended. So many players play the KO that they have full brackets that cover all Masterpoint ranges. There are 2-session regional pairs that also fill all the Masterpoint ranges.

## Teacher Accreditation Program (TAP) Course

Betty Starzec will be teaching the TAP course on Sunday and Monday prior to the Lone Star Regional. Betty has been teaching the TAP class for years – take advantage of this opportunity to learn a valuable new skill!

When: Sunday, January 26, 1:00 to 5:00 pm and 7:00 to 10:00 pm, and Monday, January 27, 9:00 am to noon.

Cost: \$100

To make reservations call or email:

Beverley Cheatham

281-444-1300

281-380-3660 (cell)

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## Get Ready for A Big Deal in Big D!

If you haven't already marked your calendars and filled out your dance card, now is the time. On March 20-30, 2014, Dallas is hosting the Spring NABC and the bridge world will be watching. The Sheraton will be the host hotel and all events will be played there. Bridge is one of the only games that allows players of any skill level to play against the very best. You might have heard the analogy before – the average golfer will never join Tiger's foursome, but in the world of bridge, you can find yourself at the table with Jeff Meckstroth or Bob Hamman, and with some luck, you might even score an overtrick. (Not likely for most of us, but certainly possible!) It's an opportunity that gives you a thrill. I still

remember playing against Barry Crane, even if I did shake through the entire round. We are expecting 10,000 tables in play over the course of the event. Don't have a partner? No worries. Visit the ACBL website and register for a partner, or just come on down and sign in at the Partnership Desk. There will be volunteers there to find a match for you. Speaking of coming down, let us suggest that you look into DART to get you there if you are driving in daily. The Pearl station is steps from the hotel and you will avoid the traffic, the congestion, and the high price and aggravation of parking downtown!



# Red River Split Regional

Shreveport, LA

February 24, 2014 – March 2, 2014

Holiday Inn-Financial Plaza

I-20 (Exit 10) Service Road 20, South 318-688-3000

**Entry Fees**

\$13/session - ACBL Members

\$17/session - Non-members and Members  
whose dues are not current

\$130 for Sunday Swiss (Team of 4)

### Monday:

1:30 pm Stratified Pairs

1:30 pm 0-299er Pairs

7:00 pm Stratified Charity Open Pairs

7:00 pm 0-299er Charity

### Daily Events :( Tuesday-Saturday )

9:00 am Morning Side Game\*

9:00 am, 1:30 pm, 7:00 pm 299er Single Sessions

1:30 pm Afternoon Side Game

7:00 pm Evening Side Game

\*Must play 2 sessions in same event to be in overalls

### Bracketed Compact Knockouts

1<sup>st</sup> Compact KO Tues 9:00 am & Wed 9:00 am

2<sup>nd</sup> Compact KO Thurs 9:00 am & Fri 9:00 am

### Strati-flighted Swiss Teams

Wed 1:30 & 7:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 am & TBA

### Single Session Swiss Teams

7 pm – Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, &

### Bracketed Knockouts

Bracketed KO

1<sup>ST</sup> Mon. 7 pm; Tues. 9 am, 1:30 pm & 7:00 pm

2<sup>ND</sup> Bracketed KO

Tues. 1:30 & 7:00 pm; Wed. 1:30 & 7 pm

3<sup>RD</sup> Bracketed KO

Thurs 1:30 & 7:00 pm; Fri. 9 am, 1:30 pm

4<sup>TH</sup> Bracketed KO

Fri. 1:30 & 7:00 pm; Sat. 9am & 1:30 pm

### Joint events with Mobile:

Tues, Thur, Fri, and Sat 1:30 pm & 7:00 pm

(Open pairs; Gold Rush Pairs)

### Stratifications:

**Knockout Teams:** Top bracket may be stratified

**Bracketed Compact KO Teams:** A=Open, B=0/2000

(No player in Flight B may have over 2000 points)

**Swiss Teams:** A=2500+, B=750/2500, C=0/750

**Strati-flighted Open Pairs/Gold Rush Pairs:**

A=2000+, AX=0/2000, B=500/750, C=200/500, D=0/200

(Open Pairs averaged) (NO Gold Rush Player may have no more than 750 points)

**Strati-flighted Swiss Teams** A=4000+, AX=0/4000 (A and

AX play together) B=750/2000, C=300/750, D=0/300 (B, C,

and D play together) (*Average points per team with each event*)

0/299ers: A=100/300, B=50-/100, C=0/50 s)

Stratified Pair Games Single Sessions

### Accommodations:

**Holiday Inn, Financial Plaza**

5555 Financial Plaza, Shreveport, LA.

318-688-3000

Room Rates: \$89/night (singles & doubles).

**Please indicate that you are with the Shreveport Bridge Tournament. Reservations must be made by Monday, Feb. 10, 2014 to receive this rate.**

From I-20, take the "Pines Road" Exit (Exit 10); get on Service Road 20-South and the hotel will be on your right in about a quarter mile.

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300+ -- Jan Word: 318-686-2430



## Mexican Holiday Regional

Puerto Vallarta

Nov 4-10, 2013

274 players. 684 tables

1 80.96 Marjorie Michelin, Laguna CA  
 2 80.96 Howard Parker III, Clements CA  
 3 80.83 Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA  
 4 80.63 Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA  
 5 78.12 Ellen Anten, Encino CA  
 6 70.87 Rebecca Rogers, Las Vegas NV  
 7 70.87 John Grantham, Bentonville AR  
 8 70.84 Miguel Reygadas, Tlalpan DF  
 9 70.47 Robert Martel, Mexico City DF  
 10 67.90 Jeffrey Goldsmith, Tujunga CA  
 11 66.73 Gonzalo Herrera, MX  
 12 66.73 Gerry Marshall, Las Varas NA  
 13 66.73 Elena Brucilovsky, Mexico DF  
 14 66.73 Connie Marfell, Milwaukie OR  
 15 55.23 Frances Dickman, San Jose CA  
 16 55.23 Don Nemiro, Hollister CA  
 17 54.62 Edwin Lewis III, Bolton CT  
 18 52.92 John Potter, Panama City FL  
 19 51.42 Mauricio Smid, Mexico DF  
 20 48.48 Enrico Pagani, Mexico DF  
 21 43.38 Vicki Chang, Berkeley CA  
 22 43.38 Donald Steedman, Albany CA  
 23 41.48 Winnie Jasper, Moraga CA  
 24 41.48 Jerry Chamberlain, Moraga CA  
 25 39.08 Kay Enfield, Santa Fe NM  
 26 39.08 Cameron Doner, Richmond BC

**Monday Eve Charity Pairs** -20.0 Tables AB1. Franco Scarfone -Maria Scarfone, Gabriola BC AB2. Paul Vevera, El Dorado Hills CA; Alain Fleurot, Manhattan Beach CA A3. Rebecca Rogers, Las Vegas NV; John Grantham, Bentonville AR A4. Vicki Chang, Berkeley CA; Donald Steedman, Albany CA A5. Mary Ann White -Jimmy Reynolds, Arlington TX B3. Cecil Crowson Jr -Nancy Massey, Morelos Mexico B4C1. Dale Mackenzie -John Lamarre, Barrie ON B5. Thomas Ryder -Suzy Ryder, Boise ID C2. Lucia Teulecke, Laguna Woods CA; Joan Zehring, Laguna Hills CA C3. Margaret Mc Glashan, Indianapolis IN; Jackie Bogin, Los Angeles CA C4. Catherine Johnson, Reno NV; Evelyn Almeleh, Sparks NV C5. Gabriela Castaneda -Maria Elena del Hoyo, Guadalajara Mexico

**Tuesday Morn Side Pairs** -13.0 Tables AB1. Irma Andrews -Peter Andrews, Aptos CA AB2. B J Sanders -Mark Sanders, Austin TX A3. John Taylor, Lago Vista TX; Sue Gerard, Mexico Mexico B3. Gary Lee -Charleen Lee, Gold River CA C1. Phillip Nowell, Ajijic Mexico; Bobbie Chandler, Ajijica Mexico C2. Kathy George, Rochester NY; Norman Webb, Puerto Vallarta Mexico C3. Dale Mackenzie -John Lamarre, Barrie ON

**Tuesday Aft Side Pairs** -14.0 Tables A1. Irma Andrews -Peter Andrews, Aptos CA AB2. Gary Lee -Charleen Lee, Gold River CA AB3C1. Keith Rosenthal -Carol Rosenthal, Sammamish WA C2. William Burns, Orinda CA; Jackie Bogin, Los Angeles CA C3. Betsy Lorenz -Larry Lorenz, Seattle WA

**Tuesday Swiss Teams** -25 Tables A1. Howard Parker III, Clements CA; Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Woods CA; John Grantham, Bentonville AR; Rebecca Rogers, Las Vegas NV A2. Jerry Chamberlain -Winnie Jasper, Moraga CA; Donald Steedman, Albany CA; Vicki Chang, Berkeley CA A3. Miguel Reygadas, Tlalpan Mexico; Robert Martel, Mexico City Mexico; Adriana Salinas, Mexico Mexico; Miriam Rosenberg, Huixquilucan Mexico A4. Lawton Hutchison -Barbara Hutchison, Austin TX; Patricia Scullion -Lynn Brown, Palm Coast FL; Constance Hrabchak, Cape Vincent NY A5. Margery Gould, Los Angeles CA; Dan Lubesnik, Glendale CA; Sandra Franciscus -Jeanette Deverian, Pasadena CA B1/2 Sue Gerard, Mexico Mexico; John Taylor, Lago Vista TX; Mark Sanders -B J Sanders, Austin TX B1/2 Jack Paulus, Detroit MI; Linda Schanz -Sandra Tuft -Meg Harrington, Las Vegas NV B3/4 Mary Heiney -Bob Albert, Laguna Beach CA; Judy Alvord, Laguna Niguel CA; Ginnie Blitzman, Mission Viejo CA C1. Donald Parsons -David Dickey -John Swanson -Dorene Beavers, Reno NV B2/3 John Jonas -Linda Jonas, Dana Point CA; Stephen Young, Chatham NJ; Stephanie Austin, West Caldwell NJ B2/3 Gilles Aubin, Cuernavaca Mexico; Doris Lemelin -Linda Mott -Diana Lecuona, Laredo TX

**Monday Tuesday KO Brkt #1** -9 Tables 1. Gonzalo Herrera, Naucal-

pan Mexico; Elena Brucilovsky, Mexico Mexico; Connie Marfell, Milwaukie OR; Gerry Marshall, Las Varas Mexico 2. Kay Enfield -John Jacobson -Joy McHaffie -Art McHaffie, Santa Fe NM; Cameron Doner, Richmond BC 3/4 Gaylord Brockway, Phoenix AZ; Mary Anderson -Dagmar Rettberg, Chapala Mexico; Patricia Mitchell, Rancho Palos Ve CA 3/4 Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA; Ellen Anten, Encino CA; Jeffrey Goldsmith, Tujunga CA

**Monday Tuesday KO Brkt #2** -12 Tables 1. Richard Peacock -Lucy Peacock, Grosse Pnte Pk MI; Penelope Rudolph -Fred Batten, Grosse Pointe MI 2. William Heim -Charles Chartier, Ajijic Mexico; Loren Arthur Perry, Chapala Mexico; Stephen Segall, Laredo TX 3/4 Robert Calt -Christie McGue, Traverse City MI; David McDougall -Syndi McDougall, Petawawa ON 3/4 Ellen Hutt, Georgetown ON; Marianne Hodgson, Keewatin ON; Janet Mitchell -Richard Mitchell, Laredo TX

**Tuesday Eve Open Pairs** -8.0 Tables / Based on 22 Tables A1. Sharon Gaunt, Tacoma WA; Edith DeShaw, Seattle WA A2BC1. Maria Elena del Hoyo -Gabriela Castaneda, Guadalajara Mexico A3B2. Alfredo Ringel -Deborah Ringel, Guadalajara Mexico B3C2. Linda Legare, Calgary AB; Fred Halperin, Conroe TX

**Tue Evening Side Series** -6.0 Tables A1. Rick Weiss, Reno NV; Robert Gruskay, West Hartford CT A2. Ray Boehne, Oceanside CA; Betty Jackson, Pebble Beach CA B2. Franco Scarfone -Maria Scarfone, Gabriola BC C1. Cynthia Swezey -Rene Reid, Reno NV C2. Martin Hurwitz, Woodland Hls CA; Anne Hurwitz, Woodland Hills CA

**Wednesday Aft Side Pairs** -11.0 Tables ABC1. Philip D'Agostino -Colleen D'Agostino, Grosse Pointe MI AB2. Suzy Ryder -Thomas Ryder, Boise ID AB3C2. Keith Rosenthal -Carol Rosenthal, Sammamish WA C3/4 Mary Lu Saavedra -Howard Botz, Ajijic Mexico C3/4 Gerard Leclercq -Pedro Aldrete, Guadalajara Mexico

**Wednesday Aft 199er Pairs** -5.0 Tables D1/2 Michael Curry, Catoosa OK; Dianne Marie Bostic, Tulsa OK D1/2EF1. Karen Casey -Harmalene Mathias, Novato CA EF2. Martin Dyer, Sacramento CA; Roberta Jensen, Miami FL

**Wednesday Eve Open Pairs** -10.0 Tables / Based on 26 Tables A1. Susan Somogyi, Encino CA; Martin Blain, Sherman Oaks CA A2. Miguel Reygadas, Tlalpan Mexico; Robert Martel, Mexico City Mexico A3/4 Mary Ann White -Jimmy Reynolds, Arlington TX A3/4 Victoria Sager, Farmington WA; Jean McCullough, Scottsdale AZ B1. Linda Shallit, Belfair WA; Carolyn McClurkan, Bremerton WA B2. Franco Scarfone -Maria Scarfone, Gabriola BC B3. Dan Lubesnik, Glendale CA; Sandra Franciscus, Pasadena CA C1. Catherine Johnson, Reno NV; Evelyn Almeleh, Sparks NV C2. Karen Macdonald, Cranbrook BC; Keith Coates, Ajijic Mexico

**Wednesday Eve Side Pairs** -7.0 Tables AB1. Paul Vevera, El Dorado Hills CA; Alain Fleurot, Manhattan Beach CA A2. Constance Hrabchak, Cape Vincent NY; Nancy Jones, Palm Desert CA B2C1. Sue Kay Reeder -Gladys Freeman, Arlington TX C2. Margaret Mc Glashan, Indianapolis IN; Jackie Bogin, Los Angeles CA

**Wednesday Eve Swiss Teams** -8 Tables A1. Helene Drake -George Drake, Phoenix AZ; Chris McNaughton -Judy McNaughton, Scottsdale AZ A2BC1. Richard Peacock -Lucy Peacock, Grosse Pnte Pk MI; Fred Batten -Penelope Rudolph, Grosse Pointe C2. Ginnie Blitzman, Mission Viejo CA; Judy Alvord, Laguna Niguel CA; Sharon Rippy -Jack Rippy, San Clemente CA

**Wednesday Morn Side Pairs** -9.5 Tables ABC1. Berry Gubbins, Parksville BC; Naida Gubbins, Partsville BC ABC2. Kathy George, Rochester NY; Norman Webb, Puerto Vallarta Mexico

**Thursday Morn Side Pairs** -8.0 Tables A1. Gary Lee -Charleen Lee, Gold River CA A2B1. Grace Martin, Sparks NV; Jackie Bogin, Los Ange-

les CA B2C1. Patricia Mitchell, Rancho Palos Ve CA; Dagmar Rettberg, Chapala Mexico B3C2. Kathy George, Rochester NY; Norman Webb, Puerto Vallarta Mexico C3. Fred Batten, Grosse Pointe MI; Margaret Adlloch, Grosse Pte Frms MI

**Thu Aft Side Series** -10.0 Tables ABC1. Robert Calt -Christie McGue, Traverse City MI A2. Ray Boehne, Oceanside CA; Betty Jackson, Pebble Beach CA A3BC2. Kathy George, Rochester NY; Norman Webb, Puerto Vallarta Mexico B3/4 Al Goldspiel, Puerto Vallarta Mexico; Lynda Orr, Vancouver BC B3/4 Sue Kay Reeder -Gladys Freeman, Arlington TX

**Thu Aft 199er Pairs -4.0 Tables A1.** Michael Curry, Catoosa OK; Dianne Marie Bostic, Tulsa OK B1. Ralph Lipe -Lynda Lipe, Bellevue WA C1. Martin Dyer, Sacramento CA; Roberta Jensen, Miami FL

**Thursday Eve Open Pairs** -14.0 Tables / Based on 28 Tables A1. Mike Roney, Ajijic Mexico; Jacobo Podbilevich, Edo. De Mexico Mexico A2. Jimmy Reynolds -Mary Ann White, Arlington TX A3B1. Carolyn McClurkan, Bremerton WA; Linda Shallit, Belfair WA A4B2C1. Cynthia Swezey -Rene Reid, Reno NV 3 2 David Dickey -Donald Parsons, Reno NV Franco Scarfone -Maria Scarfone, Gabriola BC B3. Judy Carroll Taquino -Janice Fletcher, San Antonio TX

**Thursday Eve Side Series** -9.5 Tables A1. Enrico Pagani -Mauricio Smid, Mexico Mexico A2. John Grantham, Bentonville AR; Rebecca Rogers, Las Vegas NV A3. Edwin Lewis III, Bolton CT; Robert Gruskay, West Hartford CT 1 Martin Hurwitz, Woodland Hls CA; Rick Weiss, Reno NV B2. Paul Vevera, El Dorado Hills CA; Alain Fleurot, Manhattan Beach CA B3. Miriam Pagani -Moises Ganc Kolodier, Mexico Mexico C1. Morton Crair -Thelma Maltz, Los Angeles CA C2. Dorene Beavers, Reno NV; Grace Martin, Sparks NV

**Friday Morn Side Pairs** -11.5 Tables ABC1. Iain Morris, Ajijic Mexico; Judith Wells, Chapala Mexico A2. John Taylor, Lago Vista TX; Sue Gerard, Mexico Mexico A3BC2. Kathy George, Rochester NY; Norman Webb, Puerto Vallarta Mexico BC3. Lisa Frese, Lake Barrington IL; Diane Treslor, Rolling Meadows IL

**Fri Aft Side Series** -15.5 Tables AB1. Linda Lake, Southampton NY; Rene Franco, San Diego CA A2. Ray Boehne, Oceanside CA; Betty Jackson, Pebble Beach CA A3B2. Paul Vevera, El Dorado Hills CA; Alain Fleurot, Manhattan Beach CA A4B3C1. Robert Calt -Christie McGue, Traverse City MI A5B2. Berry Gubbins, Parksville BC; Naida Gubbins, Partsville BC B3. Raymond Wickland, Galiano BC; Gerard Leclercq, Guadalajara Mexico

**Friday Eve Open Pairs** -11.0 Tables / Based on 30 Tables A. Jeanette Deverian, Pasadena CA; Margery Gould, Los Angeles CA A2B1. Miriam Pagani -Moises Ganc Kolodner, Mexico Mexico A3B2. Dan Lubesnik, Glendale CA; Sandra Franciscus, Pasadena CA A4. Marjorie Blunt, Federal Way WA; Edith DeShaw, Seattle WA A5B2. Karen Snyder, Spicewood TX; Nancy Boothe, Houston TX B3C1. Lucia Teulecke, Laguna Woods CA; Joan Zehring, Laguna Hills B4. Suzy Ryder -Thomas Ryder, Boise ID B5. Cecil Crowson Jr -Nancy Massey, Morelos Mexico C2. John Butler -Cindy Butler, Garland TX 46.30%

**Friday Eve Side Pairs** -8.0 Tables ABC1. Gabriela Castaneda -Maria Elena del Hoyo, Guadalajara Mexico A2. Ray Boehne, Oceanside CA; Betty Jackson, Pebble Beach CA B2. Paul Vevera, El Dorado Hills CA; Alain Fleurot, Manhattan Beach CA C2. Jorge Rosen -Juan Carlos Oejo, Mexico Mexico

**Thursday Swiss Teams** -15 Tables A1. Adriana Salinas -Stefan Reich, Mexico Mexico; Gloria Kreimerman, Tecamachalco Mexico; Miriam Rosenberg, Huixquilucan Mexico A2. Martin Blain, Sherman Oaks CA; Susan Somogyi, Encino CA; Helene Drake -George Drake, Phoenix AZ B1. Lucy Peacock -Richard Peacock, Grosse Pnte Pk MI; Penelope Rudolph -Fred Batten, Grosse Pointe MI B2. Sue Gerard, Mexico Mexico;

John Taylor, Lago Vista TX; B J Sanders -Mark Sanders, Austin TX C1. Stephen Segall, Laredo TX; Charles Chartier -William Heim, Ajijic Mexico; Loren Arthur Perry, Chapala Mexico

**Fri -Sat Morn Swiss Team** -6 Tables AB1. Ken Rosenfeld, San Jose CA; Joel Koransky, Saratoga CA; Neale Van Delft -Jo Ann Van Delft, Mahwah NJ C1. Richard Peacock, Grosse Pnte Pk MI; Fred Batten -Mary Fromm, Grosse Pointe MI; Margaret Adlloch, Grosse Pte Frms MI

**Saturday Morn Side Pairs** -7.0 Tables ABC1. Kathy George, Rochester NY; Norman Webb, Puerto Vallarta Mexico A2. Robert Todd, Tallahassee FL; Marcie Musser, Aspen CO B2. Stephen Penning, Laredo TX; Gaylord Brockway, Phoenix AZ C2. Mary Seggerman, Houston TX; Anne Bergman, Houlton WI

**Morning KO** -12 Tables 1. Howard Parker III, Clements CA; Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Woods CA; Edwin Lewis III, Bolton CT; John Potter, Panama City FL 2. John Jacobson -Joy McHaffie -Kay Enfield -Art McHaffie, Santa Fe NM; Cameron Doner, Richmond BC 3/4 Ellen Anten, Encino CA; Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA; Mark Itabashi, 11 CA; John Grantham, Bentonville AR; Rebecca Rogers, Las Vegas NV 3/4 David McDougall -Syndi McDougall, Petawawa ON; Robert Calt -Christie McGue, Traverse City MI

**Saturday Aft Side Pairs** -12.0 Tables AB1. Constance Hrabchak, Cape Vincent NY; Juan Carlos Oejo, Mexico Mexico AB2C1. Phillip Nowell, Ajijic Mexico; Bobbie Chandler, Ajijica Mexico AB3C2. Douglas Larson -Janet Larson, Olympia WA

**Guayabitas Compact KO** -15 Tables 1. Martin Blain, Sherman Oaks CA; Susan Somogyi, Encino CA; Edwin Lewis III, Bolton CT; John Potter, Panama City FL 2. David Hoogenberg -Lewis Crippen -Trudy Crippen, Ajijic Mexico; Diane Van Brocklin, Chapala Mexico 3. Gonzalo Herrera, Naucalpan Mexico; Elena Brucilovsky, Mexico Mexico; Gerry Marshall, Las Varas Mexico; Connie Marfell, Milwaukie OR 4 Sandra Franciscus -Jeanette Deverian, Pasadena CA; Margery Gould, Los Angeles CA; Dan Lubesnik, Glendale CA

**Saturday Eve Open Pairs** -10.0 Tables / Based on 22 Tables AB1. Dorothea Waxler -Katherine Keeler, Toronto ON A2. Mike Roney, Ajijic Mexico; Jacobo Podbilevich, Edo. De Mexico Mexico A3. Gloria Kreimerman, Tecamachalco Mexico; Stefan Reich, Mexico Mexico B2. Luis Kaufer -S Kaufer, Mexico Mexico B3. Franco Scarfone -Maria Scarfone, Gabriola C1. Keith Coates, Ajijic Mexico; Karen Macdonald, Cranbrook BC C2. Gonzalo Herrera -Maribel Herrera, Huixquilucan Mexico

**Saturday Eve Side Pairs** -5.0 Tables A1/2 Lynn Brown, Palm Coast FL; Barbara Hutchison, Austin TX A1/2BC1. Robert Kromm, St Clair Shrs MI; Barbara Reed, Grosse Pte Park MI

**Saturday Eve Swiss Teams** -9 Tables A1. Mary Ann White -Jimmy Reynolds, Arlington TX; N Richard Nelson -Norinne Anderson Nelson, Tlay Mexico A2. Helene Drake -George Drake, Phoenix AZ; Judy McNaughton -Chris McNaughton, Scottsdale AZ B1. Jack Paulus, Detroit MI; Meg Harrington -Linda Schanz -Sandra Tuft, Las Vegas NV B2. Gaylord Brockway, Phoenix AZ; Patricia Mitchell, Rancho Palos Ve CA; Mary Anderson -Dagmar Rettberg, Chapala Mexico C1. Judy Alvord, Laguna Niguel CA; Ginnie Blitzman, Mission Viejo CA; Jack Rippy -Sharon Rippy, San Clemente CA

**Evening Side Game Series** -22.25 Tables / Based on 21 Tables 1. Robert Gruskay, West Hartford CT 2/3 Betty Jackson, Pebble Beach CA 2/3 Ray Boehne, Oceanside CA 4. Rick Weiss, Reno NV 5. Lynn Brown, Palm Coast FL

**Morning Side Game Series** -22.75 Tables / Based on 20 Tables 1/2 Norman Webb, Puerto Vallarta Mexico 1/2 Kathy George, Rochester NY 3/4 Sue Gerard, Mexico Mexico 3/4 John Taylor, Lago Vista TX 5/6 Charleen Lee, Gold River CA 5/6 Gary Lee,

Gold River CA

**Afternoon Side Series** -32.50 Tables / Based on 30 Tables Rank Names Score 1/2 Betty Jackson, Pebble Beach CA 1/2 Ray Boehne, Oceanside CA 3/4 Christie McGue, Traverse City MI 3/4 Robert Calt, Traverse City MI 5/6 Carol Rosenthal, Sammamish WA 5/6 Keith Rosenthal, Sammamish WA 119.92%

**Wed -Thurs KO Bracket #1** -9 Tables 1. Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA; Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Jeffrey Goldsmith, Tujunga CA; Ellen Anten, Encino CA; Frances Dickman, San Jose CA; Don Nemiro, Hollister CA 2. Gonzalo Herrera, Naucalpan Mexico; Elena Brucilovsky, Mexico Mexico; Gerry Marshall, Las Varas Mexico; Connie Marfell, Milwaukie OR 3/4 Howard Parker III, Clements CA; Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Woods CA; Rebecca Rogers, Las Vegas NV; John Grantham, Bentonville AR 3/4 Edwin Lewis III, Bolton CT; N Richard Nelson -Norinne Anderson Nelson, Tlay Mexico; John Potter, Panama City FL

**Wed -Thurs KO Bracket #2** -9 Tables 1. Winnie Jasper -Jerry Chamberlain, Moraga CA; Vicki Chang, Berkeley CA; Donald Steedman, Albany CA 2. Gaylord Brockway, Phoenix AZ; Patricia Mitchell, Rancho Palos Ve CA; Mary Anderson -Dagmar Rettberg, Chapala Mexico 3/4 Stephen Lurie -April Delp -George Delp, Gainesville GA; Maureen Connolly, Lakemont GA 3/4 Irma Andrews -Peter Andrews, Aptos CA; Wanda Zakrzewski, Chapala Mexico; Helen Malcolm, Jalisco Mexico

**Wed -Thurs KO Bracket #3** -15 Tables 1. Douglas Larson -Janet Larson, Olympia WA; Jeffrey Wiegel -Christy Wiegel, Tualatin OR 2. Bernard Lefebvre -Mary Leverington, Edmonton AB; Frank Paco Jordan, Laredo TX; Anne Hurwitz, Woodland Hills CA 3/4 Rick Weiss, Reno NV; Martin Hurwitz, Woodland Hls CA; Robert Gruskay, West Hartford CT; Henrietta Morris, Arlington TX 3/4 Alfredo Ringel -Deborah Ringel -Maria Elena del Hoyo -Gabriela Castaneda, Guadalajara Mexico

**Cancun KO Bkt 1** -9 Tables 1. Enrico Pagani -Mauricio Smid, Mexico Mexico; Miguel Reygadas, Tlalpan Mexico; Robert Martel, Mexico City Mexico 2. John Grantham, Bentonville AR; Rebecca Rogers, Las Vegas NV; Howard Parker III, Clements CA; Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Woods CA 3/4 Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Frances Dickman, San Jose CA; Don Nemiro, Hollister CA; Ellen Anten, Encino CA; Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA; Jeffrey Goldsmith, Tujunga CA 3/4 Helene Drake -George Drake, Phoenix AZ; Judy McNaughton -Chris McNaughton, Scottsdale AZ

**Cancun KO Bkt 2** -9 Tables 1. Winnie Jasper -Bjerry Chamberlain, Moraga CA; Vicki Chang, Berkeley CA; Donald Steedman, Albany CA 2. Irma Andrews -Peter Andrews, Aptos CA; Helen Malcolm, Jalisco Mexico; Wanda Zakrzewski, Chapala Mexico 3/4 George Delp -April Delp -Stephen Lurie, Gainesville GA; Maureen Connolly, Lakemont GA 3/4 Gaylord Brockway, Phoenix AZ; Mary Anderson -Dagmar Rettberg, Chapala Mexico; Patricia Mitchell, Rancho Palos Ve CA

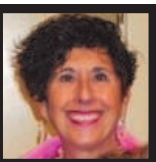
**Cancun KO Bkt 3** -9 Tables 1. Richard Peacock -Lucy Peacock, Grosse Pnte Pk MI; Fred Batten -Penelope Rudolph, Grosse Pointe MI 2. Stephen Segall, Laredo TX; Charles Chartier -William Heim, Ajijic Mexico; Loren Arthur Perry, Chapala Mexico 3/4 Donald Parsons -David Dickey -Catherine Johnson, Reno NV; Evelyn Almeleh, Sparks NV 4.11 3/4 Rick Weiss -Cynthia Swezey -Rene Reid, Reno NV; Martin Hurwitz, Woodland Hls CA

**Sunday Swiss Teams** -33 Tables A1. Mitch Dunitz, Sherman Oaks CA; Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA; Don Nemiro, Hollister CA; Frances Dickman, San Jose CA; Jeffrey Goldsmith, Tujunga CA; Ellen Anten, Encino CA A2. Enrico Pagani -Mauricio Smid, Mexico Mexico; Miguel Reygadas, Tlalpan Mexico; Robert Martel, Mexico City Mexico A3. Gonzalo Herrera, Naucalpan

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<b>Unit 172</b> <b>San Antonio</b>
Rebecca Brown



I keep telling myself that it is good to know one's limits. To be humbled is not to be humiliated. That said, it was rather uncomfortable to be reminded that I am not ready for "prime time." I just returned last night from the Fall NABCs in Phoenix. It was not my first NABC, but it was the first time I played in a national event, rather than the regionally-rated ones. The energy in the room was palpable! We played in the Keohane Swiss team event, a six session event with two qualifying rounds. At the first table, my opponents looked rather disdainfully at my doo-dad, stick-em adorned convention card, snidely remarking that "you must go to a lot of tournaments!" I was so nervous that their tone and attitudes were lost on me. Little did I realize that the average MP holding for participants was over 10,000 --and I mean per person, not per team! Well, suffice to say we didn't qualify to go on, but we were in good company. Actually, once I settled down, I really enjoyed it. And, most of the players were much nicer than our first opponents. Later in the week, I was fascinated as I watched the finals of the Keohane Swiss and the Reisinger BAM events, played behind screens. What a great opportunity to kibbitz some of the world's greatest players, including some of our very own. Indeed, super congrats to Venkatrao Koneru, whose team placed fourth in the Reisinger! Other San Antonio players who finished in the overalls in national events include Ira and Ellen Hessel (Mixed Pairs); Ira Hessel (Keohane Swiss and Open BAM); Donna Swarhout and Ellen Hessel (Women's Pairs and Women's BAM); Greg Hinze (Blue Ribbon pairs); Terry Riely and partner, Jo Smith, Abilene (Super Senior Pairs).

Lots of other San Antonio area players were lucky enough to go to the

NABCs, too. Sightings included: Dave Swarhout, Roxana and Roxie Tom, Janise Saul, Ann Gary, Kay Laird and Rich Curtin(KO winners), Diane Olson, Jodie McMahon, Donna McBride, Jean Blilie, Carolyn Riely, Fran Vanecko, George and Karen Fillis, Tom Trudeau, Jo Neesvig (who got to the finals of the Senior Mixed Pairs with a pick-up partner!), Homer and Stephanie Stevens, and the ever-present, always busy at work, Tom Marsh. All in all, I had lots of fun, played lots of bridge and consider that the trip was time well spent. I hope you will plan to attend at least some of the Spring NABCs in Dallas (March 20-30). Though I did not make a complete survey, what I did notice is that the experts I watched did not have doodads on their convention cards. Next time, I am just carrying an uncovered convention card and a crumpled piece of paper on which I will record my scores with a lump of charcoal. When in Rome...I hate to be so obvious a bridge tourist!

Back to the real world. The Fiesta Bridge Club hosted its Fall Sectional in November, showing off its newly enlarged playing area. There were 228 tables in play, with fabulous hospitality and good spirits. Top master point winners: Ira and Ellen Hessel (21.29), followed closely by Bill Walker (21.07), and Venkatrao Koneru (20.56)

Upcoming events: San Antonio Winter Fun Sectional/ District 16 NAP Finals (January 17-20, 2014 at the Omni Hotel); Kerrville Sectional (March 13-16, Inn of the Hills)

SEE YOU AT THE TABLE!

**Fiesta Fall Sectional**

San Antonio  
November 21-24 2013  
203 players 228 tables.

- 1 21.29 Ira Hessel
- 2 21.29 Ellen Hessel
- 3 21.07 Bill Walker
- 4 20.56 Virginia Noelke
- 5 20.56 Venkatrao Koneru

- 6 18.84 Patty Hinze
- 7 18.84 Greg Hinze
- 8 17.23 Marilyn Arnold
- 9 15.31 Stephen Simpson
- 10 14.72 Dave Swarhout
- Thursday Morning Open Prs-29.5**  
Tables A1. Marilyn Arnold-Bill Walker A2. Ellen Hessel-Ira Hessel B1. Charles Loeffler-Tommy Splittgerber B2. Tessa Bodnar-Leslie Tramer C1. Evelyn Irene White-Jim Roff C2. Polly McCamey New Braunfels -Richard Greenbauer
- Thursday Stratified Swiss-25** Tables A1. Venkatrao Koneru-Marilyn Arnold-Virginia Noelke-Bill Walker A2. Ed Rawlinson-Gary Anziani-Donna Swarhout-Dave Swarhout B1. K Carpenter-Georgia Baron-Stephen Simpson-Prema Durairaj B2/3 Dorothy Rippstein-Beula Mae Pearce-Susan Spencer-Jo Neesvig B2/3 Dee Baker-Anyemarie Weaver-Penny Smith-Linda Williams C1. Marjorie Miller-Arleen Schafer-Bob Steidel-Stewart Windeler C2. Jim Gorman-Rowena Gorman-Ruth Eilene Sullivan-Barbara Altgelt
- Friday Afternoon Open Prs-24.0** Tables AB1. Karen Fillis-George Rauschuber B2C1. James Thigpen-Barbara Thigpen C2. Stephen Simpson-David Herron
- Friday Morning Open Prs-25.0** Tables A1. James La Fountain-Jon Richard Ware A2. Sheryleen Grothus-Fran Vanecko BC1. David Herron-Stephen Simpson B2. Rene Wallace-Charles Loeffler C2. George Sullivan-Andrea Sullivan
- Saturday AM Open Pairs-25.5** Tables / Based on 17 Tables A1. Venkatrao Koneru-Virginia Noelke A2. Gary Anziani-Ed Rawlinson B1. Larry Levin-Josephine Grabow B2. Jeri Tribo-Fran Vanecko C1. Stephen Simpson-Georgia Baron C2. Patricia Wilker-Joyce Stukenholtz
- Saturday AM 299r Pairs-5.0** Tables AB1. Jan Wingate-June Reimer AB2C1. Kenneth King-Barbara Boren C2. Christine Williamson-Fred Williamson
- Fri/Sat KO-Bracket 1-5** Tables 1. Paul Kelley Jr-Rosemary Kelley-Kenneth McBride-Donna McBride 2.

**Kerrville Spring in the Hills**

March 13-16, 2014  
Inn of the Hills  
1001 Junction Hwy 1-800-292-5690  
Bridge Rate: \$79 (Book by 2/10/14)  
Includes continental breakfast

**Thursday, March 13**

Stratified Pairs 10 am  
Stratified Swiss Teams 2:30 pm

**Friday, March 14**

Stratified Pairs 10 am & 2:30 pm  
Wildflower Knockout Teams 10 am, 2:30 pm & 7:30 pm (sessions 1,2, & 3)  
Fast Pairs (24 boards, finished aprox. 10pm) 7:30 pm

**Saturday, March 15**

Stratified Pairs 10 am & 2:30 pm  
Mesquite Knockout Teams 10 am, 2:30 pm & 7:30 pm (sessions 1,2, & 3)  
Fast Pairs (24 boards, finished aprox. 10pm) 7:30 pm

**Sunday, March 16**

Margaret Higgins Stratified Swiss Teams 10 am & TBA

299er pairs will be held with 3 table minimum  
Card Fees: \$11/person/session, \$120/team Sunday Swiss (includes lunch)  
Non or unpaid ACBL members add \$3  
Stratifications: A: 2000+; B: 500-2000; C: 0-500 (averaging)  
KO events are handicapped

**Host Hotel**

Inn of the Hills - Room rate includes continental breakfast (book by 2/10/14)

**Tournament Chair**

David Ewing 830-285-4718 [ewingd@stx.rr.com](mailto:ewingd@stx.rr.com)

**Partnership Chair**

Richard Hamm 830-895-2085

**Director in Charge:** Tom Marsh

**FIESTA FALL SECTIONAL WINNERS**



Paul Kelley, Ken McBride  
Rosemary Kelley, Donna McBride  
KO (Brkt 1)



Bill Walker, Marilyn Arnold  
Thursday Morning Pairs (A)



Bill Walker, Marilyn Arnold  
Babu Koneru, Ginny Noelke  
Thursday Swiss (A)



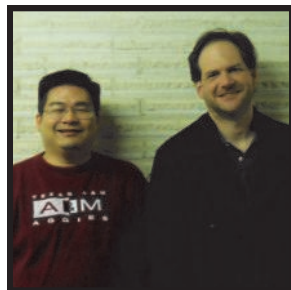
Jimmy La Fountain, Richard Ware  
Friday Morning Pairs (A)



Karen & George Fillis  
Friday Afternoon Pairs (A/B)



Ginny Noelke, Babu Koneru  
Saturday Morning Pairs (A)



Hank Eng, Brian Bankler  
Saturday Afternoon Pairs (A/B)



Rich Curtin, Roxie Tom  
Pat Prichard, Kay Laird  
KO (Brkt 2)



Rebecca Brown, Phyllis Giffin,  
Tom Trudeau, Phil Brown  
Sunday Swiss (B)



Tommy Splittgerber, Charles Loeffler  
Thursday Morning Pairs (B)



Georgia Baron, Prema Durairaj  
Kim Carpenter, Steve Simpson  
Thursday Swiss (B)



Dave Herron, Steve Simpson  
Friday Morning Pairs (B/C)



Larry Levin, Jo Grabow  
Saturday Morning Pairs (B)



Jacquelyn Fisher, Steve Simpson  
Sunday Swiss (C)



Jim Roff, Irene White  
Thursday Morning Pairs (C)



Marge Miller, Stewart Windeler  
Thursday Swiss (C)



Barbara & James Thigpen  
Friday Afternoon Pairs (C)



Georgia Baron, Steve Simpson  
Saturday Morning Pairs (C)



S.K. Sharma, Raj Durairaj  
Saturday Afternoon Pairs (C)



Barbara Boren, Ken King  
Saturday Morning 299er (C)



June Reimer, Jan Wingate  
Saturday Morning 299er (A/B)









Ellen Hessel, Patty Hinze  
Ira Hessel, Greg Hinze  
Sunday Swiss (A)



# Houston Unit 174 to Hold Board Election April 4-6, 2014

The members of Unit 174, whose participating clubs include Baytown, Bryan/College Station, Clear Lake, Conroe, Galveston, Houston, Kingwood, Lake Jackson, Livingston, Pasadena, Spring, Stafford, and Sugar Land, will have an opportunity to vote for three members of the Board of Directors April 4-6, 2014, during the Election Sectional at the Marriott Westchase. The three newly elected members will join Chuck Ensor, Beverley Cheatham, Bill Riley, Kathy Hughes, Tom Martinsen, and Nancy Strohm to complete the full nine-member board. Betty Starzec, Chairman of this year's Nominating Committee, consisting of Jane Armstrong, Bob Dowlen, Carolyn Lanier, Shawn Quinn, Stephen Reichel and Linda Sutton, urges all Unit 174 members to vote, either in person, early online, or by absentee ballot. To vote in person, you should plan to be at the tournament site during the hour before each session on Friday and Saturday or one hour before the Sunday morning session. To vote early on-line, go to [www.acblunit174.org](http://www.acblunit174.org), place your mouse over 'MyUnit174' on the right side of the menu bar, click on "BOD Election", and follow instructions. To vote absentee, follow the procedure outlined below. Winners will be announced prior to the second session on Sunday, April 6. In order for your vote to be counted, you must vote for exactly three candidates. The candidates have been given an opportunity to introduce themselves and say a few words about their philosophies, goals and backgrounds. They are listed alphabetically and have been restricted to 100 words.

Bob Armstrong	Rhonda Bryant	John Caudill	Keith Everett	Anne Gorry	Daniel Jackson
					
I am a retired vice-president of Fluor Corporation who has the time and energy to provide the effort required as a member of the board. I have served on two boards in the past and was president of one. That experience gives me the understanding of what it takes to be effective in the role. I found that the most effective way to serve came from listening to the thoughts and concerns of the people who elected you. I look forward to the opportunity, with your support, to serve you on the Unit 174 Board.	I play several times a week at various places in Unit 174. Bridge has intrigued me since I learned I could talk with the cards. I would like the opportunity to serve the unit as one of its directors. With my enthusiasm for the game and for the players in this area, I feel like I can make a contribution in this service. I am comfortable providing leadership to an organization. I have served in positions of volunteering and leadership before within the American Women's Association in Doha, including the position of President.	I have recently retired from the practice of Pediatric Medicine. I started bridge this spring with classes from Gary King and then instructional play from Kay Johnson. As this classifies me as a beginner, I can offer the board a fresh, new viewpoint. I am excited about bridge because of the many kind and friendly people who have helped me get started. I am most appreciative for what I have received and would like to be there for other people just starting out. Thank you for your time and interest.	I have five years of experience on the Board of Directors of the Bridge Club of Houston including two years as President. I also have over 30 years of experience as a Project Manager of multi-million dollar projects for three major corporations. I love duplicate bridge and my goal is to support the game whenever possible. The Houston Metro area is growing and this can be turned into an advantage for promoting duplicate bridge. We can increase membership by providing incentives for area clubs to hold lessons for new players and reaching experienced players new to Houston by targeted advertising.	I have benefited greatly from experts and mentors in the bridge-playing community. I want to give back to Unit 174 and to Houston. I would bring organizational and leadership skills to the work of the Board. As Director of Computing at Baylor College of Medicine, I managed large, diverse teams to provide computer and networking support throughout the medical school. My 30-year career as a manager and later as a consultant was devoted to computing, and I understand the technology that plays an increasing role in the world of bridge. I am eager to contribute and would appreciate your vote.	I was born in Houston and grew up in San Antonio. I moved back here to attend college at Rice and have never left. Back in the late 80s and early 90s I worked at the hospitality and partnership desks at some tournaments with my wife, Debbie. Now that our children are grown, I can devote more time to give back to the game that has given me so much enjoyment. If elected, I will work hard and do everything I can to ensure the success of Unit 174. I would appreciate your vote.

### Absentee Voting Procedure

Any member may vote by Absentee Ballot. To vote absentee, a member must contact the Election Judges by U.S. mail, e-mail, or telephone requesting an Official Ballot. If the Voter is a member in good standing an Official Ballot will be sent to the Voter at the voter's address of record, in a small unsealed envelope. Upon receiving the Official Ballot, the Voter should complete the ballot, seal it inside the small envelope provided, and place the small sealed envelope inside another envelope addressed to the Election Judges. The back flap of the outside envelope must be signed by the Voter. If no signature is provided, the ballot will not be counted. The Absentee Ballot must be postmarked no later than March 21, and must be received by the Election Judges no later than April 2 in order to be counted. The Election Judges are Owen and Pat Bunn: 15238 Springhill Bend Ln, Cypress, TX; 77429-1575; 281-357-0591, [owenbunn@comcast.net](mailto:owenbunn@comcast.net) or [patbunn@comcast.net](mailto:patbunn@comcast.net).

Patty Hinze-Greg Hinze-Ellen Hessel -Ira Hessel

**Fri/Sat KO-Bracket 2-5** Tables 1. Roxie Tom-Pat Prichard-Kay Laird-Richard Curtin 2. Robert Otis-Mary Lou Daugherty-Myra Ribak-James Gardner

**Saturday Aft Open Pairs-23.5** Tables AB1. Brian Bankler-Hank Eng A2. Dave Swarouth-Donna Swarouth B2. Larry Levin-Ronnie Burns C1. Sisir Sharma-Govindasamy Durairaj C2. Georgia Baron-Stephen Simpson

**Sunday Stratified Swiss-25** Tables A1. Greg Hinze-Patty Hinze-Ellen Hessel-Ira Hessel A2. Virginia

Noelke-Mitch Towner-Phillip Grothus-Venkatrao Koneru B1. Thomas Trudeau-Rebecca Brown-Phil Brown-Phyllis Giffin B2/4 George Fillis-Bill McCarty-Karen Fillis-Daniel Jackson B2/4 Anyemarie Weaver-Dee Baker-Penny

Unit 174  
Houston

Carol Ann  
Wilson



Smith-Linda Williams B2/4 Stephen Simmons -Dolly Simmons-Anne McCullough-Dorothy Rippstein C1. Stephen Simpson-Jacquelyn Fisher-David Herron-Ginny Littrell C2. Debbie Schweiss-Georgia Baron-Stephanie Stevens -Homer Stevens

We are getting ready for **Our Favorite Regional** January 27 through February 2 at the Westchase Marriott in

Houston and hope to have the biggest tournament ever! Come on out and join us for fun, renewing friendships, and many masterpoints.

Although it may be over by the time you read this, we are especially proud of our qualifiers for the North American Pairs from Unit 174 who will be competing in San Antonio, with 16 in Flight A, 21 in Flight B, and 11 in Flight C. We wish them the best as they continue in this excellent competition.

### Club & Other Successes

**Houston Bridge Studio** will be competing in the INTERCLUB CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES beginning in January, with the first such game on January 13. These games will continue to be hosted at Houston Bridge Studio whenever their schedule permits, and are usually held twice a month. Game results will be scored "across the field" through the miracle of the Internet to determine overall rankings at all participating clubs on the same day. Hand records will be available, including hand analysis by Deep Finesse. These fun games permit the excitement of face-to-face competition along with the added advantage of across-the-field scoring. Check their calendar of events at their Web site, [www.houstonbridgestudio.com](http://www.houstonbridgestudio.com).

**Clear Lake Bridge Club** has a full schedule of events, and their information is posted online at [www.acblunit174.org/clearlak/clearlake.html](http://www.acblunit174.org/clearlak/clearlake.html).

**Bridge Club of Houston** is continuing their excellent classes and mentor games. Visit their Web site, [www.bridgeclubofhouston.com](http://www.bridgeclubofhouston.com), to learn about and participate in all their activities.

### 70% Games

This is such a special attainment. Some of us who feel good in the high 50s or anywhere in the 60s are really envious of those with 70% or more. It doesn't happen often. I see many scores in the high 60s that are fantastic. But to edge up over that magical number of 70 is really special. So we

send Congratulations to all these great gamers since our last report! **Susan Skiles** and **Geri McKallip** had a huge 75.69% game at Houston Bridge Studio 10/18; **Max Levit** and **Ariel Leibovitz** posted 70.33% at Houston Bridge Studio 10/19; **Anna Marlatt** and **Terry Currie** had a whopping 76.69% at Houston Bridge Studio 10/31; **Sally Wheeler** and **Buddy Hanby** had another of their super games with 75.69% at Bridge Club of Houston 11/7; **Judith Hoffing** and **Dan Schomer** had a 72.66% game 11/15 at Spring Branch Duplicate Club; **Dan Morse** and **Gary Crystal** had a 71.99% at Houston Bridge Studio 11/21; **Susan McHan** and **Julie Brand** had a 73.20% at Houston Bridge Studio 11/23. Wow! Something to shoot for, for sure.

### Fundamental Tip

Let's talk a bit about **ace-asking**, and this is directed to the newer players. Early on you learn Blackwood, to find out how many Aces and Kings your partner holds, when you think you might have a slam. There have been refinements and other conventions, but nowadays it's becoming standard to use **Roman Keycard Blackwood**. I see many new players not using it and hope they will lose their fear of it. So I'm going to try to goad you into it. If you can learn the artificial bidding of Blackwood, you can learn Keycard. So let's just review it a bit and see if you and your partner will decide to learn it in time for that Lone Star Regional.

With Keycard responses to the Ace-asking (now sometimes called control-asking) 4NT, there is one card besides the 4 Aces to find out about, and that is the King of trumps. So there are **5 keycards**: 4 Aces and the trump King. So you must have figured out that you need to know what the trump suit is, right? Well, almost.

We'll start there, though, with "3014." With this one, your first response to 4NT (5C) means that you have Three or Zero Keycards. Your 5D response means that you have One or Four keycards. So that's how we get the "3014" moniker. So if you have no Aces but you have the King of your agreed trump suit, your an-

swer is not 5 Clubs; it is 5 Diamonds, because you have one keycard. If you have two Aces and the K of trumps, your response is 5C, for three keycards, which is the same response if you have none. (Your partner should be able to figure out which it is. And your partner should have two keycards to ask!)

With Keycard, we also get to find out about the important Queen of trumps. The response to 4NT if you have two keycards but do not have the Q of trumps is 5H, and if you have two keycards WITH the Q of trumps, you bid 5S. Most new players start with 3014, but 1430 is a variation that just reverses the meaning of the first two responses, 5C and 5D. The responses for two keycards remains the same.

So when you and partner have agreed on a trump suit, let 4NT be your keycard asking convention. Then 5NT asks for Kings, and when starting out, you can simply respond with number of Kings. *Note*: If you have NOT agreed on a trump suit but you are playing Roman Keycard, then the responses are in the *last suit bid*. Sometimes this is critical to know what partner holds in that suit. Ready? Get set, GO!

### Last Farewell

**Christina Grace (Tina) Cronkright** passed away 10/20 in Webster, Texas. **Helen Caldwell**, a Silver Life Master who regularly played at the Diamond Duplicate and Bar-X Duplicate Bridge Clubs in Lake Jackson, left us 11/1, and she had a great motto: "Never underbid!" And **Barbara Arthur**, a regular at Bridge Club of Houston, was remembered with a Celebration of Life on 11/2 followed, at her request, by a party at the Parrot Pub on the north side of Houston. We hope they all continue their great games at that Heavenly Table. They will certainly be missed at ours.

### Spooky Fall Sectional

Humble, TX  
October 25 -27, 2013  
511 players. 479 tables.  
1 34.56 Sally Wheeler  
2 34.56 Buddy Hanby  
3 28.61 Edward Groner

4 24.37 Daniel Suty  
5 23.41 Robert Morris  
6 23.41 Jane Armstrong  
7 23.41 Eddie Wold  
8 23.41 Betty Starzec  
9 23.31 Kerr Godfrey  
10 22.36 Vinh Tran  
11 21.61 Gary King  
12 21.61 Anthony Bianchi  
13 21.37 Youssef Youssef  
14 21.37 Sanford Lobliner  
15 20.69 Ira Hessel  
16 20.69 Ellen Hessel

### Friday Aft Side Pairs-12.5

Tables AB1. Faye Vincent-Nancy Carlin AB2C1. Martyn Cooper-Art Desmond C2. John Montgomery-Caryl Lombardino

### Friday Aft 299er Pairs-11.0

Tables DEF1. John Caudill-Pamela Barksdale D2. Kathleen Stuart-Vivian Cyprus D2. Vicky Martinez-Stephen Page F2 Carol Meade, -James Meade

### Friday Aft 49er Pairs-5.0

Tables G1. Harry Price-Donna Price D2. Michael Bright-Odis Nolte E1. Cissy Wortham-Clydene Jones

### Friday Eve Open Pairs-15.0

Tables A1. Daniel Suty-Vinh Tran A2B1. Jeffrey Kroll-Joseph Volanski A2. Connie Robichaux-Victoria Ornowski B1. Judy Brown-Ron Brown B2. Joe Moseley-Marc Beardsley

### Friday Eve Side Pairs-3.0

Tables 1. Carolyn Labouliere-Bob Dowlen 2. Art Desmond-Martyn Cooper

### Friday Eve 299er Pairs-6.0

Tables DEF1. Rachel Harlin-Charlene Turner DEF2. Anne Curry-Jeanne Wyatt

### Friday Bracketed Swiss #2

1. Ralda St Pierre-John Erickson-Edward Groner-Victor Sitton

### Friday Bracketed Swiss #2-7

Tables / Based on 29 Tables 1. Sanford Lobliner-Gabriel Perry-Ralph Herz-Youssef Youssef, 2. Edwin Zwald-Carmen Keys-Paul Cuneo-S Van Blarcom

### Friday Bracketed Swiss #3

1. Steve Vaughn-Lucy Hofmann-Pamela Dettmers-Rick Stell 2. Joyce Klein-Benjamin Klein-Margaret Raymond-Jim Harp

### Friday Bracketed Swiss #4-7

Tables / Based on 11 Tables 1. Bobbie Moutz-Claudia Parr-Diane Konick-Naomi Spicer



2. Herbert Warner-Marcia Warner-Martin- Lorraine Coomes  
**Friday Bracketed Swiss #5-12 Tables** / Based on 38 Tables A1. Sanford Lobliner- Youssef Youssef A2. J Evans-Vic Sowers B1. Dolores Aquino-Barbara Montgomery B2. Birendra BK Singh- James Frick C1. Shih-Ming Yang-Shou Chao B2. Gary See- Stephen Bickel  
**Saturday Aft 299er Pairs-7.0 Tables** DE1. Jill Spence- Toni Roesler D2. Louis Bockman- Larry Cossey E2F1. Linda McReynolds-Lorita Tipton F2. Sandra Dickinson-Charlene Turner  
**Saturday Aft 49er Pairs-5.0 Tables** 1. Michael Bright-Odis Nolte 2. Sam

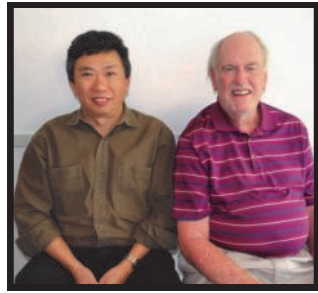
Khayatt-John Montgomery  
**Saturday Brckted Swiss #1-7 Tables** / Based on 49 Table 1. Eddie Wold-Robert Morris-Betty Starzecz-Jane Armstrong 2. Sally Wheeler-Buddy Hanby, The Woodlands TX; Vinh Tran-Edward Groner  
**Saturday Brckted Swiss #2-7 Tables** / Based on 33 1. Donald Varvel-Eleanor Sherwyn-David Goldfarb-Harry Elliott 2. Duane Friedrich-Mark Wallet-Daniel Jackson  
**Saturday Brckted Swiss #3-7 Tables** / Based on 18 Tables 1. Jennifer Breihan-James Breihan-Steve Tuggle Alfred Fortier III 2. Margaret Raymond- Jim Harp-Carmen Keys-Paul Cuneo  
**Saturday Brckted Swiss #4-7 Tables** / Based on 15 Tables 1. Ulla Skovdal-Mavis Warren-Nancy Gray-Anne Cox 2. Gordon Yee-Shi-Lin

Yeh-Bob Chiang-Barbara Grantham  
**Saturday Brckted Swiss #5** 1. Lucy Hofmann-Donna Mann-Bonnie Terrell-Barbara Pope 2. Daad Rodgers-Beverly Fanarof-Carolyn Campbell-Lotte Optekamp  
**Saturday Brckted Swiss #6-7 Tables** / Based on 11 Tables 1. Marge Rambo-Dona Hatthorn-Ann Van Volkenburgh-Martha Wallace 2. Kyle Lueders-Patti Mullendore-Geri McKallip-Kitty Wong  
**Saturday Brckted Swiss #7-11 Tables** 1. Tish Stephenson-Alice Heckeroth-Gail Gillespie-Willie Jo Schaefer 2. John Knox-Larry Peterson-Anik Waters-John Petersen  
**Sunday Open Pairs-4.5 Tables A1.** Geoff Booth-Robert Sandfield A2. Joan Sitton-Jolie Hess B1. Azam Khan-Carl Hogan B2. Carolyn Campbell-Lotte Optekamp

**Sunday A/X Swiss Teams-20 Tables** / Based on 72 Tables A1. John Zilic-Dan Morse-Gil Micheletti, Md-Kerr Godfrey-Tom Breed A2. Sally Wheeler-Buddy Hanby-Georgiana Gates-Daniel Suty X1. John Du Bose Jr-Christoph Eick-Sherry Withers-Linda Rensi Donna Sparks-Ed Harper -Steve Tuggle-Jack Stone  
**Sunday Bracketed Swiss #1-7 Tables** / Based on 35 Tables 1. Donald Varvel-Eleanor Sherwyn-David Goldfarb-Harry Elliott 2. Sherry Greisen-Charlotte Coon-Julia Blancet-Jerry Bowen  
**Sunday Bracketed Swiss #2-7 Tables** / Based on 20 Tables 1. Nandlal Khatri-Nadia Branisa-Kailash Sachdev-Rani Sachdev 2. Charles Ensor-Birendra BK Singh-Dale Grady-Val Grady  
**Sunday Bracketed Swiss #3-7 Ta-**

**bles / Based on 17 Tables** 1. Kenneth McAllister-Phyllis Kuchta-Ellen Greenfield-Marvin Greenfield 2. Marilyn Frazier-Glenda Faragher-Marsha Sachs-Kathy Hughes  
**Sunday Bracketed Swiss #3-7 Tables** 1. Shou Chao-Shih-Ming Yang-Shi-Lin Yeh-Yin Choo 2. Kyle Lueders-Karur Krishnan-Kitty Wong-Gordon Yee  
**Sunday Bracketed Swiss #5-7 Tables** / Based on 13 Tables 1. Herbert Kalman-Jay Karkowsky-Jack Rawitscher-Daniel Leightman 2. Karen Dittert-Judith Stark-Tomi Porterfield-Jo Ann Pierce  
**Sunday Bracketed Swiss #6-7 Tables** / Based on 10 Tables 1. Jack Manderscheid-Robert Ziegler-Art Desmond-Martyn Cooper 2. Troy Carr-Lisa Zummo-Lynne Andress-Goldie Rose

## SPOOKY HUMBLE SECTIONAL WINNERS



Friday Open Pairs A  
Vinh Tran, Dan Suty



Friday Bkt Swiss Bkt 1  
Ed Groner, Ralda St Pierre,  
John Ericson, Vic Sitton



Saturday Bkt Swiss Bkt 1  
Jane Armstrong, Betty Starzec,  
Eddie Wold, Robert Morris



Saturday Open Pairs A  
Sanford Lobliner, Youssef Youssef



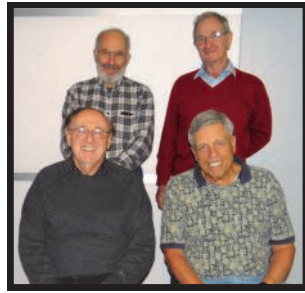
Sunday Swiss A  
John Zilic, Tom Breed,  
Kerr Godfrey, Dan Morse



Sunday Open Pairs A  
Robert Sandfield, Geoff Booth



Sunday Swiss X  
Sherry Withers, Linda Rensi,  
Christoph Eick, John DuBose



Friday Bkt Swiss Bkt 2  
Youssef Youssef, Ralph Herz,  
Gabriel Pery, Sanford Lobliner



Sat. Bkt 2 Sunday BCD Swiss  
Eleanor Sherwyn, David Goldfard,  
Don Varvel, Harry Elliot



Friday Bkt Swiss Bkt 3  
Pam Dettmers, Lucy Hofmann,  
Steve Vaughn, Rick Stell



Saturday Bkt Swiss Bkt 3  
Jimmy & Jennifer Breihen,  
Steve Tuggle, Al Fortier



Friday Bkt Swiss Bkt 4  
Claudia Parc, Diane Konick,  
Naomi Spicer, Bobbie Moutz



Saturday Bkt Swiss Bkt 4  
Ulla Skovdal, Nancy Gray,  
Mavis Warren, Anne Cox



Friday Bkt Swiss Bkt 5  
Goldie Rose, Lynne Andress,  
Troy Carr, Lisa Zummo



Saturday Bkt Swiss Bkt 5  
Bonnie Terrell, Lucy Hofmann,  
Barbara Pope, Donna Mann



Saturday Bkt Swiss Bkt 6  
Ann VanVolkenburgh, Marge Rambo,  
Dona Hatthorn, Martha Wallace



Sunday BCD Swiss  
Nandlal Khatri, Kailash Sachdev,  
Rani Sachdev



Sunday BCD Swiss  
Phyllis Kuchta, Ellen Greenfield,  
Ken McAllister, Marvin Greenfield

### Unit 176 Dallas

Judith Lotridge



Do you remember February, 2011, when Old Man Winter pretty much ruined the Superbowl debut of Cowboys stadium? Well, this year was his time to "ice" on the Unit 176 holiday party. Fortunately, the weatherman had given us ample warning that any precipitation we had might well be sleet, and the temperature wasn't going to warm up enough to melt any ice for several days. So when Cheryl Clark checked out the skating rink that passed for a parking lot at the site of the event, she had the foresight to cancel the game on Friday and give all of us time to notify our partners. Of course, we were disappointed that this once-a-year event couldn't be held, but it was better than watching somebody take a spill and get hurt. Traditionally the winners of the Unit MiniMac competition, which is based on performance in the Unit Games only, are announced at the December Unit Game. Although the winners could not receive their awards – the current plan being to present the awards at the sectional in January – I would like to honor the winners in this column. There are seven levels. Janice Trombello won the Level One competition, for players with fewer than 100 points. The Level Two (100 to 200 points) winner was Susan Colby. Frank Durante was the Level Three (200-300 points) winner. Paul Taylor and Robert Scrimale tied for the win of the Level Four (300-1000 points) competition. Hazel Schoen-

berg won the Level Five (1000-2500) competition. Hazel's hubby Jules topped the field among Level Six (2500-4000) players, and Stan Kohan won the Level Seven (4000 up) award. Congratulations to all these players, but especially to Paul Taylor, Robert Scrimale, and the Schoenbergs, who also won in their levels last year. The competition runs from October to September, but if you didn't play in the fourth quarter of 2013, you can still compete for next year's prizes starting with the January Unit Game on January 5, at the venue of your choice (BAND, Dorsey's, or Friendly). You can find the entire Unit Game schedule on our website. Also don't forget our Election sectional January 9-12 at the Richardson Civic Center. We are electing three board members during this sectional. Candidates are Jim Harp (incumbent), Ray Olds, Eileen Smith, Catherine Tucker, and Edward Yetter. Their pictures and bios can be found in the Nov-Dec issue of the Scorecard, as well as on our website. Take a look at the candidates and then please vote for your choices. Our most recent sectional was in November. We had a total of 615 tables in play over the 4 days of the tournament, which was a significant increase from the 545 tables in 2012. The top masterpoint winners were Nagy Kamel and Dan Morse.

Several unit members now have new ranks in the ACBL. New Life Masters include Gay Anderson, Susan Keyes, and Peggy King. New Bronze Life Masters are John Davis, George Farrington, and Yan Song. Lynn Bellmer and Eric Diamond are new Silver Life Masters. Achieving these

ranks is a testament to your perseverance and skill. Congratulations to all of you!

### Big Time in Big "D"

Richardson  
 Oct 31-Nov 3, 2013  
 559 players. 615 tables.  
 1 48.20 Nagy Kamel,  
 2 48.20 Dan Morse,  
 4 30.19 Gail Wells,  
 5 29.95 Hemant Lall  
 6 28.75 Mark Bumgardner,  
 7 27.02 Marion Gebhardt,  
 8 26.86 Emily Harrell,  
 10 21.92 Eric Diamond,  
 11 21.16 Judith Lotridge,  
 12 19.95 Suresh Agrawal,  
 13 19.89 Jay Gibson,  
 14 19.45 Nancy Passell,  
 15 19.45 Mike Passell,  
**Thursday Morn Open Pairs-6.0 Tables** / Based on 29 Tables A1 Mark Hatkoff-Royce McCray A2B1. Barbara Nelson-Lynn Belmer B2. Raymond Clark-David Haratyk  
**Thursday Morn 1500er Pair-10.0 Tables** ABC1. Jackie Long-Delilah Perkinson ABC2. Eloise Meachum-Leslie Conant  
**Thursday Morn 299er Pairs-11.0 Tables** ABC1. David Baltimore-Charles Hill ABC2. Sandra Lovin-Mary Ellen Little  
**Thursday Aft Open Pairs-11.5 Tables** / Based on 40 Tables A1. Jay Gibson-Leonard Schaeen A2. Royce McCray-Mark Hatkoff BC1. Vi Ganelles-Mary McGinnis B2. Melody Euler-Tomi Fitzgerald C2. Nget Carter-Marie-Anne Johnson  
**Thursday Aft 1500er Pairs-10.0 Tables** A1. Tom Lang-Reg Watt A2B1. Gay Anderson-Cecil Parsons B2/3C1/2 Jean Hoffman-Judy

Schwartz B2/3C1/2 Eloise Meachum-Leslie Conant  
**Thursday Aft 299er Pairs-13.0 Tables** ABC1. Pat Graham-Jo Anne Crandall ABC2. Joyce Schiff-Freda Gail Stern  
**Thursday Aft 49er Pairs-5.5 Tables** A1. Barbara Ching-Susan Kroner A2B1. Carolyn Baker-Jamie Cornelius B2. Karen Cohen-Mary Genovesi  
**Thursday Eve 299er Pairs-7.0 Tables** A1. Judy Noble-Cathy Bruff A2BC1. Regina Cox-Gay McAlister B2. Janet Smith-Robert Smith C2. Valarie Remmers-Dale Remmers  
**Thursday Eve Open Pairs-6.0 Tables** / Based on 13 Tables AB1. Eric Diamond-Judith Lotridge A2. Petra Hamman-Emily Harrell B2C1. Kathleen Aten-Jo Anne Crandall C2. Barrie Fell-Beach Aten  
**Thursday Eve Swiss Teams-15 Tables** A1. Stefanie Scott-Jeremy Fournier-Justin Lall-Hemant Lall A2. James Thurtell-Melody Euler-Tomi Fitzgerald-Jeff McKee BC1/2 Donna Guthrie-Vernon Earl Hodge-Bob Ingebritson-Jill Andreas BC1/2 Jerr Boschee-William Olds-Nancy Latner-Frank Durante  
**Thursday KO Bracket 1-6 Tables** 1. Dan Morse- Bill Staats-Mark Bumgardner- Nagy Kamel 2. Jack Borenstein-Murray Berger-Jack Smith-John Spessard- Jim Clark- Bill Osborn  
**Thursday KO Bracket 2-6 Tables** 1. Satish Shah-Venkata Vishnubhotla-Diana Chen-Rathnam Vasanthkumar 2. Brian Gelles-Janet Gelles- Sandy Hilliard-Khalifa Ahmed  
**Thursday Compact Brckt 1-16 Tables** 1. Marion Gebhardt-Roy Baughman-Bob Adams-David Foote 2. Mike Peiffer-Charles Brown-Robert Orvis-Gayle Orvis

**Friday Morn Open Pairs-7.0 Tables** / Based on 29 Tables A1. Britain Beezley-C. Earnest Wyatt A2. B Paul Hirsch, -David Nurenberg B1. Tomi Fitzgerald-Melody Euler B2/3 Pat Measley-Barbara Nelson B2/3C1. Mark Hatkoff-R Randall Smith C2. J Fletcher-Elinor Fries  
**Friday Morn 1500er Pairs-10.0 Tables** AB1. Reg Watt-Susan Colby A2. Catherine Tucker-James Willson B2C1. Sandra Fedro-Pat Graham C2. Elizabeth Donner-Lynell Pinion  
**Friday Morn 299er Pairs-10.0 Tables** ABC1. Sandra Lovin-Mary Ellen Little AB2. Mary Lynn Trentham-Pat Glaser C2. Dan Woodward-Betty Woodward  
**Friday Aft Open Pairs-16.5 Tables** / Based on 44 Tables A1. Larue Stott-Gerrie Owen A2. Michael Murphy-Thomas Leberman B1. Elaine Wood-J Bachman Nabors III B2C1. R Randall Smith-Mark Hatkoff C2. Kathy Baldwin-Peggy Ross  
**Friday Aft 1500er Pairs-13. Tables** AB1. John Davis-Bert Dempsey AB2C1. Richard Wittrup-James Willson C2. Eloise Meachum-Leslie Conant  
**Friday Aft 299er Pairs-12.0 Tables** AB1/2 Deborah Armstrong-Sharon Ward AB1/2C1. Anne Curry-Jeanne Wyatt C2. Betty Littlejohn-Irene Pence  
**Friday Eve AX Pairs** A1. Bart Bramley-Chris Hamman A2. Hugh & -Merri-Jo Hillaker X1.Eileen Smith James McCommons  
**Friday Eve 1500er Pairs-5.0 Tables** ABC1. Judy Nixon-Jeanette McDonald A2. John Davis-Bert Dempsey B2. Germaine Johnston-Paula Boone C2. John Gilbert-Jan Choyce  
**Friday Eve Swiss Teams-22 Tables** A1/2 Billy Leeper-Mary Orock-Pat

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Cassidy-Jerry Derby A1/2 Gary Neisler-Nancy Peterson-David Pearlman-Henry Muzzio Jr. B1. Hua Yang-Yan Song-Hank Eng-Yaoguang Zhu B2C1. John Hartel-Jill Hartel-Rick Margerison-Leah Margerison  
**Friday KO Bracket 1** 1. Nancy Passell-Nagy Kamel-Mike Passell-Dan Morse 2. Joseph Gill-Scott Nason-Bob McNeill-Rich Brandenburg  
**Friday KO Bracket 2-5** Tables 1. Shelley Early-Dee Bridgewater-Barbara Horowitz-Beverly Laster 2. Ann Parker-Emily Maduro-Judy Noble-Kay Moran  
**Friday Compact Brckt 1-12** Tables 1. Bryan Storey-Tom Edwards-John Bromberg-Beth Bromberg 2. La Quitta Talbot-Herbert Fallin Jr-Bill Ream-Shelba Parmley  
**Friday Compact Brckt 2-10** Tables 1. Jerrold Albom-Clint Schuhmacher-James Richman-Hal DeShong 2. Don Farrell-Judy Floyd-Letty Garek-Jennifer Rao  
**Saturday Morn Open Pairs-8** Tables / Based on 35 C1. Marion Gebhardt-Gail Wells A2BC1. Marlene Round-Richard McGill BC2.

Elaine Lagerstrom-Patricia Marchman  
**Saturday Morn 1500er Pair-11** Tables AB1. Joe Cameron-G Brantz AB2C1 Andi Gordon-Renee Levy- C2. V Carlene Eddlemon-Susan Keyes  
**Saturday Morn 299er Pairs-12.0** Tables ABC1. Elaine Lowenkron-Michael Lowenkron ABC2. Fred Seipp-Sharon Seagraves  
**Saturday Morn 49er Pairs-3.5** Tables AB1. Veronica Vokolek-Glenna Crawford  
**Saturday Aft 299er Pairs-13** Tables ABC1. Jan Choyce-John Gilbert ABC2. Jeanette McDonald-Judy Nixon  
**Saturday Aft 1500er Pairs-14.0** Tables A1. Vi Ganeles-Mary McGinnis A2B1. Susan Colby-Reg Watt B2C1. Bruce Mann-Walid Khalid Hakim C2. Sandra Fedro-Tommie Anglemyer  
**Saturday Aft 49er Pairs-3.0** Tables A1. Linda Lindley-Martha Ward 2/3 Rodney Bond-Virgina Bond B2/3 Carol Hendrix-Jerry Hendrix  
**Saturday Aft Open Pairs-24.0** Tables / Based on 54 Tables A1. Suresh Agrawal-Gail Wells A2. Bart & Judy

Bramley B1. Judith Lotridge-Michael Hout B2. Bob Friz-Eric Diamond C1. Patricia Marchman-Farell Shaftel C2. John Pataki-Nancy Fellman AB1. Eric Diamond-Bob Friz AB21 Eileen Smith-James McCommons C2. Robert Lynn-Bryan Morgan  
**Saturday Eve 1500er Pairs-6.0** Tables A1. Charles Brown-Mike Peiffer A2. Sandy Hilliard-Khalifa Ahmed B1. Stephen Wuller-Eugene Wuller B2. John Davis- Bert Dempsey C2. James Willson-Bruce Mann  
**Saturday KO Bracket 1-9** Tables 1. Hemant Lall-Emily Harrell-Tom Edwards -Bill Staats 2. Edward Yetter-Milton Neher-Michael & -Sara Bossert  
**Saturday Compact Brckt 1-10** Tables 1. Nancy Passell-Nagy Kamel-Mike Passell-Dan Morse 2. Kathy Coleman-Francis Chang-Mickey Tryon-Stephen Hibbard  
**Saturday Compact Brckt 2-12** Tables 1. Jerrold Albom-Clint Schuhmacher-James Richman-Hal DeShong 2. Donna Gibbs-Lynda Bradley-Mary Lou Collins-Sandy Kristoferson  
**Saturday Eve Swiss Teams-17** Ta-

bles A1. Roy Baughman-Marion Gebhardt-Robert Adams-David Foote A2B1. Hua Yang-Edward Wang-Hank Eng-Yaoguang Zhu B2. Charles Burke-Caron Peck-Karen Caton-Richard Langland C1. Roma Allison-Martin Schwartz-Susan Stell-Philip Metz C2. William & Jean Higgins-Sheri & Jon Wolkenstein,  
**Sunday Morn 299er Swiss-8** Tables AB1. Deborah Armstrong-Carol Adamek-Constance Vecellio-Sharon Ward BC2. Gayle Lewis-Martha Jungman-Jack Lavine-Carey Cole  
**Sunday Morn Open Pairs-4.5** Tables A1. M. Aslam Ansari-Leonard Schaen A2B1. Paula Boone-Germaine Johnston B2. Kay Moran-Judy Noble  
**Sunday Aft Open Pairs-4.0** Tables / Based on 6 Tables A1. Mary Lynn Trentham-S Perutz A2BC1. Cecil Parsons-Gay Anderson BC2. Kay Moran-Judy Noble  
**Sunday Aft 49er Pairs-3.0** Tables A1. Lacy Peterson-Carolyn Baker A2. Martha Ward-Linda Lindley  
**Sunday Aft 299er Swiss-10** Tables A1. Jill Thompson-Patsy Rainwater-

Maddu-Dan Woodward-Betty Woodward A2. Deborah Armstrong-Carol Adamek-Constance Vecellio-Sharon Ward B1. Gayle Lewis-Martha Jungman-Jack Lavine-Carey Cole B2. Steven Russell-Suzanne Russell-Connie Napier-DeAnn Cummings A1/2 Barbara Ching-Marilyn Carey-Jeanne Wyatt-Anne Curry A1/2 Randy Patterson-Larica Taylor-Irene Pence-Franci Moses  
**Sunday A/X Swiss Teams-31** Tables / Based on 67 Tables A1. Dan Morse-Bill Staats-Mark Bumgardner-Nagy Kamel A2. Mary Orock-Billy Leeper-Pat Cassidy-Jerry Derby X1. Martha Young-Jay Gibson-Judith Lotridge-Eric Diamond X2/3 Yan Song-Edward Wang-Hank Eng-Yaoguang Zhu  
**Sunday B/C/D Swiss Teams-28** Tables B1. Rich Brandenburg-Jeff Dater-Scott Nason-Bob McNeill B2CD1. Jonathan Wang-Daniel Miaw-ChiiLong Cheng-Jianbo Chen C2. Mike Davis-Lyn Davis-Tommie Anglemyer-Sandra Fedro D2 Nget Carter-; Rathnam Vasanthkumar-Diana Chen-Abu Qureshi

**BIG TIME IN BIG D SECTIONAL CHAMPS**

Thursday Morning Open Prs A  
Mark Hatkoff & Royce McCray

Thursday Afternoon Open Prs A  
Leonard Schaen & Jay Gibson

Sat Morn Open Prs A  
Gail Wells & Marion Gebhardt

Thurs Eve Open Prs  
Eric Diamond & Judy Lotridge

Fri Morn Open Prs A  
Earnest Wyatt & Britain Beezley

Fri Aft Open Prs A  
Larue Stott & Gerrie Owen

Bktd KO Teams Bkt 1  
Nancy Passell & Nagy Kamel  
Mike Passell & Dan Morse

Bktd KO Bkt 1  
Tom Edwards & Bryan Storey  
Beth & John Bromberg

Thurs Eve Swiss Teams A  
Jeremy Fournier & Stefanie Scott  
Hemant Lall & Justin Lall

Fri Eve Swiss A1/2  
Jerry Derby & Billy Leeper  
Mary Orock & Pat Cassidy

Sun AX Swiss Teams A  
Mark Bumgardner & Bill Staats  
Nagy Kamel & Dan Morse

Thurs CmpBktd KO Bkt 1  
Marion Gebhardt & Roy Baughman  
Bob Adams & David Foote

Sat Aft Open Prs A  
Gail Wells, Suresh Agrawal

Sat Open Prs A  
Eric Diamond & Bob Friz

Sat Bktd KO Teams Bkt 1  
Emily Harrell & Bill Staats

Sun Aft Open Prs A  
Mary Lynn Trentham & S Perutz

Thurs Bktd KO Teams Bkt 2  
Roy Baughman & Marion Gebhardt

Thursday Morning Open Prs B  
Barbara Nelson & Lynn Belmel

Thurs Aft Open Pairs B,C,  
Sat Aft 1500er Prs  
Mary McGinnis, Vi Ganeles

Thurs Eve Swiss BC1/2  
Jerr Boschee & Frank Duranti

Thurs & Fri CmpBktd KO Bkt 2  
Clint Schuhmacher, Jerrold Albom  
Hal DeShong, James Richman

Sun BCD Swiss Teams B  
Rich Brandenburg & Scott Nason  
Bob McNeill & Jeff Dater

Fri Eve Swiss C  
Leah Margerison & Jill Hartel

Fri Bktd KO Teams Bkt 2  
Beverly Laster, Barbara Horowitz  
Shelley Early-Dee Bridgewater

Fri Eve Open Prs B  
Eileen Smith, James McCommons

Sat Aft Open Prs B  
Judy Lotridge & Michael Hout

Fri Eve 1500er Prs ABC  
Jeanette McDonald & Judy Nixon

Fri Aft 1500er Prs A  
John Davis & Bert Dempsey

Fri Morn Open Prs B  
Tom Fitzgerald & Melody Euler

Sun AX Swiss Teams X  
Jay Gibson & (nn) Eric Diamond  
Judy Lotridge & Martha Young

Thurs & Sat Morning 49er Prs  
Veronica Vokolek, Glenna Crawford

Thurs Aft 299er Prs ABC  
Pat Graham & Jo Anne Crandall

Thurs Aft 49er Prs  
Susan Kroney & Barbara Ching

Fri Morn 49er Prs  
Ronald Kunkel & Rita Scott

Fri Morn 299er Prs ABC  
Sandra Levin, Mary Ellen Little

Fri & Sat Aft 49er Prs  
Linda Lindley & Martha Ward



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 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  
 1500er Silver Pairs  
 Open Silver Pairs  
 Silver Swiss Teams (single session)

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 Open Silver Pairs

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 49er Silver Pairs  
 299er Silver Pairs  
 Silver 1500er Pairs  
 Open Silver Pairs  
 Silver Swiss Teams (single session)

**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

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 Open - A: 4000+; B: 2000-4000; C: 0-2000  
 1500er - A: 750-1500; B: 500-750; C: 0-500  
 299er - A: 200-300; B: 100-200; C: 0-100  
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# FT. WORTH ELECTION CHAMPS SECTIONAL



**Fri Compact KO Bkt 1**  
Judy Lotridge, Martha Young,  
Jay Gibson, Eric Diamond



**Sat Compact KO Bkt 1**  
Steve & Nancy Kornegay,  
Bill Staats, Mark Bumgardner



**Sun Swiss Team A**  
Stan Kohan, Mike Murphy,  
Jim Bauer, Jim Thurtell



**Fri Aft Open Pairs A**  
Linda Spangler, Mary Jane Orock



**Fri Eve Swiss A**  
John Spessard, Bill Osborn,  
Harry Elliot, Bob Wilkin



**Fri Eve Open Pairs A,B**  
Kathy Bumgardner, James Richman



**Sat Aft Swiss A,B**  
Connie Booth, Charles Raines,  
Helen Nelson, Mary Ellen Stanton



**Fri Compact KO Bkt 2**  
Kim Brinkman, Sue Thompson,  
Robert Bever, Dean Anthony



**Sat Compact KO Bkt 2**  
Sue Rowe, Jean Helmers,  
Pat Sears, Cornelia Friedman



**Sun Swiss Team B**  
Roy Booth, Jimmy &  
Paula Justice, Doug Berke (NP)



**Fri Eve Swiss B**  
Jan Kenyon, Richard McGill,  
Lynn Dell Angelo, Marlene Round



**Fri Aft, Sat Morn Pairs B**  
Kay Jones, Mel Bason



**Fri Eve Swiss C**  
Jane Larimore, Jean Helmers,  
Jacqueline Montgomery, Cornelia Friedman



**Sat Morn Pairs C**  
Judy Floyd, Jennifer Rao



**Fri Aft 299ers**  
James & Ann Jay



**Fri Eve 299ers**  
Sue Ragsdale, Harley Puff



**Sat Morn 299ers**  
Wally Anderson, Mark Anderson



**Sat Aft 299ers**  
Judy Nixon, Jeanette McDonald

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February 7-9, 2014

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### Friday, February 7

Stratified Open Pairs (single sessions) 1:30 & 7:00 pm  
Stratified 299er Pairs (single sessions) 1:30 & 7:00 pm  
0-50 Newcomer Pairs (single sessions) 1:30 & 7:00 pm  
Compact KOs (Sessions I & II) 1:30 & 7:00 pm  
Swiss Teams (single session) 7:00 pm

### Saturday, February 8

Easybridge! (under 50 MP) (single session - \$8 entry) 9:00 am  
0-50 Newcomer Pairs (single sessions) 1:30 & 7:00 pm  
Stratified 299er Pairs (single sessions) 1:30 & 7:00 pm  
Stratified Open Pairs (single sessions) 9:00 am, 1:30 & 7:00 pm  
Bracketed KOs (Sessions I, II & III) 9:00 am, 1:30 & 7:00 pm  
Compact KOs (Sessions I & II) 1:30 & 7:00 pm  
Swiss Teams (single session) 7:00 pm

### Sunday, February 9

Stratified Open Pairs (single sessions) 10:00 am & TBA  
Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams (Two Sessions) 10:00 am & TBA  
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams (Two Sessions) 10:00 am & TBA  
Meal Between Swiss Sessions (4 tickets/team; Extra meal tickets \$8 each)

### Stratifications

Events are Stratified by Average  
Stratification may change at Director's discretion.  
Pairs: A: 2000+ B: 750-1999 C: 0-749  
299er Pairs/Teams: A: 200-299 B: 100-199 C: 0-99

### Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams

A: Teams with any player over 4000,  
AX: Teams with all players under 4000  
A/AX play together  
B: 0-2500 C: 0-1500 D: 0-750 (play together)

### Entry Fees

Pair & KO Events: \$12 per player/session  
Sunday Swiss \$104//Team  
Non/Unpaid ACBL members: \$1 add'l per session

### Speaker Program:

Friday & Saturday at 6:15 pm

### Host Hotel

Super 8 Hotel 817-329-7222  
250 East Hwy 114, Grapevine, TX 76051  
Rate: \$79 Double or King  
Free Airport & Convention Center Shuttle  
Free local calls, Complimentary Breakfast, Free Internet  
Reservations by January 24 for preferred bridge rate

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### Information Map and results:

<http://d16acbl.org/U176/ABC/adbc.htm>



**Unit 183**  
**Fort Worth**



**Millie Williams**

The Queen of Procrastinators, (that's me) has put off writing this article until today, and I'm frozen in and wishing for some of those warm, sunny days of Fall so I can get out and go play bridge....alas, games have been cancelled and parties called off...so the best I can do is tell you about the goings on at Unit 183 for October and November.

In early October a Randomly Selected Swiss Team was held at the Fort Worth Studio. The winners were in Flight C: Winnie Simon. Michael Tiernan, Barbara Baker and Julie O'Neill. Flight B: Jack Groselos, Jerri Quinton, Jacqueline Montgomery and J'Neane Huey. Flight A was won by Annie Mason, Dick Simon, Jane Larimore and Billy Leeper. It was a great evening mixing all levels of players helping us get to know one another better.

ADBC hosted a NLF Tournament October 12-13. Winners Saturday morning: Gayle and Robert Orvis; Jane Clark and Penny Patrick. Saturday evening winners were: Stephen Wuller and Eugene Wuller. Sunday morning Swiss winners: Barbara Reeves, Jack Lavine, Judy Nixon and Jeanette McDonald. Sunday evening Swiss: Annie and John Mason, Mike

Peiffer and Finlay Higgins.

Club Appreciation Games were held in both Arlington and Fort Worth on October 19. Arlington winners were NS Hugh Hillaker and Jerry Derby; EW Carol and John McConnell. Fort Worth winners were NS; Steve Shirey and Millie Williams; EW Mike Goldman and Dick Simon.

Thanks once again to Tom Moore for making it possible for us to have a Unit 183 game on November 11. Denton winners were Gary Carey and Jean Robers First OA and Richard Schemmel and Virginia Boudreau Second OA. Arlington winners were NS Richard Langland and Karen Caton with Molan and William Chan second. The winners in Fort Worth were NS Kay Jones and Mel Bason, EW Billy Leeper and Randy Ausmus. Billy and Randy were first OA. On November 30 Arlington hosted a "Bring your Leftovers" game with First EW and First OA Penny Mixon and Marlene Round. First NS were Linda Spangler and Mike Murphy.

The Fort Worth Studio thanks all players who braved the weather conditions to attend the Fall Sectional Election Tournament. Special thanks to Carolyn Pinto, Tournament Director, and her team for making the best of it when Mother Nature didn't cooperate. Congratulations to all the winners! Between sessions of the Sunday Swiss Teams, the outcome of the election for the Board of Directors was announced: Kay Jones, Steve

Shirey and Linda Spangler. Many thanks to those directors retiring from the Board who have served us so well in the past few years:

Tom Moore and Max Jackson. These guys did so much for the Unit...now it's time for all of us to step up and do our part.

Congratulations to those of you who have achieved important personal goals. We have two new Life Masters: Jill Carroll and Mary Ann Cotham. Betty Gilmore and Art Wikoff are new Bronze Life Masters. Also, congrats to the 70% games go to Pat Cassidy and Linda Spangler; Bill White and Buck Buchanan; Craig and Mary Ann Briney; Jim and Mary Martin; Cindy Whitten and Lynda Fitzjarrel; A. Webster Tenney and Lee Smith. Two of our Easy Bridge players scored a 70% game..Karem Mann and Jan Nevins.

To all you computer geeks out there: Unit 183 is still looking for a Webmaster...please, if this appeals to you at all, contact a Board Member...and thanks, Tom Moore, for keeping us going!

The Fort Worth Studio is now in compliance with the City of Fort Worth regarding its non-smoking ordinance. Arlington has been compliant for quite a while. Check with your directors for the guide lines.

Looking ahead: Arlington Grapevine Sectional Feb. 7 - 9...please no bad

weather! Look for the date in March of Arlington's Membership Meeting and Game.

Fort Worth hosted a Unit Championship on Nov. 10. The winners were NS Kay Jones and Mel Bason; 2nd .Linda Spangler and Don Reynolds. EW winners were Randy Ausmus and Billy Leeper; 2nd Tom Hughes and Jim Chaffee. J'Neane Huey has been sending out announcements for upcoming events and she does a darn good job of it. She will cheerfully add anyone's name to her distribution list. Her email is [jeanneane-huey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jeanneane-huey@sbcglobal.net). She can't open attachments...thanks

I hope by now you have your holiday decorations put away and are ready for some bridge-playing. Check the bulletin boards and on-line to hear of continuing education. There are many opportunities available ...we can't grow if we don't recruit new players and try to get them to love the game as well as we all do. Be friendly and encouraging to the newcomers...none of us was born a Life Master.

Play Well and Have Fun!

## Fort Worth Fall

Nov 22-24 2013  
258 players 224 tables.

- 1 18.88 Michael Murphy
- 2 18.00 James Thurtell
- 3 17.80 Steve Shirey
- 4 17.80 Marc Levine

- 6 17.80 Chris Compton
- 7 15.59 John Schwartz
- 8 14.66 Martha Young
- 9 14.66 Jay Gibson
- 10 14.60 Tom Edwards

**Fri Aft Open Pairs**-12.0 Tables / Based on 16 Tables A1. Linda Spangler-Mary Orock A2. Michael Murphy- Thomas Leberman B1. Kay Jones- Mel Bason B2. Winifred Simon-Nancy Anderson C1. Dick Simon-Robert Trimble C2. Jo Watford- Michael Tiernan B- 3.5 Tables  
**Fri Aft, 299er Pairs** A1. Ann Jay-James Jay AB2C1. Ethel Warren-Sandra Tension C2. Brian Eaton-T John Alexander

**Friday Compact KO Bkt 1**-14 Tables 1. Judith Lotridge- Martha Young-Jay Gibson- Eric Diamond 2. Steve Shirey-Chris Compton-Marc Levine-Jo Smith

**Friday Compact KO Bkt 2**-12 Tables AB1. Sue Thompson-Dean Anthony-Kim Brinkman-Robert Bever A2. Nora Oliver-Jeri Quinton-Ken Quinton-Katye Kowierschke

**Fri Eve Swiss Teams**-17 Tables A1. Bob Wilkin-Bill Osborn-John Spessard-Harry Elliott A2B1. Richard McGill-Jan Kenyon-Marlene Round-Lynn Dellangelo B2. T Jean Kidd-Gary Carey-Francis Chang-Diane Washabaugh C1. Cornelia Friedman-Jean Helmers--Jane Larimore-Jacqueline Montgomery C2. Gary Wright-Audrey Wright-William Walker-Janet Walker

**Fri Eve Open Pairs**-10.0 Tables / Based on 13 Tables AB1. Kathleen Continues on page 17



# ROCKPORT SECTIONAL WINNERS



Friday Aft Open Pairs A  
Larry & Suzanne LaBrequé



Fri Eve Charity Pairs A  
Sat Morn Pairs A  
Ed Rawlinson, Gary Anziani



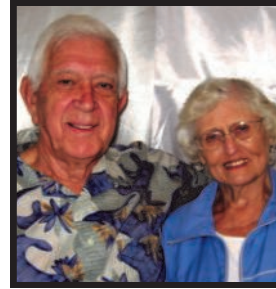
Sunday Swiss Team A  
Ed Rawlinson, Donna Swarouth,  
Gary Anziani, Dave Swarouth



Fri Eve Charity Pairs B  
Paula Wissman, Jay Thorne



Sunday Swiss Team C  
Karen Leber, Margaret Kennedy,  
Cornelia Freeman, Betty Mengle



Fri Aft 199ers  
Sat Aft Pairs B & C  
David & Joy Ochs



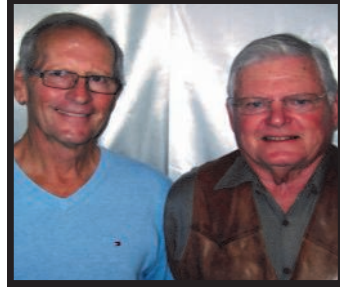
Fri Aft 199ers  
Patricia Kaddatz, Ernest Polittie



Friday Aft Open Pairs B  
Sat Morn Pairs B  
Harry Elliott, Brett Elliott



Sunday Swiss Team B  
Dee Shade, Phyllis Pruet,  
David Ticen, Robert Coffey



Friday Aft Open Pairs C  
Bobby Gilmore, James Helms



Sat Morn Pairs C  
Susan Wheeler, Pat Roeh



Fri Eve Charity Pairs C  
Mabel Byrnes, Darlene Kinstley



Fri Aft 199ers  
M Francis Schmidt, Felicia Davis

**Unit 187  
Corpus Christi**

**Dee Schade**

Wednesday, November 6, was a red letter day for Marilyn German. Playing in a unit championship she & her partner were first overall. She won 2.06 pts & she only needed 1.74 pts to become an Emerald Life Master! Congratulations Marilyn! She is the first in our unit to reach this plateau & it will be many years before anyone else accomplishes this. The player closest to her has about one half the 7,500 pts needed for this level. On Friday, the club celebrated with a wonderful "German" chocolate cake, trimmed in green.

Congratulations to Connie Freeman. Connie earned the last few silver points she needed to make Life Master at our Rockport tournament in November. We are proud of you!

Update on the Krauses – after our column went in for the last issue, their Bulldog, Willow, passed on. We were sorry to hear about Willow, but I am happy to report that they have a new baby, Charlie. Charlie is about 4 months & an absolutely darling boy! Barry has had an English Bulldog since he was 3 years old.

We are excited to report that our monthly joint game with the ABA Harbor Bridge club is going strong. We first met in September, had a game in October & again in November. We have such a difficult time getting players out in the evening, so we are grateful to have this evening game. The long term plan is to encourage younger, & non-retired players to participate. The board has voted to allow players with less than 50 masterpoints to play free. The game has been taking place on the third Tuesday. It is a pot luck, starting at 6:00 with play commencing as close to 6:30 as possible. This gets everyone out in time to get home by 10:00. If you haven't been participating, please consider it & encourage players that work to come out. It is also a championship game so extra points are awarded!

The unit Christmas party was held Sunday afternoon, December 1, at the Corpus Christi Yacht Club. Sixteen tables enjoyed a delightful afternoon of bridge at the Corpus Christi Yacht Club. It was especially nice since we endured several days of gray & wet skies during the week prior. Following the game a delicious meal was served. From the boiled shrimp to sinful desserts everything was great. The overall winners in flight A & B were Jason Kiker & Dave Williamson. Second were Lina Crumpler & Mahesh Maruvuda. First in flight C

were sisters, Janet Daniel & Susan Smegal. Second were winter Texans, Maxine & Mike Connelly.

Rockport Duplicate Club had its first ever Swiss Team game on October 24. This was one week before the Rockport tournament and was designed to help make some of the newer players feel comfortable with the game. There were eight tables. All participants signed up as pairs & the teams were assigned by the "Powers that be" according to master point holdings. Three rounds were played & since they didn't have gold points to give, each member of the team winning each round received a "gold dollar" with the overall winners receiving an additional dollar. The winners of this fun event were Betty Hill, Wanda Myers, Carolyn & Jack Preston.

Rockport's Christmas party was held December 10. Its gets bigger & bigger each year. They had a pot luck with the Powers bringing ham & the greatest cooks in the Rockport area bringing their specialty dishes. Kathe says that after eating all that great food, she could have used a nap but knew she had to play bridge! The cards were fun...in some cases ...but no matter what, it was a great day!

This month get to know Marilyn Bein, one of our Rockport players. Marilyn is a native Houstonian. After earning her degree in education, she taught kindergarten & second grade for 15 years. She then became a real estate sales person & worked for ReMax in Clear Lake for 28 years. After retirement, she says she decided to take all her energy & put it towards having fun. First she took bridge lessons in Clear Lake, then she traveled the world! Maj Jong is another of Marilyn's interests but duplicate is her favorite. Meeting many wonderful people & the challenge of the game are the things she likes the most. Marilyn's husband, Marvin, is from Corpus Christi originally. Five years ago they decided to retire to Rockport. They have one daughter, Tracie, in Clear Lake. According to Marilyn, Tracie is a "shrink" so they have her to take card of them in their "old age". Marilyn is a regular player at the Rockport club & the South Texas club in Corpus Christi. She says, "bridge for me is a work in progress learning (something) everytime I play!" Marilyn is a marvelous cook & one of the volunteers on the food committee for our Rockport tournaments. We are thankful for all she does & love her vivacious personality!

The Grand National Team unit finals will be Saturday, February 8 at the Bridge Club. This is a double session event beginning at 10:00 a.m. with lunch and a second session to follow lunch. Let Martha DeCou or Lina Crumpler know or just sign up for this event. Qualifiers will go on to

compete in District play.

Lots of special games are planned for 2014 & they all will earn you extra points. Watch the board at the club for postings. The Rockport Sectional is February 21-23. This is always a fun event so make your dates & we'll see you there!

Mark your calendar – we have a Regional this year. October 20-26 at the Holiday Inn on Shoreline. We get this opportunity only every three years. Please ask Martha DeCou what you can do to make this a big success. We need everyone to chip in. Lots of things to be done before & during the tournament.

Please send your club news to me at cdeoro@aol.com. Check out the web site at southtexasb

## Rockport Beach

November 1-3 2013  
127 players. 143 tables.

- 1 25.10 Gary Anziani
- 2 25.10 Ed Rawlinson
- 3 16.92 Suzanne La Brecque
- 4 16.92 Larry La Brecque
- 5 14.14 Donna Swarouth
- 6 14.14 Dave Swarouth
- 7 13.71 Harry Elliott
- 8 13.71 Brett Elliott
- 9 11.80 Sheryleen Grothus
- 10 11.80 Beverly Santos

**Driscoll Children Charity-19.0**  
Tables A1. Gary Anziani-Ed Rawlinson A2. Sandra Parker- Pat Levy B1. Jay Thorne-Paula Wissman B2. Ronald Francey-Rebecca Landon C1. Mabel Byrnes-Darlene Kinstley C2. Cynthia Struve-Barbara Layton

**Friday Afternoon Open Prs-23.5**  
Tables / Based on 27 Tables A1.

Larry La Brecque-Suzanne La Brecque A2. Sheryleen Grothus-Beverly Santos B1. Harry Elliott-Brett Elliott B2. Margaret Crumpler-Martha De Cou C1. Bobby Gilmore-James Helms C2. Earl Cutler-Betty Cutler

**Friday Afternoon 199r Prs-3.0**  
Tables A1. David Ochs-Joy Ochs B1/2 M Frances Schmidt-Felicia Davis B1/2 Ernest Polittie-Patricia Kaddatz

**Saturday AM Open Pairs-27.5**  
Tables A1. Gary Anziani-Ed Rawlinson A2. Suzanne La Brecque-Larry La Brecque B1. Brett Elliott-Harry Elliott B2. Paula Wissman-Jay Thorne I Susan Wheeler-Pat Roeh

**Saturday Aft Open Pairs-25.5**  
Tables A1. Larry La Brecque-Suzanne La Brecque A2. Sheryleen Grothus-Beverly Santos BC1. David Ochs-Joy Ochs B2. Mahesh U R Maruvuda-Margaret Crumpler C2. Fred Williamson-Christine Williamson

**Ann Crumpler Swiss Teams-22**  
Tables A1. Ed Rawlinson-Gary Anziani-Dave Swarouth-Donna Swarouth A2. Roxana Tom- Katherine Gary- C David Mitchell-Roxie Tom B1. Phyllis Pruet-Dee Schade-David Ticen-Robert Coffey B2. Jason Kiker-Martha De Cou-Joyce Seitz-

## ROCKPORT BEACH SECTIONAL

February 21-23, 2014

**Friday, February 21**

SPECIAL GOODIES DAY

Stratified Open Pairs (single session)....1:15 P.M.  
Stratified Open Pairs (single session)....7:15 P.M.  
CASA Charity Game \$1 MORE  
BEACH BALL NEWCOMER 0-299er GAMES

**Saturday, February 22**

Stratified Open Pairs.....10:00 A. M. & 3:00 P.M.  
(2 separate games)  
BEACH BALL NEWCOMER 0-299er GAMES

Friday & Saturday Strats A 1500+, B-500-1500, C-0-500

**Sunday, February 23**

DELICIOUS BAR-B-Q DAY

Seymon Deutsch Swiss Teams 10:00 A.M. & TBA  
(stratified by average masterpoints)  
Strat A 1500+ Strat B- 500-1500 Strat C- 0-500

This is a non-smoking tournament with smoking breaks scheduled

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES  
(361)729-4444 \$99

Special Bridge rates/Breakfast 2/14 cut-off  
925 Lady Claire St., Rockport, TX

**PLAYING SITE**

SALTWATER PAVILION Rockport Beach  
(361)537-2353 playing days  
810 Seabreeze, Rockport, TX

\$11 per session (Fri.eve \$1 more)& Sat. \$100 per team Sunday Swiss  
(\$2 more per session for un-paid or non ACBL members)

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Pauletta Myers C1. Karen Leber-Margaret Kennedy-Cornelia Freeman-Betty Mengle C2. Susan Brown-Bob Shea-Sandra Musser-Kathleen Shaw

13 of January. Hopefully, some advertising will generate enough pupils to make her time and trouble worth while. Becky Howard and Gina Schultz will continue their help sessions the first Monday in February. Anyone who wants to improve his/her Bridge is welcome. The girls spend a lot of time preparing the lessons, and Mary Hildebrand and June Wagnon are always there to help.

**Unit 197  
Lubbock**  
**Sandi Krahmer**

Many thanks to Gina Schultz and Julie Benson for a wonderful 8 is Enough Christmas party. Gary Blaiss volunteered his services to direct the event. We had 16 tables and much wonderful food. Ken and Anita and Walt and Greg helped a lot with set up and clean-up. They also helped Betsy with the Queens Christmas party the following Friday.

Becky Hamilton will begin a new series of beginning Bridge lessons the

Plan to attend our Sectional Tournament the first week in march on the 7, 8, and 9. Playing fes are reasonable, and there will be lots of great food as usual. Mary Hildebrand will be in charge .

I am sad to report the death of Rose Terry, a long time director for our Unit. She was 98 and no services were planned. Besides directing for many years, Rose taught Bridge les-



sons for beginners. She will be missed.

We lost our Carol on Dec. 16, 2013. We extend our sympathy to her husband, Shag, and to her daughter, Shelley. Also we offer sympathy to her very dear friends--Charlotte Blaiss, Marc Levine, and Greg Lorans. Table 7 just isn't same without Carol. She will be missed a great deal.

Carol Peden Schoenhals was born in 1945 in Kermit, Tx., a town about 155 miles SW of Lubbock. She has one brother and three sisters. In high school, Carol competed in AAU swimming and was captain of her volley ball team and was all district. She moved to Lubbock in 1963 to attend Texas Tech University. As a child, she did not play Bridge, but her parents played a little party Bridge. Her brother plays a little Bridge, but the sisters do not. Carol didn't really get interested until living in the dorm at Texas Tech where studying seemed to take second place to Bridge. Hence, she never finished her degree.

Carol worked for the Lubbock Avalanche journal as head of communications and then, moved on to be Supervisor of production for 9 years. She met her husband, Shag, while working there, and they were married in 1981. Then, she worked for the government SBA in the disaster office for 2 years before moving on to the accounting department at Lubbock State School and retired after 20 years.

Carol began her Duplicate career at the old Lubbock Bridge Center on 19th Street, where she played with Mildred Wayborn. She joined ACBL in 1974 and became a Life Master in 1979 and a Diamond Life Master in 2007 when she won the District 16 Flight A Grand National Teams. She was also a certified director and had directed various games in Lubbock. Also, she was head of Rules and Ethics for unit 197. She won the Jacoby Service award for the District earlier this year.

**Unit 201 Sabine Neches**



**Patsy Pierce**

As we start a new year, I like to look back at the things I enjoyed most in 2013. I find that I especially treasure my time at the Beaumont Bridge Studio with great friends and I feel safe to say that you feel the same. Thank you all for enriching my life.

I would like to express our sympathy for the family and friends of Merrill Lott. He was a regular player with us for many years. He will be remembered by all who knew him.

The **October Mentor Pairs** game was won by Lou Rising and Frankie Hall. Janis and Don Williams were 2<sup>nd</sup> with Regina Cox and Marian Jones finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. **October Mentor Team** Game was won by Frankie Hall, Lynete Trahan, Patricia Schiwart and Ray Trahan. E.W. Sweeney, Paul Aguillard, Don and Juinez Moss were tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> with Jack Evans, Carolyn Worsham, Linda Briggs and Steve Gerhard. Others placing were Flo Ferguson, Regina Cox, Norma Crane and Helen Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup> in B and Martha Oliver, Wayne Outlaw, Kay Hooper, and Sylvia Street placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in B. Winners of the **November Mentor Pairs** game was Lorena Strange and Beverly Broussard. Sylvia Street and Steve Gerhard place 2<sup>nd</sup> with Betty Kirwin and Cynthia Stueber placing 3<sup>rd</sup>. Others placing were Harriett Garth and Juinez Moss, 3<sup>rd</sup> in B with Susan Ninmo and Paul Keedy placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in C. **November Mentor Team** game was won by Paul Aguillard, Kay Hooper, Bob and Carol McGill. Placing 2<sup>nd</sup> were Sylvia Street, Helen Williams, Steve Gerhard, and Edwina Landrum with Janis Williams, Don Williams, Juinez Moss and Don Moss placing 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Scoring a gold point in the **Instant Matchpoint Game** in the N/S direc-



**59th Beaumont Spindletop Sectional March 6-9, 2014**

**Thursday, March 6, 2014**

Stratified Open Pairs (Single Sessions) 9:30a, 1:30p  
299er Pairs (Single Sessions) 9:30a, 1:30p

**Friday, March 7, 2014**

Stratified Open Pairs (Single Sessions) 9:30a, 1:30p  
299er Pairs (Single Sessions) 9:30a, 1:30p

**Saturday, March 8, 2014**

Stratified Open Pairs (Single Sessions) 9:30a, 1:30p  
299er Pairs (Single Sessions) 9:30a, 1:30p

**Sunday, March 9, 2014**

Stratified Swiss Teams 10:00a and TBA

**Tournament Location:** Beaumont Bridge Studio, 950 North Street, Beaumont, TX 77701 (409-838-2447)

**Host Hotel**

Sleep Inn and Suites, 2030 N. 11th Street, Beaumont, TX 77701 (409-892-6700); Rate: \$65.99 per night (Reserve by Mar 1, 2014)

**Entry Fees**

Sessions: \$10 per person per session; Swiss Team: \$100 per team (all day event) NOTE: \$3 additional per session for ACBL non-members and unpaid members

**Stratification** (based on team or pair average)  
Open: A (2000+), B (750-2000), C (0-750);  
299er: A (200-300), B (100-200), C (0-100)

**Tournament Chairs**

Sally Blewett (409-866-3418) and Patsy Pierce (936-298-3298) [chair1@u201.org](mailto:chair1@u201.org)

**Partnership Chairs**

E. W. Sweeney (409-728-0821) and Jack Evans (409-351-4214) [part1@u201.org](mailto:part1@u201.org)

*Join us for a great bridge-playing time in Southeast Texas! As always, entry fees include coffee and snacks, sandwiches between sessions, and lunch between Swiss team sessions!*

tion were Flo Ferguson and Regina Cox with Tim Stelly and Robert Kacher who placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the E/W direction. Others placing were E.W. Sweeney and Ann Montgomery in 2<sup>nd</sup> place N/S with Bob and Zack Townley-Smith placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the E/W direction.

During October, Jerry and Susan Gore joined the **70% club** with a 70% pair game. Others scoring in the 70s were Earl Pittman with James Walker, Robert Kacher with Tim Stelly, Cynthia Stueber with Don Holst, Norma Crane with Paul Keedy, Lynn Adamchik with Pat Bell, Jerry with Susan Gore and Blanche Sibley with Cynthia Stueber..

Most everyone seems to enjoy team games, therefore the **October Swiss Series** was well received. The Oct 4<sup>th</sup> game was won by Cynthia Stueber, Blanche Sibley, June Eddingston, Joan Hataway and Arline Myers. In the Oct 13<sup>th</sup> game, Don Moss, Ed Rasmussen, Cynthia and Ron Stueber finished in first place. The Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> game was won by the team of Jerry Heckman, Earl Johnson, Sally Blewett and Patsy Pierce. Winners for the Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> game were Martha Sigler, Flo Gillespie, Beverly Leger, and Mary Johnson. Oct. 22nd winners were Frankie Hall, Pat Schiwart, Lynette and Ray Trahan. The Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> winners are listed with the mentor information. Oct 30<sup>th</sup> game was won by Frances Price, Natalie Hallmark, Nixie Lynch, and Gloria Ayres. These team games are always popular and were enjoyed.

The **North American Pairs** game was won by Courtney Coffman and David Morris who swept the A,B and C strats. John and Nancy Smalley placed 2<sup>nd</sup> with Tipton Golias and Aiyannadar Bharathi placing third. Others placing were Linda Adamchik and Pat Bell taking 2<sup>nd</sup> in B with Bob and Zack Townley-Smith finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in B.

Overheard at the bridge table on BBO during the Baze Senior KO

at the Fall National: " It is always good to remember the famous bridge player, Johnny Cochran's rule. If it doesn't fit you must (ac) quit. " See you at the game !!

**Unit 204 Fort Concho**



**Neal Perlman**

204 folks had some winners at the Midland sectional in October. Most notably were Norma Walker and Suzanne Dorris with a 74+% single game and Flo Curry and Gene Gam-

mil with most points for the tournament. We were hosted by our neighbors out west with a great playing area and super hospitality.

Abilene Regional was fun as can be seen in photos and results. Those folks know how to put on a good tournament. Thanks for the "western" hospitality.

Mary Bloodworth and Carol Diminnie had a 72% at the October 17th Ruff Club game -- good one.

Big Thanks to all the people who pitch in to improve and maintain the Sue Barber Bridge Center outdoors. Paul Horne improved back ramp rails and Johnny Walker installed a front handrail for the steps to help us transition safely. Carl McGill and George Finley cleaned up the perimeter and hauled off two truckloads of nuisance.

Marifrances Watson has followed up and bridge exposure for four tables of kids under 18 has started! A few sharp ones I heard and the help she's getting from some duplicate regulars is appreciated. The mentoring at the 4th Mondays evening game has also pushed off in a very encouraging way.

Unit 204 November 9th North American Pairs game results::A- 1. Gene Gammil + Neal Perlman; 2. George Finley + Carl McGill and B-1 Mike +Jerre McAfee 2. Joan Crowel + John Osbourne. Later in the month the Cactus Club mentoring game coincided with the ACBL Charity game and Carolyn Reed-Jones + Neal Perlman were first locally with 69.5%.

Again I want to invite everyone to the San Angelo sectional February 7, 8 +9<sup>th</sup> and remind y'all to make arrangements early. Round up a team of pals and come play some cards.

I liked the section of the recent bulletin that included people we are thankful for: members, volunteers, managers, teachers, directors, ACBL staff, writers and contributors to publications. Definitely many acts of goodness reflected for the people by the people. I wanted to specifically thank all the people who make the Scorecard a great product, so thanks to the editors Ellen and Ira, all the unit correspondents, senior correspondent, guest writers, photographers, advertisers, and readers. At tournaments and in local play I want to thank the friends and fierce competitors, the strong defenders, the accurate bidders and the effective declarers who challenge us to elevate our game.

Best wishes for a fun new year to all y'all in District 16. Where's that one more trick going to come from?

**Unit 207 Austin**




**Joyce Cooper**

Each year Unit 207 sponsors a Mentor program for newer bridge players. Sandy Potts has been running our program for the past several years, and the time nears to sign up to be a Mentee or to be a Mentor. The program kicks off with a lunch to get all the players introduced, then each week for about 3 months, the Unit will pay the cost for the Mentor to play with his or her Mentee at any bridge club in the Unit. It is an excellent program and helps break the ice for our newer players and get them immersed in Austin bridge. In addition, the Unit began a program recently of having tiered mentoring: the idea was that more experienced players would pick up a game with a less experienced player. In turn, each advanced player would get a game with a more experienced player. The program may be repeated, but in order to keep getting a game up, there has to be reciprocation and a game down. It is turning into a nice program and has the benefit of socializing the game a bit more for everyone. The goal of the program has been just that: each player should be playing with someone on their level, someone below their level, and someone above their level. The only real way to develop skills is practice and exposure and the program has every hallmark of success. Laura Delfield came up with the idea from the National program and Steven Anderson has monitored the pairings and kept things moving right along. Thanks to both of you.

This month's interview was to be with Elaine Martin of San Marcos. She and I have missed contact in various ways, but I still wanted to mention Elaine in our column. She has been playing with Harry Ingram for the past 2-3 years and is almost at the point of reaching Life Master. A lot of us are cheering her on. Elaine has an innate sense of the game and is the toughest competitor to ever grace a table of bridge. A year or so ago, I sat down at her table and she picked up a hand and passed. I turned to her and said "Elaine, are you feeling ok?" She got a laugh out of that, but in truth, she can think of more ways to get involved in the bidding than about anyone! Elaine, we love your spirit! I do think that the summer Regionals in Austin will be the date that you make Life Master.

Holiday Cheer is in the air and the Unit Holiday Party was on Saturday. In keeping with the tradition of giving back to the Club, the Unit sponsored 2 session event was free to all members, with lunch served in between. We had about 40 tables of bridge



# TEXAS INDEPENDENCE SECTIONAL

San Angelo, Texas      Suez Shrine Center  
February 7 - 9, 2014      2915 Loop 306  
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**Friday, February 07, 2014**

Sue Barber Stratified Pairs	Single Session	1:00 pm
Linda Cole Stratified Pairs	Single Session	7:00 pm
Chuck Anderson 0-300 Pairs (3 tables minimum)	Single Session	1:00 pm
Warren Alexander 0-300 Pairs (3 tables minimum)	Single Session	7:00 pm

**Saturday, February 08, 2014**

George Finley KO Teams*	I, II, & III	9:00 am & 1:00pm & 7:00pm
Truby Bunch Stratified Pairs	Single Session	9:00 am
Patsy Eckert Stratified Pairs	Single Session	1:00 pm
Sue Henry Stratified Pairs	Single Session	7:00 pm
MJ McCord 0-300 Pairs (3 tables minimum)	Single Sessions	1:00 pm
Marifrances Watson 0-300 Pairs (3 tables minimum)	Single Sessions	7:00 pm

\* KO might be handicapped if the director takes a notion to

**Sunday, February 9, 2014**

Norma Walker Stratified Swiss Teams	10:00 am & TBA
STRATS: A (2000+) B (750 - 2000) C (0-750)	
The director might figure strats by averaging yer master points	

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Please book yer bunks early to ensure you get them good rates. These here special rates are good through January 9, 2014 at Rodeway Inn & January 27, 2014 at Best Western

This Here is a Non-Smokin', Non-Chawin', Non-Spittin' Tournament with Breaks

Director: Sheriff Two-Gun Tom Marsh      Entry Fees: \$10.00/ SWISS \$88.00 per Team  
\$1.00 additional per session for non and unpaid ACBL members  
Full-Meal Vittles served between sessions on Sunday  
Free coffee, tea, & the best doggone refreshments you ever laid a lip to will be spooned up daily



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each session and a great lunch in between. Meanwhile, we have more Holiday parties coming up!

**Milestones: New Life Master:** Kay Dierks; **Bronze Life Master:** Dolly Burton, Bob Burton, Barbara Verenne; **Silver Life Master:** Jenny Stocker; **Others: 100 points:** Mark Anderson, Larry Johnson, Jean Stone, Bruce Mansbridge, Gary Marquart; **200 points:** Bonnie Cahill, Rich Ellmer, Ruth Nicks, Carol Thibodeaux; **750 points:** Sandy Harris; **1500 points:** Linda Anthony.

**Future Austin Events: Non Life Master Sectional:** February 15-16; **Austin Sectional:** February 27-March 2 at the Bridge Center; **0-200 Sectional:** April 12-13; **Austin Sectional:** May 1-4 at the Bridge Center; and the **2014 Austin Regional** at the Doubletree: June 30-July 6.

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year and a successful game of bridge in 2014!

Unit 209 Greater Permian Basin	
Jean Pistole	

We started October with the ACBL Instant Match Point game with Bob Bacon Directing as I was out of town for the passing of my brother-in-law. Then came the Midland Tournament which was reported in the last issue. It was held at Midland College with a great playing area. Belle Harris and her co-chairmen did a superb job. Great snacks, door prizes and a lunch between sessions on Sunday was "to die for!"

The Abilene tournament had a quite a few from Midland and Odessa. Charlie Grimes and Bob Bacon went early in the week and were successful in winning overall in A. Helen Davis and Brenda Leonard were there for a week joined later by Lena Nichols and Jean Pistole (me!) I saw Bob Baker and several from the Easy-Bridge group. Deborah Brookins, Shirley Davenport, Amanda Shaw, Debra Jones, Mike Robinson. Marilyn Matthews, Sandy Thomas, Belle Harris and Sarana Savage to mention several. I may have missed someone but it was an enjoyable tournament. Surprise! Linda Aaron and her daughter who live in Houston, joined Belle and Sarana for the team game on Sunday; so good to see them.

October 25<sup>th</sup> EasyBridge had a Halloween party and costume contest with Amanda and Scott Vaughn taking the honors. (You surely would not want to meet Amanda in costume should you come upon her by surprise!)

October 31 the Thursday Club hosted another Eight is Enough Swiss team game. The club had Halloween decor, costumes and always good food. There were nine teams and Amanda and I co-directed the game. Thanks Amanda.

Deborah has started EasyBridge lessons and held a "newcomers" party on November 1<sup>st</sup> and another on November 11<sup>th</sup>. This group has formed a good club along with having a fun time. Scott Vaughn is one of the group who has really joined in both bridge and is a "handy guy." Playing and learning with the new group are Mark and Sandy Hill and Dorcas Walton. The Hills were at the Ft. Worth regional and are really loving bridge.

New milestones were attained by Amanda, Shirley, Mike and also Brenda Leonard with over 500 points. The EasyBridge group have decorated our Odessa playing studio with fall decor and it is so pretty. Thanks. Zero Tolerance is the main topic with ACBL and we are trying to comply but it is hard to teach an old dog new tricks! We have been much too lenient with letting players "get by" so we are stressing for us all to adhere to the rules.



## Austin March Sectional

February 27 – March 2, 2014  
Bridge Center of Austin  
6700 Middle Fiskville Rd  
512-300-2743

Thursday, February 27 – Friday, February 28	
Swiss Team, single sessions	10am, 2:00pm
Stratified Open Pairs, single sessions	10 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm
Stratified 299er Pairs, single sessions	10 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm
Saturday, March 1	
Bracketed KOs	10 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm
Swiss Team, single session	2:00 pm only
Stratified Open Pairs, single sessions	10 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm
Stratified 299er Pairs, single sessions	10 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm
Sunday, March 2	
Stratified Swiss Teams	10 am & TBA

**Free Lunch Served Between Sessions Thursday – Saturday for Two Session Players.  
Meal Served Between Morning and Afternoon Session on Sunday**



**Stratifications (Pair games based on average MPs)**  
Open Pairs: A: 2000+, B: 750-2000, C: 0-750  
299er Pairs: A: 200-300, B: 100-200, C: 0-100  
Swiss Teams: A: 3000+, X: 0-3000, B: 500-1500, C: 300-500, D: 0-300  
Top bracket of KOs handicapped if warranted.  
Swiss: If any team member has 4000+, team will be in Flight A  
Director has discretion on A/X MP break.  
General Convention Chart Only Except Midchart For A/X Swiss Teams  
Entry Fees \$11/session (\$14 non & unpaid members); \$100/Swiss Team

Hotels	
<b>Baymont Inn</b> 7400 N. IH 35 Austin, TX 78752 512-452-9401 \$59 w/continental breakfast Use booking code: "Bridge Tournament"	<b>Midtown Holiday Inn</b> 6000 Middle Fiskville Rd Austin, TX 78752 512-206-3015 \$99 Use booking code: "ILVZZ"

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We have people who are still unwell and others dealing with families who have serious complications. We wish you the best and speedy recoveries.

We are headed into December and our calendar is loaded with Christmas parties so we are looking to "party hearty" and playing bridge all month long. As we celebrate Christmas, in whatever way, let us remember the "reason for the season!"

Jean

Unit 224 Fort Phantom	
Bette Byrd	

Unit 224 thanks all of you who attended our Regional in October. Robert Patton did a great job as chairman and then fill-in photographer when Jeff Lewis was called out of town. Barbara Bridges and Norma Labarthe saw that everyone was greeted and welcomed to Abilene. Sue Patton and Darla Mawson rounded up so much food that we had something to eat at any time of the day or night. Glynda Groves and Pat Wilson helped find partners for those needing them. Vance McCracken did the daily bulletins and I would say that they are among the best that I have seen in a long time. He worked tirelessly, even though he has moved and had to come back and stay with Robert.

Locally, Carol Whitten made Life Master playing with Glynda Groves. Anne Spitzer became a Silver Life Master playing with Warren Haney. Coleen Grisham passed the 2500 mark to become a Gold Life Master playing with Bette Byrd. It was a great week of bridge.

Those in Ft Phantom unit making the top 25 point list are: Jo Smith 77.12, Glynda Groves 38.94, Bette Byrd 28.20, Coleen Grisham 26.85 and Carol Whitten 26.20. Many other players from Unit 224 won Gold Points and appreciated the chance to play and win locally.

Thanks to all the speakers that offered their expertise to both novice and advanced players. On Tuesday Steve Shirey discussed Avoiding Ace Asking. Steve is a Grand Life Master who plays professionally and writes for Bridge World. Venkatrao Koneru spoke on Roman Key Card Blackwood. Known as Babu, he is retired military, a Grand Life Master and plays bridge professionally. Coleen Grisham reached out to new players, whom she teaches and encourages with lessons in Abilene. Her subject was Should I Pass Out? Coleen is a new Gold Life Master and a Master Teacher with ABTA. Friday brought us Terry Riely speaking on Expert Play of the Hand. Terry played bridge starting as a child and has played with some of the "Great Players" including Oswald and Jim Jacoby. He and his wife Carolyn lead bridge cruises to exotic places like Australia and the Baltic. Greg Hinze discussed Counting on Saturday. He is a Grand Life Master and has won one International and two National Championships. He plays bridge professionally as well.

Going back to the Dallas Labor Day Regional, I left out Bob Joyce who won 28.82 points and Ann and James Jay who won 10.65. Sorry for the oversight.

We were sad to hear of the passing of Dr. James Tucker. Jim was an active player and supporter of bridge in Abilene and played many tournaments as well. He will be missed.

A charity game was held on November 25. A non-traditional Thanksgiving dinner of Pizza was served. The Winners were Don Dwyer and Robert Patton. That was fitting as they furnished the pizza. No one willingly gave them any boards you can be sure!

Big scoring games for the period were 75% for Jeff Lewis and Rue Ford playing in a 5 table 199er game. Not to be outdone, Lera Lewis and Ed Grant had a 70.63% game at Bridge Etc with 5 1/2 tables.

This issue I would like to talk about

Sassy Furlow. She married her childhood sweetheart Albert Grady Furlow, Jr., known as "Junie", in 1944. They have one daughter, Joyce Lynn, two grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Junie had a very successful contracting company in Colorado City. Sassy has an Education Degree and Masters from Hardin Simmons University and taught 2nd grade until her retirement. One of the funny stories of bridge and 2nd graders was when she was going to a bridge tournament and one ask her if she won money. She assured him that No she did not play for money, just points. He then inquired if she could trade them in like Green Stamps? Sassy started duplicate bridge at the Colorado City Country Club and was soon joined by Coleen (Palmer) Grisham in directing a club which drew players from Snyder, Big Spring and Sweetwater to play on a regular basis. They found a building to play in, bought tables and chairs and had husbands build cabinets to hold all the equipment. Another fun thing with Sassy was going to tournaments with many different partners. No matter who she was with, or where, you could count on a phone call from Junie at 6 AM - midnight Zip or not.

If some of you remember Bob Preston from the 70s, Sassy always called him Bobby Joe and tells that she used to double date with his older brother and her best friend. They really gave him a hard time growing up in Loraine. She still loved to aggravate him at the bridge table. Sassy plays a good game of bridge and we all appreciate her for her good humor and attitude and her dedication to duplicate bridge.

Christmas parties and New Years Eve parties will be enjoyed before this issue comes out. I hope all have enjoyed a great Holiday Season and played a lot of bridge.

## Abilene Harvest Regional

October 14-20, 2013  
331 players 634 tables.

1 77.24 Margaret Hart, Baton Rouge  
2 74.26 Garey Hayden, Tucson AZ  
3 73.14 Bruce Ferguson CA  
4 71.12 Mark Lair, Canyon  
5 71.12 Jo Smith, Abilene  
6 70.16 Greg Hinze, San Antonio  
7 66.69 Virginia Noelke, San Angelo  
8 66.69 Venkatrao Koneru  
9 64.38 Donna Swarouth  
10 64.38 Dave Swarouth  
11 54.25 Alan Copeland, Midland  
12 44.36 Robert Morris, Houston  
13 44.36 Mary Pat Gentry, Houston  
14 44.36 Eddie Wold, Houston  
15 44.36 Betty Starzec, Sugar Land  
16 39.51 TonyHaddad, Houston  
17 38.94 Glynda Groves, Abilene  
18 29.11 Robert Adams, OK  
19 29.11 David Foote OK  
20 28.20 Bette Byrd, Abilene  
21 26.85 Coleen Grisham, Abilene  
22 26.25 Neal Perlman, San Angelo  
23 26.20 Carol Whitten, Abilene  
24 24.94 Jane Armstrong, Sugar Land  
25 24.94 J Gittelman, Houston  
26 24.94 Dianna Gittelman, Houston  
27 24.94 Betty Freedman, Houston

**Monday Evening Charity Pr-6.0** Tables ABC1. Carol Whitten-Glynda Groves, Abilene AB2. Khalifa Ahmed, Wichita Falls; Darla Mawson, Abilene AB3. Esther Ellis-Sandy Potts C2. Jo Graves-Billie Graves  
**Mon/Tue KO1 Bkt 1-7** Tables 1. Margaret Hart, Baton Rouge LA; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA; Greg Hinze, San Antonio; Garey Hayden, Tucson AZ 2. Jo Smith, Abilene; Mark Lair, Canyon; Alan Copeland, Midland; Steve Shirey, Fort Worth  
**Tuesday Aft Side Pairs-10.0** Tables AB1. Edward Grant-Lera Lewis, Abilene AB2C1. Margaret Bennett-Lisa Holzgrafe, Austin AB3. Donald Jackson-Patricia Ann Jackson C2. Martyn Cooper, Crested Butte CO; Beth Todd, New Orleans LA  
**Tuesday Afternoon 199r Pr-3.5** Tables AB1. Bill Armer-Maedene Armer, Abilene C1. Karen Vick-JoAnn Peterson, Abilene

**Mon/Tue KO1 Bkt 2-9** Tables 1. Rebecca Brown-David Johnson Jr-Sandra Press-Victor Press, San Antonio 2. Ray Duncan, Hudson FL; Opal Thurman, Lawton OK; Gary Carey, Coppell; T Jean Kidd, Double Oak 3/4 Charles Grimes, Midland; Robert Bacon, Odessa; Ralph Cox-Karen Cox, Centennial CO 3/4 Warren Haney-Anne Spitzer, Sweetwater; Martha Murphy-Daniel Dwyer, Abilene

**Tuesday A/X Swiss Teams-15** Tables / Based on 26 Tables A1. Mary Pat Gentry-Eddie Wold-Robert Morris, Houston; Betty Starzec, Sugar Land A2. James Fowlkes-Patricia Fowlkes, Garner NC; Michael Bossert-Sara Bossert, Pflugerville 78.00 A3. Beth Bromberg-John Bromberg, Dallas; Bryan Storey, Frisco; Tom Edwards, Grand Prairie A4X1. Darcy Cline-Whittie Rainwater-Martha McCartney-Betsy Parks, Lawton OK A5. Dianna Gittelman-Betty Freedman-J Gittelman, Houston; Jane Armstrong, Sugar Land X2. Vicky Fisher-Judy Wilde-Iris Warren-Peggy Jackson, San Angelo 3 Patsy Walters-Mitzi Foster Wesely, Fort Worth; Ann Kennemer, Burleson; Virginia Reinier, Joshua  
**Tuesday Gold Rush Swiss-11** Tables B1. Barbara Bridges-Norma Labarthe-Glynda Groves-Carol Whitten, Abilene B2. Jane Larimore-Jacqueline Montgomery, Fort Worth; Marilyn Elston, Aledo; Jill Carroll, Hurst B3. Parkerlene Pillans-Joyce Attebury-Mary Garrett, Amarillo; Geneva Cannon, Borger C1. Ann Parker, Dallas; Phyllis Spencer-Barbara Horowitz-Dee Bridgewater, Frisco C2. Brenda Leonard-Helen Davis, Odessa; Betty Woodward-Dan Woodward, Fairview

**Tuesday Morning Side Game-6.5** Tables A1. Gene Gammill, Mason; Flo Curry, Midland A2BC1. Jan Welsh, Richardson; Mimi Lempert, Plano 2 2 Darcy Cline-Whittie Rainwater, Lawton OK  
**Mon/Tues A/X Pairs-5.0** Tables / Based on 15 Tables AX1. Charles Brown, Arlington; Mike Peiffer, Colleyville A2. Brian Mason-Gerriane Mason, Crossville TN X2. Peggy Jackson-Iris Warren, San Angelo

**Mon/Tues Gold Rush Pairs-10.0** Tables ST1. Joyce Attebury-Parkerlene Pillans, Amarillo ST2. Craig Briney-Mary Ann Briney, N Richland Hill ST3. Margaret Bennett-Lisa Holzgrafe, Austin  
**Tuesday Eve Side Pairs-9.0** Tables A1. Mark Lair, Canyon; Jo Smith, Abilene A2. Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA; Margaret Hart, Baton Rouge LA A3. Dena Goldston-Phillip Kiepinski, Amarillo X1. Vance McCracken, Wimberley; Robert Patton, Abilene X2. Joan Burch-Jo Ella Bolt, Junction X3. Coyita Bowker, Santa Anna; Mary Lou Gross, Abilene

**Morning Side Series-15.0** Tables AB1. Glynda Groves-Darla Mawson, Abilene A2. Dave Swarouth-Donna Swarouth, San Antonio A3B2C1. Mary Collins-Karen Young, Tulsa OK A4B3C2. Patricia Berry-Marlene Golden, Austin B4C3. Robert Auvenshine-Kay Dierks, Wimberley 4 Whittie Rainwater-Darcy Cline, Lawton

**Wed Afternoon Side Pairs-6.0** Tables ABC1. Robert Auvenshine-Kay Dierks, Wimberley AB2. Joan Crowell-Norma Murray, Menard AB3. Betty Henderson-Martha Murphy, Abilene

**Wednesday Eve Side Pairs-5.5** Tables A1. Mark Lair, Canyon; Jo Smith, Abilene A 2 Harry Elliott, Houston; Betsy Duncan, Abilene B1. Norma Murray-Joan Crowell, Menard B2. Robert Patton, Abilene; Vance McCracken, Wimberley  
**Wednesday A/X Swiss Teams-14** Tables / Based on 29 Tables A1. Mary Pat Gentry-Eddie Wold-Robert Morris, Houston; Betty Starzec, Sugar Land A2. Robert Adams-David Foote, Oklahoma City OK; Brian Mason-Gerriane Mason, Crossville A3. Nancy Stanton, Frisco; Lynne Wood, Richardson; Gerrie Owen, Celina; Larue Stott, Dallas A4. James Fowlkes-Patricia Fowlkes, Garner NC; Michael Bossert-Sara Bossert, Pflugerville A5. Betty Freedman-Dianna Gittelman-J Gittelman, Houston; Jane Armstrong, Sugar



Land X1. Ralph Cox-Karen Cox, Centennial CO; Charles Grimes, Midland ; Robert Bacon, Odessa X2. Vicky Fisher-Judy Wilde-Peggy Jackson-Iris Warren, San Angelo  
**Wed Gold Rush Swiss #1-7 Tables /** Based on 15 Tables 1. Joan Paradeis, Wichita Falls ; Sue Patton-Daniel Dwyer-Beverly Joosten, Abilene 2. Barbara Bridges-Carol Whitten-Norma Labarthe-Glynda Groves, Abilene 3. Martyn Cooper, Crested Butte CO; Beth Todd, New Orleans LA; Mary Collins-Karen Young, Tulsa OK  
**Wed Gold Rush Swiss #2-8 Tables** 1. Pamela Barksdale-Naomi Hewitt-Gail Wood, Houston ; Marcia Lindsey, Bellaire 2. Dana Pickett-Ginger Kennedy, Fort Worth ; James Jay-Ann Jay, Gorman 3. James Hammond Jr-Ann Sherman, Denton ; Geneva Berg-Marilyn Vallario, Georgetown  
**Wed/Thurs KO-Bracket 1-6 Tables** 1. Jo Smith, Abilene ; Mark Lair, Canyon ; Alan Copeland, Midland ; Anton (Tony) Haddad, Houston 2. Margaret Hart, Baton Rouge LA; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA; Garey Hayden, Tucson AZ; Greg Hinze, San Antonio  
**Thursday Morn Side Pairs-13.0 Tables A1.** Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio ; Virginia Noelke, San Angelo A2B1. Harry Elliott, Houston ; Glynda Groves, Abilene A3/4B2C1. Martyn Cooper, Crested Butte CO; Beth Todd, New Orleans LA A3/4 Nancy Stanton, Frisco ; Lynne Wood, Richardson B3C2. Sandra Press-Victor Press, San Antonio C3. Mary Collins-Karen Young, Tulsa OK  
**Wed/Thurs KO-Bracket 2-12 Tables** 1. Gloria Rowland, Mabank ; Coleen Grisham-Bette Byrd, Abilene ; Betty Wilkinson, Terrell 2. Jane Larimore-Barbara Baker-Jacqueline Montgomery, Fort Worth ; Marilyn Elston, Aledo 3/4 Patsy Walters-Mitzi Foster Wesely, Fort Worth ; Ann Kennemer, Burleson ; Virginia Reinier, Joshua 3/4 Jerrold Albom-William Olds, Dallas ; Brenda Johnson-Billie Darnell, San Antonio  
**Afternoon Side Series-11.0 Tables** AB1. Barbara Wright-Betty Horne, San Angelo AB2C1. Ann Jay-James Jay, Gorman AB3C2. James Thigpen-Barbara Thigpen, Gonzales B3. Dianne Marie Bostic, Tulsa OK; Michael Curry, Catoosa OK  
**Thursday A/X Swiss Teams-20 Tables / Based on 31 Tables A1.** Margaret Hart, Baton Rouge LA; Garey

Hayden, Tucson AZ; Greg Hinze, San Antonio ; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA A2. Mary Pat Gentry-Eddie Wold-Robert Morris, Houston ; Betty Starzec, Sugar Land A3. Dave Swarouth-Donna Swarouth-Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio ; Virginia Noelke, San Angelo A4. Jo Smith, Abilene ; Alan Copeland, Midland ; Mark Lair, Canyon ; Anton (Tony) Haddad, Houston A5. Terry Riely-Carolyn Riely-Prema Durairaj, San Antonio ; Paula Warren, New Braunfels X1. Edward Yetter-Bonnie Kay Yetter, Garland ; Catherine Tucker-Judy Corey Edmiston, Dallas X2. Jim Harp-J Reagan Dixon, Dallas ; Ralph Cox-Karen Cox, Centennial CO X3. Carol Whitten-Martha Murphy-Beverly Walker-Glynda Groves, Abilene X4. Norma Buchanan-Annette Sides-Kay Davidson-Cheryl Thompson, Lubbock  
**Thursday Gold Rush Swiss-11 Tables** B1. Don Greer, Ft Worth ; Sam Sneed Jr, Bronte ; Marylin Hicks, Benbrook ; Polly Moss, Fort Worth B2. James Hammond Jr-Ann Sherman, Denton ; Geneva Berg-Marilyn Vallario, Georgetown B3. Beth Todd, New Orleans LA; Martyn Cooper, Crested Butte CO; Mary Collins-Karen Young, Tulsa OK B4C2. Gladys Freeman-Sue Kay Reeder, Arlington ; Robert Orvis-Gayle Orvis, Burleson  
**Evening Side Series-10.5 Tables** ABC1. Karen Voight-Wiley Bunton, San Angelo A2. Harry Elliott, Houston ; Betsy Duncan, Abilene A3BC2. Robert Auvenshine, Wimberley ; James Jay, Gorman A4B3. John Hilbig, Bulverde ; Dolores Reiley, San Antonio A5. Betty Sue Henry-Sharon Haney, San Angelo B4C3. Tiffany Wagstaff-Jackie Batr, Abilene 5 John Gibson, San Antonio ; Monte West, Snyder C4. James Thigpen-Barbara Thigpen, Gonzales  
**Friday Morning Side Pairs-9.0 Tables** A1. Gene Gammill, Mason ; Flo Curry, Midland A2BC1. Kay Dierks-Robert Auvenshine, Wimberley A3BC2. Ann Jay-James Jay, Gorman BC3. John Hilbig, Bulverde ; Dolores Reiley, San Antonio  
**Friday Aft Side Pairs-11.0 Tables** A1. Jody Williams-Richard Williams, San Carlos CA A2. Linda Spangler, Ft Worth ; Billy Leeper, Fort Worth A3B1. Monte West, Snyder ; John Gibson, San Antonio A4. Pat Ramsey, Stephenville ; Peggy Jean Ford, Abilene B2. Warren Haney-Anne Spittler, Sweetwater B3. Phyllis Ber-

kowitz, Big Spring ; Robert Bennett, Sterling City C1. Toni Hurlbut-Alberta Birk, Spring C2. Margie Patterson, Mason ; Peter Huggler III, Seminole OK C3. Michael Curry, Catoosa OK; Dianne Marie Bostic, Tulsa OK  
**Friday A/X Swiss Teams-12 Tables / Based on 22 Table A1.** Robert Adams-David Foote, Oklahoma City OK; Terry Riely-Carolyn Riely, San Antonio A2/3 Mary Pat Gentry-Eddie Wold-Robert Morris, Houston ; Betty Starzec, Sugar Land A2/3 C G Bell-Gary Powell-Stephen Bruce-Marcia Powell, Austin A4. Mark Lair, Canyon ; Jo Smith, Abilene ; Alan Copeland, Midland ; Anton (Tony) Haddad, Houston X1. Vance McCracken, Wimberley ; Robert Patton-Coleen Grisham-Bette Byrd, Abilene X2. Gloria Rowland, Mabank ; Betty Wilkinson, Terrell ; Ray Duncan, Hudson FL; Opal Thurman, Lawton X3. Edward Yetter-Bonnie Kay Yetter, Garland ; Judy Corey Edmiston-Catherine Tucker, Dallas  
**Friday Gold Rush Swiss-10 Tables** B1. Martyn Cooper, Crested Butte CO; Beth Todd, New Orleans LA; Mary Collins-Karen Young, Tulsa OK B2/3 Sue Patton-Barbara Bridges-Norma Labarthe, Abilene ; Joan Paradeis, Wichita Falls B2/3 John Hilbig, Bulverde ; Dolores Reiley-Brenda Johnson-Prema Durairaj, San Antonio B4C1. Ann Parker, Dallas ; Phyllis Spencer-Dee Bridgewater-Barbara Horowitz, Frisco C2. Carolyn Reed-Jones-Wiley Bunton-Debbie Farr-Leigh Broadway, San Angelo  
**Friday Evening Side Pairs-14.5 Tables** A1. Linda Spangler-Billy Leeper A2B1. J Reagan Dixon-Jim Harp A3. Norma Walker-Suzanne Dorris A4. George Finley-Carl McGill A5. Venkatrao Koneru-Virginia Noelke B2. Norma Murray-Joan Crowell B3. Barbara Wright-Betty Horne B4. Janet Jordan-Laura Nash B5C1. Glynda Groves-Judy Matthews C2. Johnny Glover-Doris Glover C3. Jane Clark-Julie O'Neill  
**Saturday Morning Side Prs-17.0 Tables** A1. Garey Hayden, Tucson AZ; Margaret Hart, Baton Rouge LA A2. Mark Lair, Canyon ; Jo Smith, A3/4 Norma Walker-Suzanne Dorris, San Angelo A3/4 Michael Bossert-Sara Bossert, Pflugerville A5. Gene Gammill, Mason ; Flo Curry, Midland B1. Harry Elliott, Houston ; Glynda Groves, Abilene B2. Coyita Bowker, Santa Anna ; Bobbie Grier,

Abilene B3C1. Julie O'Neill, Fort Worth ; Jane Clark, Auburn AL C2. Michael Curry, Catoosa OK; Dianne Marie Bostic, Tulsa OK C3. Nancy Hollyfield, Carlsbad NM; Shyla McGill, Hobbs NM  
**Afternoon Side Series-11.0 Tables** ABC1. Nancy Hollyfield, Carlsbad NM; Shyla McGill, Hobbs NM A2. Betty Sue Henry-Mary Bloodworth, San Angelo A3BC2. Johnny Glover-Doris Glover, Alamogordo NM A4. Bette Byrd, Abilene ; Robert Baker, Midland A5B3. Laura Nash, Stephenville ; Janet Jordan, Aledo B4C3. Margie Patterson, Spring ; Peter Huggler III, Seminole OK B5C4. Jack Emsoff-Johnny Horine, Brownwood  
**Saturday Aft Swiss Teams-7 Tables** A1. Margaret Hart, Baton Rouge LA; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA; Greg Hinze, San Antonio ; Garey Hayden, Tucson AZ A2B1. Gloria Rowland, Mabank ; Betty Wilkinson, Terrell ; Opal Thurman, Lawton OK; Ray Duncan, Hudson FL  
**Fri/Sat KO-Bracket 1-15 Tables** 1. Donna Swarouth-Dave Swarouth-Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio ; Virginia Noelke, San Angelo 2. George Finley-Carl McGill-Neal Perlman, San Angelo ; Greg Loran, Lubbock 3/4 Pawel Hanus, Carrollton ; Bogumil Knypinski, N Richland HLS ; William Garrard Jr-Donna Garrard, Irving 3/4 Jane Armstrong, Sugar Land ; J Gittelman-Dianna Gittelman-Betty Freedman, Houston  
**Saturday Eve Swiss Teams-6 Tables** A1. Dave Swarouth-Donna Swarouth-Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio ; Virginia Noelke, San Angelo A2. Margaret Hart, Baton Rouge LA; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA; Greg Hinze, San Antonio ; Garey Hayden, Tucson AZ A3. John Schwartz, Plano ; Gerry McKim, Garland ; Linda Spangler, Ft Worth ; Billy Leeper, Fort Worth A4. Jo Smith, Abilene ; Mark Lair, Canyon ; Anton (Tony) Haddad, Houston ; Alan Copeland, Midland A5. Robert Adams-David Foote, Oklahoma City OK; Carolyn Riely-Terry Riely, San Antonio X1/2 Pawel Hanus, Carrollton ; Bogumil Knypinski, N Richland HLS ; William Garrard Jr-Donna Garrard, Irving X1/2 Joan Crowell-Norma Murray, Menard ; Barbara Wright-Betty Horne, San Angelo  
**Sunday Gold Rush Swiss-10 Tables** B1. Sue Patton-Carol Whitten-Glynda Groves, Abilene ; Joan Paradeis, Wichita Falls B2C1. Mike Peiffer, Colleyville ; Finlay Higgins-Virginia Farley-Earl Mast, Arlington B3C2. Amanda Shaw-Shirley Davenport-Mike Robinson-Debra Jones, Odessa

Glover, Alamogordo NM C2. Nancy Hollyfield, Carlsbad NM; Shyla McGill, Hobbs NM 53.63%  
**Saturday Gold Rush Pairs-14.0 Tables** BC1. Marguerite Lavender, Colleyville ; Rosalee Hacker, Southlake BC2. Naomi Hewitt-Gail Wood, Houston BC3. Barbara Horowitz-Dee Bridgewater, Frisco B4. Barbara Bridges-Norma Labarthe, Abilene B5. Carol Whitten-Glynda Groves, Abilene B4. Phyllis Spencer, Frisco ; Ann Parker, Dallas B5. Robert Orvis-Gayle Orvis, Burleson  
**Morning Side Series-34.75 Tables /** Based on 14 Tables 1/2 Flo Curry, Midland 1/2 Gene Gammill, Mason 3 Glynda Groves, Abilene 4/5 Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio 4/5 Virginia Noelke, San Angelo  
**Afternoon Side Series-29.50 Tables /** Based on 11 Tables 1/2 Richard Williams, San Carlos CA 1/2 Jody Williams, San Carlos CA 3/4 Monte West, Snyder 3/4 John Gibson, San Antonio 5/6 Betty Horne, San Angelo 5/6 Barbara Wright, San Angelo  
**Evening Side Series-30.25 Tables /** Based on 12 Tables 1/2 Mark Lair, Canyon 1/2 Jo Smith, Abilene 3/4 Harry Elliott, Houston 3/4 Betsy Duncan, Abilene 5/6 Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA 5/6 Margaret Hart, Baton Rouge LA  
**Sunday A/X Swiss Teams-23 Tables /** Based on 33 Tables A1. Dave Swarouth-Donna Swarouth-Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio ; Virginia Noelke, San Angelo A2. Margaret Hart, Baton Rouge LA; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA; Greg Hinze, San Antonio ; Garey Hayden, Tucson AZ A3. John Schwartz, Plano ; Gerry McKim, Garland ; Linda Spangler, Ft Worth ; Billy Leeper, Fort Worth A4. Jo Smith, Abilene ; Mark Lair, Canyon ; Anton (Tony) Haddad, Houston ; Alan Copeland, Midland A5. Robert Adams-David Foote, Oklahoma City OK; Carolyn Riely-Terry Riely, San Antonio X1/2 Pawel Hanus, Carrollton ; Bogumil Knypinski, N Richland HLS ; William Garrard Jr-Donna Garrard, Irving X1/2 Joan Crowell-Norma Murray, Menard ; Barbara Wright-Betty Horne, San Angelo  
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## ABILENE HARVEST REGIONAL WINNERS



A/X Pairs  
Charlie Brown, Mike Peiffer



Wed Swiss A  
Betty Starzec, Mary Pat Gentry,  
Eddie Wold, Bob Morris



KO 1 Bkt 1, Thur Swiss A  
Gary Hayden, Margaret Hart,  
Greg Hinze, Bruce Ferguson



KO 1 Bkt 2  
Victor & Sandra Press  
Rebecca Brown, David Johnson



Tue Swiss X  
Martha McCartney, Whittie Rainwater,  
Darcy Cline, Betsy Parks



KO 4 Bkt 1, Sun Swiss A  
Babu Koneru, Virginia Noelke,  
Donna & Dave Swarouth



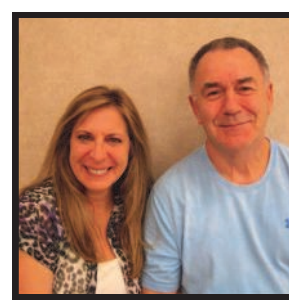
Fri Swiss Team X  
Robert Patton, Vance McCracken,  
Bette Byrd, Coleen Grisham



Wed Swiss X  
Charlie Grimes, Robert Bacon,  
Ralph & Karen Cox



Wed-Thurs KO Bkt 2  
Coleen Grisham, Gloria Rowland,  
Bette Byrd, Betty Wilkinson



Fri Aft Open Prs B  
Elaine Wood & Bachman Nabors



Swiss X  
Catherine Tucker, Judy Edmiston,  
Bonnie Kay & Edward Yetter



Fri Gold Rush Swiss  
Karen Young, Mary Collins,  
Beth Todd, Martyn Cooper



Gold Rush Pairs  
Mimi Lempert, Jan Welsh



Gold Rush Swiss  
Marsha Lindsey, Pamela Barksdale,  
Gail Wood, Naomi Hewitt



Gold Rush Pairs  
Carol Whitten, Glynda Groves




Gold Rush Swiss  
Joan Paradeis, Sue Patton,  
Beverly Joosten, Don Dwyer



Gold Rush Swiss  
Don Greer, Sam Sneed,  
Marilyn Hicks, Polly Marsh



**Unit 225  
East Texas**



**Diane Squyres**

I hope everyone had lots of good scores this month. Congratulations for making Life Master to Unit 225 members Dan Cowling, Paulette Huegele, Jorn Jamison and Wes Archer. Dan got it playing with his wife Karen and partners Beth Hankins and Billie Spain at the Longview DBC on Oct. 21. His party will be on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. Paulette was the Nacogdoches Duplicate Club's first Life Master since 2006. She won it at the Dallas Regional in September. Huge congratulations to ET Testerman for making Gold Life Master (2500 pts.!!) in Nov.

**Unit Games**  
Nelda Avent/Dorothy McCasland took 1<sup>st</sup> N/S in the Oct. 12 game, while Colleen Oneal/Sally McNulty got 2<sup>nd</sup> and Paula Edwards/Lynn Walker walked away with 3<sup>rd</sup>. On the E/W side, Richard Bryant/Alta Peck swept up 1<sup>st</sup> place and 1<sup>st</sup> overall. Coming in 2<sup>nd</sup> were Don and Mary Bartley and grabbing 3<sup>rd</sup> were Janie and Jerrell Wolaver.

At the Nov. 16 game, Jonathan Ernest/Brandon Carpenter locked up 1<sup>st</sup> N/S, while Emily Leake/John Bugay captured 2<sup>nd</sup> and Brenda Baker/G Reaves Murphey picked up 3<sup>rd</sup>. Playing E/W, Don and Mary Bartley bagged 1<sup>st</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> overall, as Richard Bryant/Alta Peck nabbed 2<sup>nd</sup> and Elizabeth Smith/Barbara Diedrick snapped up 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**70% games**  
Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> Mike Graham and Shirley Matthews scored 73.61% at the Longview DBC. Sandy Molander and Betty Wilkinson scored a 70.83% game at the Mid-Cities DBC played at The Bridge Studio of Cedar Creek in Gun Barrel on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>. Gay Roach and Barbara Robinson scored a 70% game at the Nacogdoches DBC on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>.

Jean Roach tells us," Lynda Frazier passed away on Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>. She and her husband John lived in Wills Points where she was very active in civic affairs. She was Grand Marshall for their 2010 Christmas parade, was chosen Rotary Above Self in 2000 and 2007, Citizen of the Year in 2001, and served as president of the Pilot Club 3 times and also served Pre-K and Kindergarten Sunday School

at the Wills Point Church of Christ for over ten years. She served on the Unit Board and supported the monthly unit games as well as the club games in Canton, Gun Barrel and Athens.

Lynda loved going to tournaments with her dear friend and bridge partner Mary Priest, but if Mary couldn't go, she would find a partner, especially if someone needed teammates for their life master quest. She always packed a china cup for her hot tea as she hated drinking tea out of Styrofoam. She believed in walking and before the first session at a tournament would sling her purse over her shoulder and off she'd go for a couple of laps around the hotel. I was very fortunate to have Lynda as a bridge mentor for several bridge dates a month. I not only learned about bidding and the play of the hand, but her example of bridge etiquette was what I valued most of all. We will miss her very much."

Brenda Baker tells us, "A memorial service was held in Tyler on November 26<sup>th</sup> for Vestajane Hamilton who was 98 years old. Vesta will be remembered by old-time Tyler players as she played duplicate bridge until approximately 90 years of age. She was partnership chairman for many years for Emily Leake at her club and was a volunteer at the Tyler bridge tournament for many, many years, selling and serving coffee and other refreshments as needed."

Sandy Hillard reported that Canton held their Christmas Party on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. Longview held theirs on the 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:30.

Everyone had a great time at the Tournament of Roses on Nov. 8-10 at the Holiday Inn Select. Mike Graham and Shirley Shelton did a great job as tournament co-chairs and were well aided by Nelda Avent and Dorothy McCasland on registration and Janie Wolaver for Hospitality. Our own wonderful Shirley Shelton made the most points of anyone in the tournament!! Yea, Shirley!!!!

I'm sorry to report that Sam Cobb is still in the hospital, so please keep him and Beryl in your prayers.

**Tournament Of Roses**

Tyler Nov 8-10 2013  
158 players. 164 tables.

- 1 17.65 Shirley Shelton
- 2 14.62 Julia Hirsch
- 3 14.62 B Paul Hirsch

- 4 14.01 Brady Allen
- 5 14.01 Bob Friz
- 6 13.09 Mike Graham
- 7 11.95 Jonathan Ernest
- 8 11.52 Charles Ford
- 9 10.84 Martha Young
- 10 10.84 Jay Gibson

**Fri Aft 299er Pairs**-6.0 Tables AB1. Jane Wood-Marianna Carpenter A2.

Penelope Brenner- Betty Vaughan A2B1. Tom Collins-Marcia Collins B2. Jim Hairston-Rick Degrauwe

**Fri Aft Open Pairs**-18.0 Tables / Based on 24 Tables A1. Jonathan Ernest-; Brandon Carpenter A2. B Paul Hirsch-Julia Hirsch B1. Carolyn Chapman- Nancy Hargis B2. Neva Davis-Jan Holcomb C1. Janie Wolaver-Jerrell Wolaver C2. Victor Marks- Marion Davis

**Fri KO Bkt 1-6** Tables 1. Miriam Rubin-Annette Crawford-Marilyn Chionsini- Elizabeth Smith 2. Sandy Molander- Sue Ritschel- Yvonne Houston- Betty Wilkinson

**Fri Morn Open Pairs**-13.0 Tables / Based on 17 Tables A1. John Bugay-G Reaves Murphey A2. Shirley Shelton- Mike Graham B 1. Alta Peck-Richard Bryant B2C1. Jimmy Parker-Beverly Battle C2. Charles Conner-Pat Colmer

**Fri Morn 299er Pairs**-4.0 Tables AB1/2 Janvan Jenkins-Sandra Jenkins AB1/2 Susan Sensenbach-Susan Cummings

**Fri Eve Open Pairs**-6.0 Tables A1. Mike Graham-Shirley Shelton A2. B Paul Hirsch-Julia Hirsch B1. Jean Roach Noelene Hardy B2C1. Jerrell Wolaver-Janie Wolaver C2. Barbara Williams-Jo Booth

**Fri Eve 299er Pairs**-3.5 Tables AB1. Marianna Carpenter-Jane Wood AB2. John Johnson-Suzanne Snavely

**Sat Morn 299er Pairs**-7.0 Tables AB1. Marianna Carpenter-Jane Wood AB2. Lenna Landers-Ben Landers C1. Tom Collins-Marcia Collins C2. Loretta Leathers-Ian John Currell

**Sat Morn Open Pairs**-16.0 Tables / Based on 22 Tables A1. Mike Graham-Shirley Shelton A2. B Paul Hirsch-Julia Hirsch B1. Peggy Singer-Gayle Mauldin B2C1. Tina Calligas-Jackie Carroll C2. Ann Marshall-Keitha Fox

**Sat Aft 299er Pairs**-6.0 Tables AB1. Sandy Lansing-Linda Harrison A2. Bonnie Burch-Jo Ann Parten B2. Marianna Carpenter-Jane Wood C1. Loretta Leathers-Ian John Currell C2. Nedra Vance-Elizabeth Alexander

**Sat Aft Open Pairs**-18.5 Tables / Based on 25 Tables AB1. Alta Peck - Charles Ford A2. B Paul Hirsch-Julia Hirsch AB2. Nell Velvin-Joyce Austin C1. Terry Slater-Pat Cawley C2. Charles Conner-Pat Colmer

**Sat Eve Open Pairs**-5.5 Tables A1. Bob Friz-Brady Allen A2. Jay Gibson-Martha Young B1. Betsy Smith-Helen Stevens B2.C1. Twyla Whitesell-Jo Booth C2. Jo Ann Parten-Bonnie Burch

**Flight A Swiss Teams**-7 Tables / Based on 24 Tables A1. James Bauer-James Thurtell-Gerry McKim-John Schwartz A2B1. Martha Young-Jay Gibson-Bob Scallan-Suresh Agrawal

**PINEY WOODS  
SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT**

February 13 - February 15, 2014

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS -NORTH LONGVIEW  
300 Tuttle Circle (just off Loop 281 near Longview Mall)  
Longview, Texas 75605 903-663-6464

**Thursday - February 13, 2014**

Bracketed Knockouts Teams I, (1 & 2 of 4) 10:00 3:00  
Stratified 299er Pairs (single sessions) 10:00 3:00  
Stratified Open Pairs (single sessions) 10:00 3:00

**Friday - February 14, 2014**

Bracketed Knockouts Teams I, (3 & 4) 10:00 3:00  
Compact KO's (1 & 2) 10:00 3:00  
Stratified 299er Pairs (single sessions) 10:00 3:00  
Stratified Open Pairs (single sessions) 10:00 3:00

Stratifications (Based on average masterpoints of pair or team)  
KO" s may be handicapped

Open Pairs: A:2000+, B:750-2000, C: 0-750 299er Pairs: A:200-300, B:100-200, C:0-100

**Saturday - February 15, 2014**

Bracketed Swiss Teams - 2 Sessions 10:00 TBA  
Stratifications (Based on average masterpoints of pair or team)  
KO" s may be handicapped

Teams: A:4000+ AX: 0-4000(A/AX play together), 0- 2000 Bracketed 299er Bracketed (if there are enough 299er teams)

Hot Dinner Provided Swiss Teams \$110.00

**Tournament Chairpersons**

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Sharon Whatley 903-806-7753 swhatley7721@ sbcglobal.net Linda Harrison 903-855-9227 lsharrison@bowie-cass.com

**Hospitality Chairpersons**

Diane Squyres 903-291-0268  
Ginny Jones 903-758-3176

Refreshments Compliments of Longview Duplicate Bridge Club Members

**Entry Fees:** \$12/ACBL members - \$15/Non/unpaid ACBL members  
Saturday Swiss Teams \$108

**Director in Charge** • John Smalley

**Host Hotel** -Bridge Rate \$85.00 Holiday Inn Express-North Longview 300 Tuttle Circle Longview, TX 75605  
903-663-6464 (complimentary breakfast)

**Additional Hotel**-Candlewood Suites Bridge Rate \$85.00  
2904Tuttle Circle Long-view, TX 75605 903-663-9751 (pet friendly)

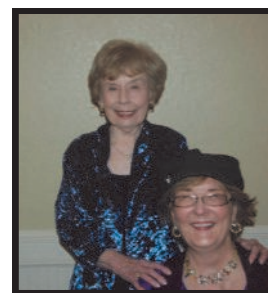
**Sat Eve Open Pairs**-5.5 Tables A1. Bob Friz-Brady Allen A2. Jay Gibson-Martha Young B1. Betsy Smith-Helen Stevens B2.C1. Twyla Whitesell-Jo Booth C2. Jo Ann Parten-Bonnie Burch  
**Flight A Swiss Teams**-7 Tables / Based on 24 Tables A1. James Bauer-James Thurtell-Gerry McKim-John Schwartz A2B1. Martha Young-Jay Gibson-Bob Scallan-Suresh Agrawal

**Bswiss Bracket 1-8** Tables / Based on 17 1. Charles Ford- Jimmy Wright - Shirley Shelton-Jimmy Hubbard 2. Jackie McGinty-Miriam Rubin-Annette Crawford-Wanda Allen  
**Bs wiss Bracket 1** 1. Linda Harrison-Sandy Lansing- Young-Fran Hewitt 2. Ben Landers-Lenna Landers-Robert Shanley-Suzanne Shanley

**TYLER TOURNAMENT OF  
ROSES  
SECTIONAL WINNERS**



Sat Aft 299ers  
Linda Harrison, Sandy Landings



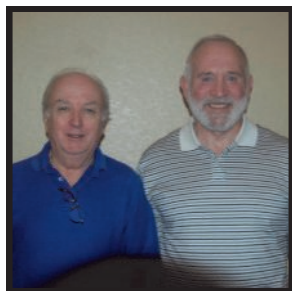
Sat Aft Pairs C  
Terry Slater, Pat Cowley



Fri Aft Pairs A  
Jonathan Ernest



Fri KO  
Marilyn Chionsini, Miriam Rubin  
Liz Smith, Annette Crawford



Sat Eve Pairs A  
Bob Fritz, Brady Allen



Fri Eve Pairs A  
Mike Graham, Shirley Shelton



Sunday Swiss X  
Bob Scallan, Suresh Agrawal,  
Martha Young, Jay Gibson




B Swiss  
Sandy Lansing, Fran Hewett,  
Linda Harrison, Susan Young



B Swiss  
Jimmy Hubbard, Shirley Shelton,  
Charles Ford, Jimmy Wright

**Unit 233  
Central Texas**



**Helen Levy**

Thanks to Edna Tuerck, Alicia Smith, Malissa Baugh, Lennie Wilkins, all who brought great desserts, director Gene Thompson, and others who pitched in and helped, the Unit hosted its annual Christmas party and election Dec. 8, in spite of frigid, icy weather throughout the area—and we had a good time! Awards went to

Mike Bukala, winner of the most MP's in the Temple and Waco tournaments for the Maxine Tessmer memorial, and Amy Wilson, winner of the most MP's in the Ace of Clubs Rookie of the Year category for the Gordon Dennis memorial. Asa Waterman (NP) will receive the Judy Bales memorial for the most MP's in the Ace of Clubs NLM category at Sul Ross BC. Caroline Baumann (NP) was given a monetary award for her consistent and excellent service as Webmaster. Malissa Baugh, Asa Waterman, and Lennie Wilkins were

elected to three year terms on the board, replacing Nell Carpenter, Dennis Laxton, and Sue Strahm. Board member Edna Tuerck replaced Juanita Butler as past president, and Paul Rothaus was approved to serve the remaining year of James Goodwin's term. James resigned for health reasons. Overall winners of the first Unit game were A1,B1, Trudi Lamendola and Jodee Bowen; C1, Nell Carpenter and Sharon Clark. Overall winners in the afternoon session were A1,B1,C1, Betty Robinson and Catherine Valentine.

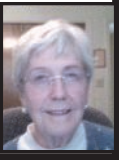
Congratulations to 70% achievers 10/6-12/6: Stilwell BC 11/20, Tom Corlett and Asa Waterman 70.83%. Sul Ross BC 11/26, Ethel Corlett and Tom Corlett 73.96%. Temple DBC & 600 Duplicate, 12/2, Melody Euler and Bill Parrish 71.15%. Congratulations to Juanita Butler, Asa Waterman, Beverly Greer, and Stephen Olson, winners of the "8 is enough" and club appreciation game hosted by Rolling Hills BC Oct. 30. The next "8 is enough" game will be at Rolling Hills BC on Jan. 29.

Don't miss it. We are always sad when we lose our players: Sammie Gibson died Oct. 23, 2013, and was buried in Abilene. Anne McKamy has moved to Dallas and was transferred to Unit 176. Our best wishes go with her. Unit calendar for 2014: Temple sectional tournament, Feb. 21-23 Temple CAC: Unit 233 499er tournament, May 16-17, Waco Sul Ross Center; Waco sectional tournament, Aug. 8, 9, 10, Clarion Hotel; District 16 StaC



(sectional tournaments at clubs), May 12-19. Unit GNT for Flts. B & C (less than 2000 MP's), two sessions March 16, 10 a.m. & TBA, CAC Strasburger Hall; Unit-Final NAP qualifying for Flts. A, B, & C, 1 session, Sept. 14, CAC Wendland Hall.

**Unit 353  
Wichita Falls**  
**Rosemary Barrington**



Our club has been so blessed in so many ways. Wanda Hughes has recovered from her recent illness and is teaching beginners class while Kathleen Brown is touring Sicily.

We celebrated Robert Lewis ninety fifth birthday on Oct 29th. Many ladies contributed wonderful food for lunch and no one is more deserving of honor than Robert Lewis. He cooks up the best wild turkey that he shares with us often and he is now fishing on the gulf. There were nine tables of players wishing him a Happy Birthday. He even had balloons tied to his waist.

A Christmas Party is being planned for the Sixth of December. It was such a special time of the Season last year, that we are all looking forward to it again this year.

Bridge Paradeis Masterpoint Leaders for September are Gladys Barley 7.63, Tomie Johnson 4.07, and Joan Paradeis 3.83

High Percentage Games were Joan Paradeis and Tomie Johnson 67.71 and Gladys Barley and Julia Lucas 64.81.

Unit Games winners were Margaret Kirkland and Kathleen Brown 65.50 and Patty Hofer and Carolyn Kay 59.50

Barbara Cunningham's Bridge Group are Tuesday and Saturday. Master Point Leaders are Susan Brower 8.05, Tomie Johnson 6.39, and Bernie Lang 5.96 and Cula Burch 5.96. High Percentage Games were Bernie Lang and Cula Burch 69.44, Susan Brower and Mike Terry 62.19, and Wanda Hughes and Leon Vaccarella 62.19.

Masterpoint Leaders in Vernon were Susan Couch 9.36, Carole Tucker

9.04, Ruth Streit 7.82 and Donna Lorance 6.08

High Percentage Games were Ruth Streit and Carole Tucker 71.35, Susan Couch and Ann Halsel 66.00 and Susan Couch and Arvella Storrs 65.0

Kathleen Brown's Bridge Group Master Point Leaders were Nancy Purcell 10.78, Joan Paradeis 9.62, Carolyn Kay 8.15 and Margaret Kirkland 7.27

Leaders in Bridge A gap North American Pairs Unit finals were Joan Paradeis and Joyce Lo 68.75, Joan Paradeis and Carolyn 66.25 and Rose Van Meter and Patty Hofer 64.58.

Charity JP Friday Evening Session Oct.11,2013 leaders were Carolyn Kay and Wanda Gaynor 1.52, Joan

Paradeis and Helen Cash 1.40. Our Wanda Gaynor was honored as a nominee for the Jacoby Service Award Unit Promotion of Bridge Games. We all felt that she was certainly a worthy contender. She does so much for the Unit and she always stays in the background and serves without any fanfare but is always available to fill gaps and much more. She is a real pillar of work and helpfulness.

Joan Paradeis went to Abilene Regional and competed with Carla Newsome in pair and won First in B and First in A Charity. It is truly awesome to have such fine people in our group of ACBL players. My hat is off to all of you and it is such a pleasure to be associated with each and every one of you.

**FORT WORTH** from page 11  
Bumgardner-James Richman  
A2. Michael Murphy-Thomas Leberman B2.C1. Mike Peiffer-Finlay Higgins C2. Ann Jay-James Jay  
**Fri Eve 299er Pairs**-3.0 Tables  
ABC1. Sue Ragsdale-Harley Puff  
AB2. Alicia Smith-Robert Smith C2. Linda Neal-Stacie Russell  
**Sat Morn 299er**-9.5 Tables AB1.  
Mark Anderson-Wally Anderson  
AB2C1. Mary Ellen Little-Sandra Lovin C2. Ian John Currell-Loretta Leathers  
**Sat Morn Open Pairs**-14.5 Tables /  
Based on 24 Tables A1. John Schwartz-Gerry McKim A2. Jeff McKee-Greg Resz B1. Mel Bason-Kay Jones C1. Judy Floyd-Jennifer Rao C2. David Branch-Stephen Ritchie  
**Sat Compact KO2 Bkt 1-10** Tables  
1. Nancy Kornegay-Stephen Kornegay- Mark Bumgardner- Bill

Staats 2. Chris Compton- Shirey-Jo Smith-Marc Levine  
**Sat Compact KO2 Bkt 2-14** Tables  
1. Cornelia Friedman-Jean Helmers-Patricia Sears-Sue Rowe 2. Bruce Mann-Michael Goldman-Julie O'Neill-Charlotte Krupp  
**Sat Aft Swiss**-15 Tables AB1. Helen Nelson-Mary Ellen Stanton-Connie Booth-Charles Raines A2/3B2. Dewitt Hudson Jr-Elizabeth Hudson-Tom Moore-Dorothy Moore A2/3 Eric Diamond-Judith Lotridge-Jay Gibson-Martha Young B1. Dwight Hill-John Robbins-Mike Peiffer-Finlay Higgins  
**Sat Aft Open Pairs**-14.5 Tables /  
Based on 21 Tables A1. Gerry McKim-John Schwartz A2. Hugh Hillaker-Kimmel Jones BC1. Nadine Barker-Suzie Herman B2 Wiltie Creswell-Gretchen Creswell C2 Melba Clark-Carole Findlay  
**Sat Aft 299er Pairs**-6.0 Tables  
AB1. Judy Nixon-Jeanette McDonald

C1. Ian John Currell-Loretta Leathers AB2/3 Patsy Rainwater-Maddu-Betty Woodward  
**Flight A Swiss Teams**-12 Tables /  
Based on 28 Tables A1. James Bauer-James Thurtell-S Kohan-Michael Murphy A2. Beth Bromberg-John Bromberg- Bryan Storey-Tom Edwards X1. Hua Yang-Edward Wang-Yan Song- James Zhan- Tiger King X2. Jim Harp-Bryan Morgan- Harry Elliott- Gary Neisler  
**Flight B Swiss Teams**-16 Tables B1. Roy Booth-Paula Justice-Jimmy Justice-Douglas Berke B2. Mickey Tryon-Stephen Hibbard-Tom Moore-Robert Bever C1. Jane Larimore-Jacqueline Montgomery-Susan Pratt-Barbara Baker C2. Melba Clark-Carole Findlay-Judith Evans- Betty Peterson D1. Marguerite Lavender- Rosalee Hacker- Gayle Orvis-Robert Orvis

# McAllen Sectional

## Upper Valley Duplicate Bridge Club

February 28 – March 1 – 2, 2014

Echo Hotel & Conference Center  
1903 South Closner Blvd.  
Edinburg, TX 78539  
956-383-3823

Friday, Feb. 28, and Saturday, March 1

Stratified Open Pairs (Single Session)

9:30am/1:45pm

Fees: \$11.00 per session

Sunday, March 2, Stratified Swiss Teams (2 sessions) 9:30am/5BA

Fees: \$88.00 per team

Stratification: A 1500+: B 500-1500: C 0-500

Complimentary Buffet Lunch

(provided each day for those playing 2 sessions)

Hotel reservations can be made at the Echo Hotel.

Call before Feb. 15 to request the Magic Valley Bridge Club rate of \$51.95 (single) and \$57.95 (double) per night. Rates include breakfast buffet and 1 free drink.

Tournament Chair

Rene Wallace

956-793-3992

Partnership Chair

Gretchen Chapa

956-682-0460

Non-ACBL Members \$1.00 more per session



# Temple Sectional

February 21-23

Cultural Activities Center

3011 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Temple, TX 76501

### FRIDAY, February 21

Bracketed KO Teams\* (3 sessions) 10 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.  
Stratified Pairs (single sessions) 10 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.  
299er Pair Game 10 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

\*KO may be handicapped per director's discretion (Masterpoints for pairs and teams are averaged)

### SATURDAY, February 22

Bracketed KO Teams\* (3 sessions) 10 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.  
Stratified Pairs (single sessions) 10 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.  
299er Pair Game 10 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

\*KO may be handicapped per director's discretion (Masterpoints for pairs and teams are averaged)

### SUNDAY, February 23

10:00 a.m. and TBA Meal provided between sessions

\*\* Swiss format may be changed by agreement of Tournament Chair and Director in Charge \*\*

### Stratifications

Pairs: A: 2000+ B: 750-2000 C: 0-750

Swiss: A: 4000/AX:0-4000 TBD by DIC (Play Together)  
B: 750-2000 C: 100-750 D: 0-100 (BCD Play Together)

### Tournament Chair

Pamela Yandell 817-473-3656 [pamelayandell@att.net](mailto:pamelayandell@att.net)

### Partnerships

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### Tournament Hotel

Quality Inn Bridge Rate:\$50 Book by 2/10/14  
1610 W. Nugent Ave., Temple, TX 76504 254-720-1100

### Entry Fees

ACBL Members: \$11.00/Session  
Non-Members: \$14.00/Session Students: \$6.00 entry  
Swiss Team: \$100.00/Team

### President Message

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And you say to yourself, 'Well, wait a minute, that's the right way to play.' And he says, 'Yeah, but don't wanna play that way.' *That instinct is card sense.* It's almost an ability to feel where the cards are. It's something that you can't buy, you can't find; you're born with. The ability to do the right thing at the wrong time or really to do the wrong thing at the right time."

**Eddie Kanter** - "I'm not sure whether glory or masterpoints is first on the list, but I know learning to play better is definitely last."

**Frank Stewart** - "Regardless of what sadistic impulses we may harbor, winning bridge means helping partner avoid mistakes."

**Alfred Sheinwold** - "Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make them all yourself."

Your play was much better tonight and so were your excuses.

We play forcing hesitations.

If I did everything right, I wouldn't be playing with you!

I hope you have had some laughs with some of these quotes.

In closing I want to quote from **Malcolm Forbes** - a former US presidential candidate and owner of the highly respected Forbes Magazine. Malcolm says, "Playing bridge reflects intelligence. It's one of the really great pleasures of life. I think anybody who's missing bridge is missing so much in life. Don't make the mistake of missing out on the fun of bridge."

Quite an endorsement from a super busy multi-millionaire who sits on the board of so many companies as well as the bridge table!

Bridge may not makes us all as wealthy as Malcolm Forbes, Bill Gates, and Warren Buffet, but it will enrich our lives through exercising our brains, giving us challenges to face, and allowing us to socialize with friends, new and old. See you at the bridge table!

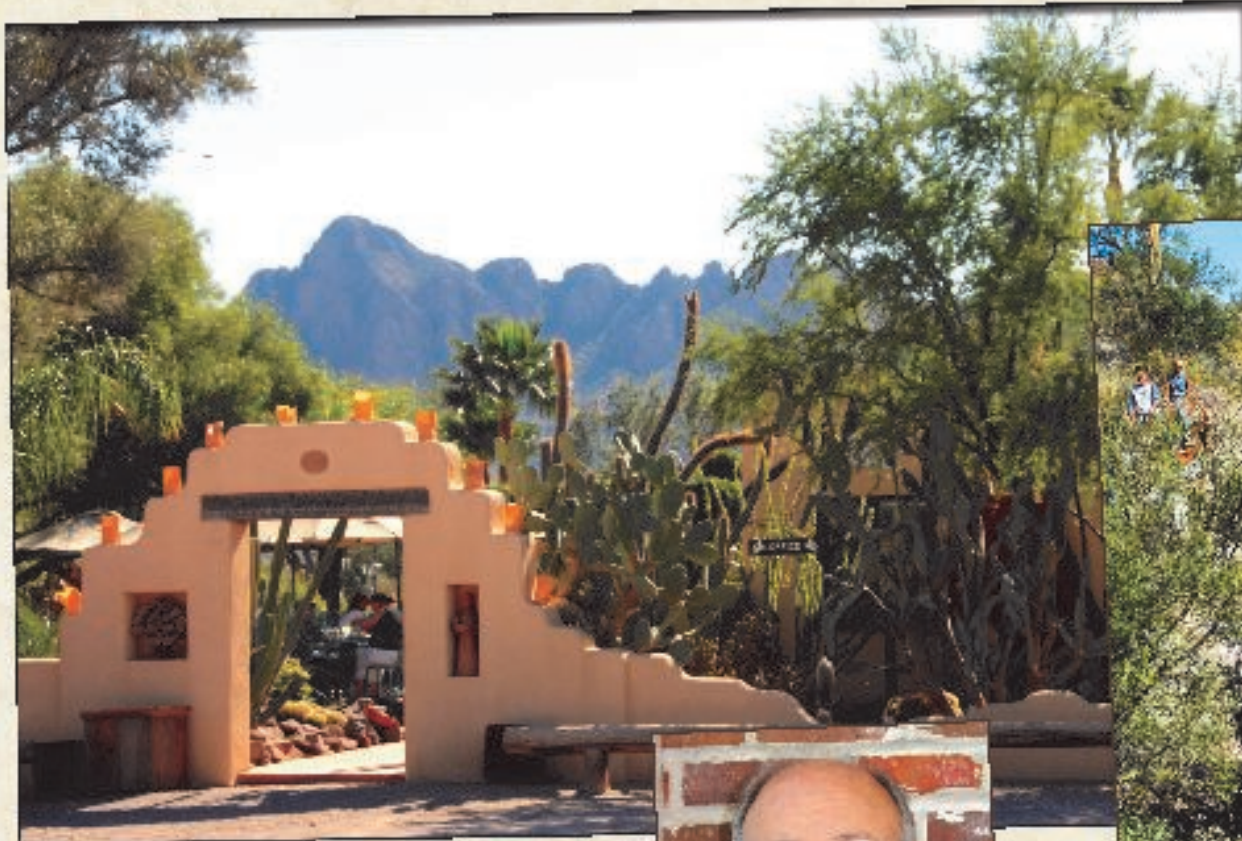
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Mexico; Elena Brucilovsky, Mexico Mexico; Connie Marfell, Milwaukee OR; Gerry Marshall, Las Varas Mexico A4. Tom Breed, Kingwood TX; Marisa Silverman, Aspen CO; Gloria Kreimerman, Tecamachalco Mexico; Stefan Reich, Mexico Mexico A5. Howard Parker III, Clements CA; Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Woods CA; Rebecca Rogers, Las Vegas NV; John Grantham, Bentonville AR BC1. Douglas Larson - Janet Larson, Olympia WA; Kathy George, Rochester NY; Norman Webb, Puerto Vallarta Mexico B2. Gaylord Brockway, Phoenix AZ; Patricia Mitchell, Rancho Palos Ve CA; Dagmar Rettberg -Mary Anderson, Chapala Mexico B3. Alain Fleurot, Manhattan Beach CA; Al Goldspiel, Puerto Vallarta Mexico; Rick Weiss, Reno NV; Martin Hurwitz, Woodland Hills CA B4. David

Hoogenberg -Lewis Crippen -Trudy Crippen, Ajijic Mexico; Diane Van Brocklin, Chapala Mexico B5. Helen Malcolm, Jalisco Mexico; Wanda Zakrzewski, Chapala Mexico; Irma Andrews -Peter Andrews, Aptos CA B C2. Christie McGue - Robert Calt, Traverse City MI; David McDougall -Syndi McDougall, Petawawa ON C3. Catherine Johnson -John Swanson, Reno NV; Evelyn Almeleh, Sparks NV; Jackie Bogin, Los Angeles CA C4. Gonzalo Herrera -Maribel Herrera, Huixquilucan Mexico; Stephen Penning, Laredo TX; Patricia Herrera, Mexico Mexico  
**Sunday Open Pairs** -5.0 Tables /  
Based on 4 Tables A1. Ray Boehne, Oceanside CA; Betty Jackson, Pebble Beach CA B1. Linda Shallit, Belfair WA; Carolyn McClurkan, Bremerton WA





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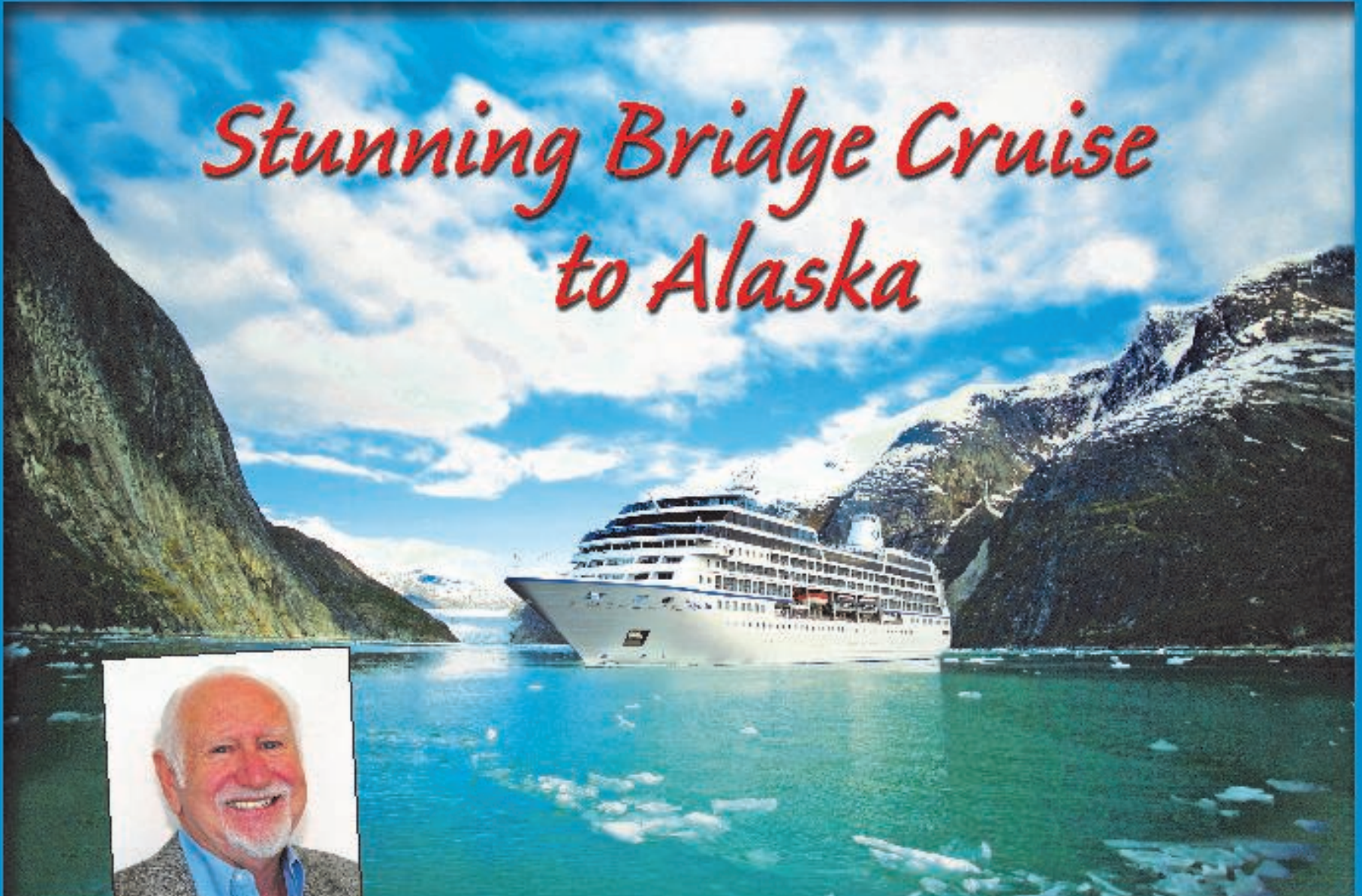
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DAY	9:30A-11:30A	1:30P-4:30P	7:30P-10:30P
Monday	Lecture	Game	Game
Tuesday	Lecture	Game	Game
Wednesday	Lecture	Game	Game
Thursday	Lecture	Game	Game
Friday	Lecture	Game	Game
Saturday	Lecture	Game	xxx

DAY	DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
Sunday	January 18	Galveston	xxx	4:30 PM
Monday	January 19	Day at Sea	xxx	xxx
Tuesday	January 20	Day at Sea	xxx	xxx
Wednesday	January 21	Falmouth	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
Thursday	January 22	Grand Cayman	7:00 AM	4:00 PM
Friday	January 23	Cozumel	9:00 AM	6:00 PM
Saturday	January 24	Day at Sea	xxx	xxx
Sunday	January 25	Galveston	7:00 AM	xxx

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CAT	CABIN	SIZE	BALCONY	DECK	DOUBLE	SINGLE
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JS	Junior Suite	297 sq ft	75 sq ft	10, 9	\$2,000	\$3,250
D2	Superior Outside	199 sq ft	65 sq ft	9, 8	\$1,650	\$2,700
E2	Deluxe Outside	184 sq ft	50 sq ft	7, 6	\$1,575	\$2,550
H	Outside	160 sq ft	none	2	\$1,425	\$2,300
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