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Tom Breed and Ira Chorush Win 0-10,000 Swiss Ted Bains and Mike Miedema Win Red Ribbon Pairs

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The Dallas NABC was a big success! Kudos to tournament chair Tomi Fitzgerald and her wonderful volunteer crew for a job well done. Even the weather cooperated (I'm thinkin' the Man upstairs knew he'd be in BIG trouble with Tomi if it rained or snowed!). District 16 players even managed to win a few events on home turf. Who ever said there was no home-field advantage?

Tom Breed of Kingwood and Ira Chorush of Houston won the second annual 0-10,000 Swiss Teams. This event is no pushover: an upper-masterpoint limit of 10,000 keeps only the top-tier of experts from competing. More than 99% of ACBL members are eligible to play. This was Tom's first national win, and Ira's third: he won the Open Board-A-Match Teams in 1987 and the Grand National Teams (Championship Flight) in 1981, and was twice runner-up in the Vanderbilt. Congrats to them both!

District 16 players have owned the runner-up spot in the Red Ribbon Pairs in recent years: Mitch Towner of Austin in 2009; Eric Goff and Neil Cohen of Austin in 2011, and Jeff Dater of Dallas and Jeff Brandenburg of Coppell in 2013. This time around, Ted Bains of Houston and Mike Miedema of Hochley did them one better—they won! A ginormous (gigunda?) 67% game in the final session cemented the win, which paid a whopping 60 MPs. District 16 salutes you!

Put on your thinking caps--I've got a multiple choice question for you. Which of the following statements is true? (A) Beth and John Bromberg of Dallas won the Mixed Pairs. (B) Beth and John Bromberg of Dallas finished second in the Mixed Pairs. (C) Beth and John Bromberg of Dallas finished third the Mixed Pairs. (D) All of the above. Technically, the correct answer is (C), but you get full credit if you answered (D). Wait a minute--how can all those statements be true? Here's how. At the end of regulation, Beth and John were declared the winners, but after a computer glitch was resolved, they dropped to second. The next day, a score correction dropped them to third. Talk about rotten luck! Still, finishing third in a field of 352 pairs is quite a feat. Congratulations and condolences, BJ & JB.

Bart Bramley of Dallas and Mike Passell of Plano made it to the sixth day of the Vanderbilt, but fell to defending champion Monaco in the

semifinals. Bart and Mike's team has done very well of late—they won the Roth Open Swiss at the Atlanta NABC last summer. Here's wishing them continued success.

The North American Pairs turned out to be a disappointment for District 16 qualifiers. The lone pair to place overall was Charles Woebeking of Southlake and Edward Wang of Plano. A 60% game in the final session propelled them to 4th in Flight C.

Several other District 16'ers had top 10 finishes in NABC events. In the Women's Swiss, Houstonians Carolyn Lanier, Mary Pat Gentry, and Pat Levy, Dallas denizens Peggy Sutherland and Petra Hamman, and Sugar Land resident Shawn Quinn were fourth, while Tobi Sokolow, Austin, finished seventh. In the Silver Ribbon Pairs, Harold Lilie, Austin, was fourth; Barry Schaffer, Frisco, ended up fifth; Nagy Kamel, Plano, and Dan Morse, Houston, came in sixth; and Michael Heymann, Fort Worth, was eighth. In the 0-10,000 Swiss, Terry Richardson, Austin, and James and Lily Andre, Sugar Land, were tenth. Terry also finished 5/8 in the 0-10,000 KO. Last, but not least, Sally Wheeler, The Woodlands, ended up sixth in the Women's Pairs (like the Brombergs, Sally fell victim to a late scoring correction that dropped her from fifth to sixth in the standings).

The summer nationals return to Las Vegas, the most popular venue for an NABC. When? July 17-27. Where? Las Vegas Hotel. Rooms are \$95 a night (inexpensive for an NABC), with astounding \$49 rates for the nights before (July 14-17) and after (July 27-28) the tourney. Everyone should experience Vegas at least once. Fabulous shows, terrific food, and whether you like gambling or not, spectacular casinos that will blow your mind, if not your budget. The pundits say, "What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas," but don't bet on it—I'm not one to keep my mouth shut, as Tobi can unfortunately attest!

- 160.85 Bart Bramley, Dallas
- 112.83 Hemant Lall, Dallas
- 101.28 Tom Breed, Kingwood
- 86.63 Nagy Kamel, Plano
- 82.18 Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio
- 78.53 Marion Gebhardt, Richardson
- 75.23 Dan Morse, Houston
- 73.27 John Bromberg, Dallas
- 73.27 John Bromberg, Dallas
- 72.47 Terry Richardson, Austin
- 70.00 Ira Chorush, Houston
- 62.48 Edwin (Ted) Bain III, Houston
- 61.33 Sally Wheeler, The Woodlands
- 60.00 Michael Miedema, Hockley
- 59.37 Tobi Sokolow, Austin
- 56.64 Timothy Smith, Dallas
- 56.24 Sara Bossert, Cypress
- 56.24 Michael Bossert, Cypress
- 55.80 Mark Hatkoff, Rowlett
- 55.30 John Zilic, Houston

- 51.28 Milton Neher, Richardson
- 49.20 Lynne Wood, Richardson
- 48.58 Lawton Hutchison, Austin
- 48.58 Joe Black, Austin
- 48.50 Charles Price, Sherman
- 47.85 Michael Heymann, Fort Worth
- 47.49 Shawn Quinn, Sugar Land

Vanderbilt KO Teams

- 3/ Mike Passell, Las Vegas NV
- Bart Bramley, Dallas
- 9/16 Hemant Lall, Dallas
- 17/32 Eddie Wold, Houston
- 17/32 Bob Hamman

Lebhar Imp Pairs

- 21/ John Sutherland, Dallas
- Greg Hinze, San Antonio
- 25/Michael Penick, Dallas
- Hugh Hillaker, Grand Prairie
- 28/Jeff McKee, Nevada
- Jack Lacy, Lago Vista
- 37/Ari Sippola, Irving
- 41/Jonathan Ernest, Lindale
- Charles Newton Jr, Rosenberg

Levintritt Silver Ribbon

- 5/ Barry Schaffer, Frisco
- 6/ Nagy Kamel, Plano
- Dan Morse, Houston
- 8/ Michael Heymann, Fort Worth ;
- 11/John Zilic, Houston
- Thomas Peters, Grapeland
- 21/ Stephen & Nancy Kornegay
- N Richlnd Hls
- 26/Phillip Grothus, Houston
- Carolyne Fox, Manvel
- 35/ David Horner, Carrollton

Silodor Pairs -

- 14/ Mark Bumgardner, Dallas ; Bill Staats, Southlake
- 22/ Mike Doyle, Houston
- 25/ Greg Hinze, San Antonio ; Nagy Kamel, Plano
- 31/ Dan Morse, Houston
- 37/ Kimmel Jones, Euless
- 38/ Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio

Whitehead Women's pairs

- 6/ Sally Wheeler, The Woodlands
- 11/ Tobi Sokolow, Austin
- 23/ Shawn Quinn, Sugar Land
- Terry Currie, Houston

Rockwell Mixed Pairs

- 3/ John and Beth Bromberg, Dallas
- 11/ Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio
- Virginia Noelke, San Angelo
- 13/ Sally Wheeler - Buddy Hanby, The Woodlands
- 15/ Nagy Kamel, Plano
- Mildred Breed, Austin
- 27/Dan Morse, Houston
- 30/Rosemary Kelley, Austin
- Wiley McMinn III, Cedar Park

Jacoby Open Swiss

- 20/ Tom Breed, Kingwood
- Chris Compton, Dallas
- 33/ Hemant Lall, Dallas
- 36/ Brady Allen, Dallas
- Bob Friz, Leonard
- 40/ Bob Hamman
- 46/ Sam Dinkin, Austin
- 47/ John Sutherland, Dallas ; Dan Morse, Houston ; Ira Hessel - Greg Hinze, San Antonio ; Nagy Kamel, Plano

10K Swiss

- 1/Tom Breed, Kingwood
- Ira Chorush, Houston

- 10/ Terry Richardson, Austin ; James Andre - Lily Andre, Sugar Land
- 15/ Hua Yang - Edward Wang - Yan Song, Plano ; Tiger King, Houston
- 22/23 Catherine & Hugh Miller, Spring
- Becky & Buddy Ellisor, Wimberley

NABC 0-10000 Knockout Teams

- 5/ Terry Richardson, Austin
- ### Red Ribbon Pairs
- 1/ Michael Miedema, Hockley
 - Edwin (Ted) Bain III, Houston
 - 12/ Robert Buchanan, Arlington
 - Don Reynolds, Weatherfo
 - 13/ Ariel Leibovitz
 - Stephen Reichek, Houston

Jim Thurtell

District 16
President



The North American Bridge Championships held in Dallas may have come and gone, but not without leaving us with many fond memories. First of all, many thanks to Tomi Fitzgerald for doing a fantastic job as the tournament chair. Tomi makes organizing Regionals and now even a National look effortless, but we all know it takes a huge amount of time, energy, vision, and resources to anticipate every need that might arise. I would like to thank all the volunteers on Tomi's staff also. I know how hard each of them worked.

Also, congratulations to the ACBL staff for the fine job they did in carrying on without a hitch after the sudden death of director Henry Cukoff as well as the sudden departure of Chris Patrias after his mother's health took a turn for the worse--especially District 16's own Tom Marsh, who performed both Chris's and his job at the end. The nationals were well attended, and I hope many District 16 players got to experience them for at least a day or two.

Congratulations to Gary King, Anthony Bianchi, Mitch Towner and Robert Whitcher for winning the GNT flight 'A' championships by defeating the team of Hua Yang, Wanfeng Mou, James Zhan, Yan Song and Tiger King. The Yang team held a small lead at the halfway point, but the King team fought back to take the lead at the end.

In GNT flight 'C' the team of Robert and Suzanne Shanley, Courtney Coffman and David Morris as well as the team of Walter Freitag, Lynne Address, Katherine McClure and Troy Carr overcame halftime deficits in the semi-finals to move on to the finals. In the finals, the Shanley team defeated the Freitag team to claim the chance to represent the

district at the Las Vegas Nationals.

In a different vein, I want to impress on club and tournament directors the need to step up their enforcement of 'zero tolerance' violations. These are things that decrease the enjoyment of the game for all the participants. One of the violations that is rarely enforced is the 'unwanted lesson' or comments about the bidding or play. If your opponent wants a lesson from you about how they should have bid or played the hand, they will ask you for it. Don't volunteer lessons, and certainly don't make remarks about or laugh at dummy, the auction or the play. Regardless of how good a player you think you are now, I am sure there are people around that can remember when you made bigger mistakes than your present opponents.

I've been as guilty as the next person. I remember specifically a comment at a Waco sectional during a KO match when I asked my left hand opponent "where were you during the auction" when she made a a terrible lead into my second suit after I had bid a slam. Even after I told her she had been playing so very well up until she lost concentration and made that terrible lead I don't think she thought any better of the comment.

Also, as a player it is not your place to make a ruling at the table when something occurs. That is why we have directors. Let them earn their money . . . let them make the rulings at the table. There are many nuances to the various laws as well as revisions that you may not be aware of. You may very well be losing out on a rectification you may have coming.

Bridge is a game that we all enjoy and we should strive to make sure that even the opponents we play against enjoy the experience. The best players in the world try to make it enjoyable for their opponents and so should we.

GNT Winners Flight A and C

The District 16 Finals for Flights A & C were held during the Houston Election Sectional, April 4-6, 2014.

Winners of Flight A were Anthony Bianchi, Mitch Towner, Robert Whitcher and Gary King of the Houston area who defeated Hua Yang, Yan Song, Wanfeng Mou, Tiger King, and James Zhan in the final. Five teams entered and played a round robin to bring it down to a two table final. This year the Masterpoint limit was raised from 5000 to 6000. Their were 10 teams entered in flight A in 2013. The Bianchi team won the District flight A last year and in the National finals at the Summer NABC they lost a true heartbreaker in the final match tofin-

ish second.

The team of Robert Shanley, Suzanne Shanley, Courtney Coffman, and David Morris won Flight C. They defeated Walter Freitag, Lynne Address, Katherine McClure, and Troy Carr in the final. Eight teams, who qualified at the Unit level, entered the event and played a round robin to determine 4 teams that entered a KO. The Shnaly team were second last year in the district. Courtney Coffman, and David Morris also won the district Flight C NAP earlier this year.

Flight B and the Superflight will be held in Dallas over the memorial day weekend.



Flight A GNT Winners
Anthony Bianchi-Mitch Towner
Robert Whitcher-Gary King



Flight C GNT Winners
David Morris-Suzanne Shanley
Courtney Coffman-Robert Shanley

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Two Members of District 16 Honored

Congratulations to Bob Hamman of Dallas who has been selected as winner of the 2014 Sidney H. Lazard Jr. Sportsmanship Award. The award has been awarded annually since 2001 and is named for the late son of Sidney Lazard of Dallas.

The formal presentation will be at the Hall of Fame awards ceremony at the Summer NABC in Las Vegas. Bob has won 10 World Championships and 52 NABC titles and is in the ACBL Hall of Fame.

Also at the hall of fame ceremony Peggy Sutherland will receive the Blackwood Award for service to bridge. Peggy has one World Championship and 9 NABC events.

Playing with their spouses and Hemant and Justin Lall, Bob and Peggy won one of their national events, the Grand National Team together in 2006.



Peggy Sutherland



Bob Hamman

Melody Euler

District 16
NAP Coordinator



Get ready for the new NAP cycle beginning in June! New this year is that the maximum points for Flight B has been raised to 2500 points!

First you have the opportunity to earn half red/half black points 100% sectional rated points at your own local club. During June, July, and August, each club is allowed to hold two NAP games per sanction per month. Although you only need to qualify once to advance to the next level, you can win extra points all summer long!

This prestigious event is staged in qualifying rounds at the club, unit,

and district levels. It culminates in a final held in conjunction with the 2015 Spring NABC in New Orleans. The games are flighted: (Flight eligibility is based on the May 6, 2014 masterpoint cycle: A (Open): B (0 to 2,500) and C (0 to 500, NLM) Pairs who qualify at the District level qualify to attend the NABC in New Orleans. ACBL pays a stipend of \$700/per person for those who qualify 1st in the District final and \$300/per person of the 2nd place qualifiers. In addition, there are no entry fees for the National event once you have qualified.

To sweeten the pot, District 16 adds additional monies to each of the qualifying pairs. 1st gets and additional \$100/per person, 2nd gets \$200/per person, and 3rd now gets \$300/per person.

ACBL also awards the District with most tables in play at the club level an additional qualifying spot, so support your clubs when they hold qualifying games. We have won this extra spot in flight B several times in recent years, but we need more C tables in play in order to get the additional spot in C.

NAP Schedule is as follows:
Club level: June, July, August
Unit level: From September through December
District level: January 3-4, 2015, Austin Doubletree.
National level: At Spring 2015 NABC in New Orleans
For more details, go to www.acbl.org/play/special-events-info.php#nap. Or contact Melody Euler, D16 NAP Coordinator melodious@hotmail.com or 254.718.2270.

Events for Austin Regional Still Available for Naming

Contact : Larry S. Davis, 512-343-6942, Chairman
4-session events - \$200 2-session - \$150 1-session - \$50

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



ONE LAST SHOT, ONE BIG WIN!

by Trudi Lamendola

WALTER WINTERS
New Life Master
94 years "young"

Walt went to the Spring NABC in Dallas to play in one knock . He needed 9.6 gold mp to his life long dream.

Walt and his teammates, Mary Sturtevant, Trudi Lamendola and Pauline Mitchell made it happen. Winters realized his dream when his team won first place in the Bracket IV K/O (3/27-3/28). Congratulations to NEW LIFE MASTER, Walter Winters of Waco, TX!

Support The Longest Day

Check with your local clubs and help support The Longest Day, a fundraising event held on June 21 — the longest day of the year — that aims to raise money for the research, support and care efforts of the Alzheimer's Association. See more at the ACBL website http://www.acbl.org/news_archive.php?id=979

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Last year the ACBL listed seven clubs that raised more than \$5,000. Two of those participating clubs are in District 16. The Bridge Academy of North Dallas (BAND) from Unit 176 raised over \$50,000 ran 10 events and

16.5 hours of non-stop bridge and The Bridge Center of Austin from Unit 207 raised over 42,000! Help support this worthy and beneficial event while enjoying your favorite pastime.

The goal this year is to raise \$750,000



July 11 -13, 2014

Ruidoso Convention Center

Enjoy Bridge in the Mountains of New Mexico

Friday, July 11

9 AM Rudolf KO's
1 PM & 7 PM Rudolf KO's
Dasher/Dancer Open Pairs
Prancer/Vixen 299's Pairs

Saturday, July 12

10 AM Comet Compact KO's
Cupid Open Pairs
Donder 299's Pairs
3 PM Comet Compact KO's
Blitzen Open Pairs
Frosty 299's Pairs

Sunday, July 13

10 AM & TBD Santa Strati-flighted Swiss Teams (A & AX play together)

Stratified: (A) 2000+ (B) 750-2000 (C) 0-750
Strati-Flighted: (A) 3000+ (Ax) 0-3000
(B)1250-2000 (C)750-1250 (D) 0-750
Pairs and Teams stratified by average MPs of pair or team
Top KO bracket may be handicapped

Fees: Pairs and KO's: \$11 / person / session
Friday lunch for purchase Saturday snacks only
Swiss Team: \$100. / team Sunday Lunch Included
(Non-ACBL or Unpaid Member add \$3.00 each session)
Host: Unit 388 District 17

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DISTRICT 16 TOURNAMENTS

MAY

Austin 1-4
D16 STaC 12-18
Richardson (March Issue 13) 22-6
GNT B and Superflight Richardson (March 13) 24-25

JUNE

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Richardson 299er 13-14
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Austin NLM 14-15
Spring (Houston) 499er 19-22
[Victoria \(11\)](#) 20-22
[Fort Worth \(10\)](#) 20-22
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San Antonio NLM 27-28
[AUSTIN REGIONAL \(3\)](#) 6/30-7/6

JULY

[AUSTIN REGIONAL \(3\)](#) 6/30-7/6
Houston 99er 10-13
[Tyler \(14\)](#) 11-13

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172 STaC 4-10
Houston 7-10
Waco 8-10
Richardson 299er 15-16
Austin 199er 16-17
Beaumont 22-24
RICHARDSON REGIONAL 26-Sept 1
LAS VEGAS NATIONALS 17-27

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Spring (Houston) 0-300 11-14
San Antonio NLM 12-13
Fort Worth 19-21
Austin 25-28
Athens NLM 25-28
Richardson 99er 26-28
Wichita Falls 26-28

OCTOBER

STaC 174 6-12
San Antonio 9-12
Beaumont 16-19
Abilene 17-19
CORPUS CHRISTI REGIONAL 20-26
Richardson 30-Nov 2
San Antonio NLM 31-Nov 1

DEADLINES for July 2014 Issue

Announcements: June. 1st
Articles, Columns: June. 6th
Pictures & Copy must be digital.
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Edmontine "Eddie" Baker Bracketed Swiss Game at Houston Sectional April 5

The bridge community lost a very dear soul and the game lost an ambassador when the 90-year-old Eddie Baker passed away on December 23. The Saturday Bracketed Swiss game (her favorite) at the Unit 174 Sectional was named in her memory. The event was originally scheduled for the Lone Star Regional in January, but due to ice conditions that day, most of her friends could not make it. Eddie had played bridge several times her last week on Earth, and she was as sharp as ever. Bridge was always her favorite hobby, and she and her husband Allen were very active in the Houston bridge scene, running

several clubs over the years. Eddie also directed a ladies group at Kingwood Country Club for many years. She was a woman of great intellect and integrity, but above all else, was a woman of great kindness, known for her cheerfulness and ability to put others at ease. We will always hold her precious memory in our hearts and are happy that we were able to remember her on April 5, 2014.

Kingwood Duplicate Bridge Club

Ladies Duplicate at Kingwood Country Club



Dan Morse

District 16 Representative



DALLAS NABC MEETING

The Dallas NABC was a rousing success - a big shout out to Chair Tomi Fitzgerald and her committee for a fabulous job! The attendance was just below 10000 tables which

was out target. Texans supported the tournament well but I think a few people who could only go to one NABC decided to go to Vegas in the summer.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PEGGY SUTHERLIN FOR BEING SELECTED FOR THE ACBL HALL OF FAME. She will be inducted in Las Vegas this summer, so plan to attend if possible.

At the end of February ACBL mem-

bership stands at 167,763, an increase over last February but down slightly year to date. Full membership statistics can be found at Active membership statistics.pdf.

Through the first 2 months of the year, Regional, Sectional, and STaC table count is down slightly, probably because of bad weather and fewer tournaments than last year.

There was a soft launch of the newly redesigned ACBL website during the Dallas NABC: go to the ACBL web-

site, scroll down and click on an exclusive sneak preview to see the exciting new website.

The ACBL Score+ program has fallen behind schedule and it is unclear when the final rollout will be. The Grass roots funds games for last year ending January 31, 2014 raised \$158,849. Our district will receive about \$16,000, which was the 3rd most of the 25 Districts. This money goes to support our district's NAP and GNT events so we will have

more money for expenses of the winners of these events.

On a trial basis the ACBL is trying new 10K events at the Nationals. The turnout for the mini Vanderbilt was only a disappointing 20 teams. If attendance does not get better some of these events will be canceled. In Vegas this summer there will be a 10K pairs and a 10K mixed teams. I encourage players between 2500 and 10000 master points to come and play in these events.

Three new 10K events are scheduled

Austin 4th of July Regional

"TEN BUCK BRIDGE"

June 30 – July 6, 2014

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299er Novice-Newcomer Schedule

Tues. Pairs 10 am, 2:30 and 7:30 pm
Wed. Pairs 10 am, 2:30 and 7:30 pm
Thurs. Pairs 10 am, 2:30 and 7:30 pm
Fri. Pairs 10 am, 2:30 and 7:30 pm
Sat. Pairs 10 am, 2:30 and 7:30 pm

Speakers on Tuesday-Saturday at 2 pm
Topics to be announced.

Pair Games

Mon. 7:00 pm Charity game
Tues. Gold Rush Pairs - 10:00 & 2:30
A/X Pairs - 10:00 & 2:30
Wed. Choice Pairs - 10:00, 2:30 & 7:30
Thurs. Gold Rush Pairs - 10:00 & 2:30
A/X Pairs - 10:00 & 2:30
Fri. Choice Pairs - 10:00, 2:30 & 7:30
Sat. Gold Rush Pairs - 10:00 & 2:30
A/X Pairs - 10:00 & 2:30
Sun. Open Pairs
10 am and TBA

Side Game Series

Tuesday-Saturday
Morning game: 10:00 a.m.
Afternoon game: 2:30 p.m.
Evening game: 7:30 p.m.

Team Events

KO-1 — Mon. 7 pm & Tues. 10 am, 2:30 & 7:30 pm
Compact KO 1 — Tues 10 am & 2:30 pm
KO 2 — Wed 10 am & 2:30; Thurs 10 am & 2:30 pm
Compact KO 2 — Wed & Thurs 7:30 pm
Compact KO 3 — Thurs 10 am & 2:30 pm
Compact KO 4 — Fri & Sat 7:30 pm
KO 3 — Fri 10 am & 2:30 pm, Sat 10 am & 2:30 pm
Compact KO 5 — Sat 10 am & 2:30 pm
Single Session Swiss — Tues, Thurs, Sat 2:30; Tues, Sat 7:30
Single-Session Board-a-Match — Thurs 7:30 pm
Two-Session Bracketed Swiss, Wed 2:30 & 7:30, Fri 2:30 & 7:30
Swiss teams (stratified) — Sun. 10 am & TBA

Stratification & Flighting

All games stratified by average masterpoints. Top bracket only of KOs and Compact KOs are handicapped per ACBL guidelines.

Stratified Events: A: 2000+, B: 750-2000, C: 0-750
Novice/Newcomer Pairs: A: 200-300, B: 50-200, C: 0-50
(Director has discretion on Novice strat settings)

Strati-flighted Pairs: A: 3000+; X: 0-3000 (A & X play together); B: 0-750; C: 0-300 (BC play together)

Strati-flighted Teams: A: 4000+; X: 0-4000 (A & X play together; Strats adjusted by Director), Bracketed Swiss 0-2000.

Entry

\$10/person/session Mon. - Fri.
\$11 Sat. (includes surcharge for Texas NABCs)
\$22 Sun. for open pairs; \$100/team (meal provided)
\$4 additional per session for non/unpaid ACBL members

Doubletree Hotel

6505 IH 35 North, Austin, TX 78752
Reservations: 512.454.3737 or 800. 347.0330
Room Rate: \$109, Cut-off date for room rates: June 7th.

for the 2015 fall NABC, pending approval of the ACBL Board at the Vegas meeting. A new Club marketing toolkit will be available for a mid-year roll out.

The Education Foundation is sponsoring 10 unit seminars, (Learn to play bridge in a Day) in 2014. One will be in Houston in September.

Reimbursement requests for the Cooperative advertising Program must now be submitted within 60 days of the ad running instead of 90 days.

School bridge teacher stipend requests must be submitted within four weeks of the last class date and the maximum number is now 8 per year.

Manuals have been produced that guide units and clubs to create their own Facebook page or modify their current Facebook page so that it falls in alignment with the ACBL's page.

Next fall special membership offers will be available to encourage membership as a holiday gift idea.

If anyone has questions please e-mail or call me. Danmorse@sbcglobal.net or 713-599-0047.

Looking forward to seeing you at the tables

Dan

Bridge as Theatre The 2014 Vanderbilt

There was a time that the final matches of the Vanderbilt and Spingold were shown in a big room with lots of spectators and expert commentators. Often members of the two final teams who were not playing (most of the teams were 6 handed and one pair was sitting out) would join in the discussion. Presently, most of us watch from our computers on BBO but there is still a vugraph room but they use BBO to broadcast it. BBO provides many top matches online and they are available at http://www.bridgebase.com/vugraph_archives/vugraph_archives.php. Easier is to type into google [BBO and vugraph and archives]. You not only watch the hands unfold but the expert comments are included.

One of my first experiences was in Salt Lake City. Edgar Kaplan was commenting and we watched Bart Bramley and Lou Bluhm against Soloway and Goldman. One hand stood out where Bluhm opened a 10 point hand and raised Bart's 1H bid to 3H in competition. Soloway and Goldman tried for slam and Bart had an awlward look on his face as his partner kept bidding at the 5 level. He finally passed but having video cameras in the room showing Bart's bewilderment (they were behind screens so his partner could

continued on 15 Dallas Vanderbilt

2013 DISTRICT ACE OF CLUBS LEADERS

0 to 5		5 to 20		20 to 50		50 to 100					
1	Phillip Nowell, A	54	1	Stephen Segall, Laredo	120	1	David Johnson Jr., San Antonio	82	1	Larry Levin, San Antonio	127
2	Odis Nolte, Conroe	48	2	Louis Bockman, League City	92	2	Carol Adamek, Dallas	69	2	Tony Abernethy, Wichita Falls	93
3	Paula Baggett, Odessa	38	3	Constance Vecellio, Dallas	74	3	Amanda Shaw, Odessa	67	3	Jeanne Treloar, A	85
4	Betty Finney, Gilmer	31	4	Dagmar Rettberg, C	61	4	Barbara Diedrick, Tyler	62	4	Christine Collier, San Antonio	78
5	Elizabeth Mackey, Lubbock	30	5	Jerry Frankel, Plano	58	5	Shirley Davenport, Odessa	59	5	Mike Peiffer, Colleyville	77
6	Marilyn Hicks, Benbrook	27	6	Sandra Allison, Silsbee	52	6	Beth Castleberry, Richardson	47	6	Craig Briney, N Richland Hill	75
7	Claire Smith, Austin	26	7	Frank Zebedeo, Spring	44	7	Robert Komorn, M.D, Houston	47	7	Mary Ann Briney, N Richland Hill	75
8	Jan Wallace, Denton	26	8	George Steele, Austin	43	8	Margaret Kennedy, Corpus Christi	46	8	Ann Parker, Dallas	73
9	Judy Nixon, Flower Mound	26	9	Debra Jones, Odessa	43	9	Arvind Shah, Plano	46	9	Sudhir Shah, Dallas	70
10	Anil Kinikar, Austin	24	10	Sam Norvell, Dallas	40	10	Judith Wells, C	45	10	Rebecca Landon, Corpus Christi	67
11	George Bedell, Dallas	24	11	Randy Patterson, Dallas	39	11	Cheryl Mathias, Sugarland	44	11	Paul Aguiard, Beaumont	66
12	Joe Ramirez, Mission	24	12	Bob Yelli, Nassau Bay	35	12	Chris Myers, Dallas	43	12	Rebecca Page, Plano	66
13	John Caudill, Houston	23	13	Marykatherin Wainwright, S	35	13	James Alvis, Abilene	42	13	Linda Harrison, Pittsburg	65
14	Karl Wehner, San Angelo	23	14	Anne Collier, Dallas	34	14	Steven Russell, Denton	41	14	Barbara Ann Kirstein, Waco	63
15	P Scott Vaughan, Midland	23	15	Laura Wrenn, Houston	33	15	Virginia Myers, Lubbock	40	15	John Abney, Lubbock	58



David Johnson Jr.,



Carol Adamek



Larry Levin,



Nancy Latner



Tony Abernethy



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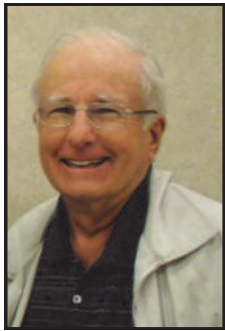


Jerrold Albom

100 to 200		200 to 300		300 to 500		500 to 1000					
1	Charles Chartier	114	1	Sanae Zaveloff, Austin	124	1	Nancy Latner, Dallas	161	1	Jerrold Albom, Dallas	186
2	Pat Kelly, Waco	102	2	Anne Gorry, Houston	111	2	Shou Chao, Houston	159	2	William Kibikas, Friendswood	175
3	John Petersen, Friendswood	100	3	Jane Larimore, Fort Worth	108	3	Marlene Blumentritt, Midland	151	3	Jane Kirby, Dallas	170
4	Elaine Martin, San Marcos	95	4	Katherine McClure, Houston	91	4	Joan Paradeis, Wichita Falls	144	4	Sandy Potts, Austin	168
5	Carolyn Worsham, Port Arthur	92	5	Gilda Reynolds, Cape Coral FL	84	5	Kitty Wong, Pearland	129	5	George Burcham, Dallas	160
6	Chris Kelly, Waxahachie	91	6	J. Fletcher, Dallas	79	6	John Knox, Kemah	121	6	David Russell, Houston	158
7	Shreedhara Ramarathnam, Tyler	89	7	Betty Mingle, Corpus Christi	76	7	Tomi Porterfield, Pearland	120	7	Asa Waterman, Waco	150
8	Bonnie Burch, Emory	87	8	Barbara Ferm, Dallas	75	8	Kyle Lueders, Houston	117	8	Peggy Singer, Longview	145
9	Steven Andersen, Austin	85	9	Janis Williams, Sour Lake	70	9	Victor Press, San Antonio	117	9	Patti Mullendore, Houston	140
10	Marjorie Kemp, Longview	84	10	Blair Lapwing, Austin	69	10	Sandra Press, San Antonio	114	10	Jo Ann Pierce, Pearland	137
11	Mark Nemitz, Alvin	81	11	Anita Pupols, Dallas	67	11	Diane Duncan, Longview	109	11	Nancy Fellman, Dallas	132
12	Stan Hsu, Denton	80	12	Marsha Young, Dallas	67	12	Bill Joplin, Houston	107	12	Janet Gelles, Fairview	130
13	Anita Rothfuss, Willis	80	13	Beverly Battle, Malakoff	66	13	Mike Goldberg, Houston	105	13	Brian Gelles, Fairview	130
14	Linda Briggs, Port Arthur	77	14	Lynne Andress, Houston	66	14	Tod Pontius, Austin	102	14	William Houck, Houston	129
15	Carole Tucker, Vernon	76	15	Donald Williams, Sour Lake	65	15	Frank Durante, Addison	99	15	Bill Kiehnhoff, Sugar Land	123



Pat Levy



Marion Gebhardt



Suresh Agrawal



Gail Wells

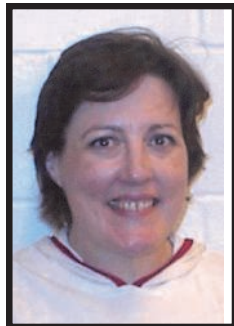


Mary Pat Gentry

1000 to 2500		2500 to 5000		5000 to 7500		7500 to 10,000					
1	William Daniel III, Spring	221	1	Suresh Agrawal, Rowlett	301	1	Marion Gebhardt, Richardson	325	1	Gail Wells, Dallas	637
2	Richard Wilson, Houston	196	2	Mary Pat Gentry, Houston	290	2	Billy Leeper, Ft Worth	242	2	Pat Levy, Houston	240
3	Charles Grimes, Midland	188	3	Jack Smith, Dallas	262	3	Shirley McKee, Houston	242	3	Rosemary Kelley, Austin	214
4	Jo Ann O'Malley, Katy	187	4	Bill Osborn, Frisco	252	4	William White, Arlington	224	4	Jack Lacy, Lago Vista	212
5	Stephen Reichel, Houston	185	5	Ann Servatius, Midland	229	5	Melody Gann, Arlington	217	5	Diane Olson, San Antonio	145
6	Harry Ingham, San Marcos	180	6	Victor Sitton, Sugar Land	214	6	Marilou Powell, Round Rock	208	6	Royce McCray, Caddo Mills	107
7	Jack Balter, Houston	179	7	Allen Wolf, Woodlands	214	7	Randy Ausmus, Fort Worth	191	7	Stephen Schwall, Houston	99
8	Joe Choate, League City	175	8	Edith Reid, Houston	212	8	Paul Nimmons, Houston	186	8	Dave Swarthout, San Antonio	91
9	Ennis Dyess, Tyler	168	9	Jean Pistole, Odessa	205	9	Jeanne Linzel, Stafford	182	9	Joe Quinn, Sugar Land	68
10	Rick Stell, Houston	166	10	Anna Marlatt, Houston	203	10	Norinne Anderson Nelson,	172	10	Richard Price, Fort Worth	52
11	Ariel Leibovitz, Houston	161	11	C David Mitchell, San Antonio	202	11	Marilyn Leboy, Houston	168	11	Stephen Kornegay, N Richlnd Hls	49
12	Robert Buchanan, Arlington	160	12	Oren Moore, Missouri City	201	12	Pat Cassidy, Arlington	166	12	Nancy Kornegay, N Richlnd Hls	46
13	Rich Brandenburg, Coppell	159	13	John Lindsey, Houston	198	13	Betty Freedman, Houston	157	13	James Thurtell, Dallas	27
14	Joe Black, Austin	155	14	Thomas Corlett, Waco	196	14	Gary Mitchell, Laredo	157	14	Tom Breed, Kingwood	18
15	Barbara Hollahan, Austin	155	15	Brenda Baker, Tyler	195	15	Gloria Crites, Midland	153	15	Joan Jackson, Dallas	14



Billy Leeper



Shawn Quinn



Linda Spangler



Eddie Wold



Chris Compton

Over 10,000		Lifetime Top MP Holders									
1	Shawn Quinn, Sugar Land	231	1	Eddie Wold, Houston	62,923	16	Peggy Sutherlin, Dallas	15,336	32	Donna Swarthout, San Antonio	11,355
2	Linda Spangler, Ft Worth	180	2	Bob Hamman, Dallas	35,254	17	Steve Shirey, Fort Worth	15,282	33	Derrell Childs, Garland	11,326
3	Paul Kelley Jr., Austin	175	3	Chris Compton, Dallas	34,028	18	Hemant Lal, Dallas	14,709	34	Barry Schaffer, Frisco	10,930
4	Edward Groner, Houston	166	4	John Sutherlin, Dallas	27,892	19	Miguel Reygadas, Mexico	14,627	35	Carolyn Peters, Grapeland	10,887
5	Hugh Hillaker, Grand Prairie	153	5	John Zilic, Houston	25,437	20	Hugh Hillaker, Grand Prairie	14,298	36	Gerry Marshall, Mexico	10,739
6	Eddie Wold, Houston	152	6	Dan Morse, Houston	24,010	21	Edward Groner, Houston	13,774	37	Paul Kelley Jr., Austin	10,508
7	Steve Shirey, Fort Worth	132	7	Bart Bramley, Dallas	21,749	22	Petra Hamman, Dallas	13,673	38	Georgiana Gates, Houston	10,401
8	John Zilic, Houston	131	8	Tobi Sokolow, Austin	19,050	23	Ira Hessel, San Antonio	13,402	39	Joe Quinn, Sugar Land	10,299
9	Robert Morris, Houston	102	9	Robert Morris, Houston	17,575	24	Tipton Golias, Beaumont	13,398	40	Bob Black, Beaumont	9784
10	Dan Morse, Houston	94	10	Steve Lawrence, Athens	17,098	25	Nagy Kamel, Plano	13,379	41	Kenneth Schutze, Austin	9706
11	Miguel Reygadas, Mexico	92	11	George Rosenkranz, Menlo Park	17,074	26	Mark Feldman, Austin	13,088	42	Diane Olson, San Antonio	9690
12	Mildred Breed, Austin	91	12	Sidney Lazard, Dallas	16,882	27	Babu Koneru, San Antonio	12,810	43	Pat Levy, Houston	9495
13	Donna Swarthout, San Antonio	90	13	Shawn Quinn, Sugar Land	16,720	28	Greg Hinze, San Antonio	12,533	44	Jim Miller, Dallas	9305
14	Billie Mitchell, Lubbock	76	14	Mildred Breed, Austin	16,433	29	Linda Spangler, Ft Worth	11,959	45	Kimmel Jones, Euless	9226
15	Derrell Childs, Garland	74	15	Thomas Peters, Grapeland	16,162	30	Billie Mitchell, Lubbock	11,542	46	Stephen Kornegay, N Richlnd Hls	8973
						31	Terry Riely, San Antonio	11,537	47	Gail Wells, Dallas	8860

Unit 172
San Antonio

Rebecca Brown



So I crumpled up my scorecard and bared my convention card of all dodads and stick-ems, packed a nub of a pencil and hauled off to Dallas for the NABC. My performance at the table was still lackluster, but at least I wasn't nervous and I didn't look like a bridge tourist! Practice makes perfect...or at least better, I hope.

Some of our group did very well. Venkatrao Koneru bagged more than 82 points, Greg Hinze won more than 44, Carolyn Riely won more than 34, Jo Nesvig won 25. Congrats!

The Dallas tournament cut into the attendance at the Kerrville sectional somewhat, though it didn't diminish the hospitality and good will. Thanks so much to the crew of the Kerrville club for all the delicious goodies! The bridge was good, too. Venkatrao Koneru traveled back on I-10 with 28.65 points, followed by Terry and Carolyn Riely, who each earned 27.83.

The Unit hosted its Awards Day on April 5 at Fiesta Bridge Club. We had a really good turnout: 25 tables. It is a day on which the Unit recognizes accomplishments during the year in masterpoint races and other areas. Notably, Wayne Rauschuber was recognized as Texas Star Winner (featured in the last issue of the Scorecard.) The Unit announced its Goodwill Award winners: Pat Prichard and Hank Eng, neither of whom is ever without a smile and friendly word for those around the table. They exemplify the good spirit we would all like to see fostered. (They are each really good players, too!) Top game honors that day were taken by Ira and Ellen Hessel (Flight A); Larry and Laurie Levin (Flight B); and Stewart Windeler and Marge Miller (Flight C). Congrats to them.

Table Tidbit: Many of you know that Steve Simpson (the guy with that neat English accent!) is the volunteer webmaster for Unit 172 but what you may not know is that despite his technical background (a career in Information Technology), he hadn't worked on websites or web apps before moving back to San Antonio in 2004. These days you see his name a lot. As well as re-writing the Unit 172 site, Steve has created individual sites

for all eight of our clubs. Even the smaller ones get the same 5-star treatment as the larger commercial clubs. By making it easy for clubs to upload results, hand records and BridgePad data and creating software to generate travelers and individualized analysis, players can re-visit their games in complete detail anytime. While newer players probably benefit most, several experienced players have told Steve they like to pour a glass of wine and study their results as soon as they get home from a game. (After I review my results, I usually have to pour another glass of wine!)

Then of course, there's TournaVision. After finding how much work it is to put photos and tournament results on the web Steve decided to tackle the problem, threw in some "bells and whistles" and created an automated reporting system, complete with a big screen slide show. Players at all levels love to see their names and photos when they win and nearly everyone looks for their name on the "Top 10 Tickertape".

Steve hopes for wide support and commercial success with his latest project, the "Universal Partnership Desk". It's due to be rolled out in mid-April and, as the name implies, it can be used for any bridge game, including one-offs, rubber bridge, club games and tournaments. The concept is simple - players register once, create a profile, then use the service wherever they see the logo. Steve hopes that by creating a quality system, making it incredibly easy for players to use and for clubs and units to list their games, the service will set a new standard and possibly earn some attention from ACBL. Steve welcomes all comments and suggestions and would like your input. Contact him directly at sps@spsimpson.com.

Milestones: Congrats to new Emerald Life Master, Ed Rawlinson! Wow... 7500 points! Also congrats to Gold Life Master, Louis Ray and to new Life Master, Donald Jackson.

Upcoming events: Summer sectional (June 5-8,BCSA) Austin Regional (June 30-July 6)

SEE YOU AT THE TABLE!

Spring In The Hills

Kerrville
March 13 16, 2014
177 players. 223 tables.
1 28.65 Virginia Noelke

- 2 28.65 Venkatrao Koneru
- 3 27.83 Terry Riely
- 4 27.83 Carolyn Riely
- 5 21.86 Gary Anziani
- 6 21.19 Ed Rawlinson
- 7 18.10 Donna Swarhout
- 8 17.43 Dave Swarhout
- 9 16.16 Patty Hinze
- 10 16.16 Greg Hinze

Thursday Morning Open Prs 16.0 Tables A1. Everette Lewis-Art A2. Venkatrao Koneru- Virginia Noelke B1. Judith Hoffman- John Nydick B2. Katherine Pearce Jean Blilie IC. Mary Kathryn Twite Polly McCamey C2. Richard Greenbauer- Gerald Irion

Thursday Afternoon Swiss 24 Tables A1. Donna McBride- Sharon Mann George Mann- Diane Olson A2. James Fowlkes Patricia Fowlkes- Michael Bossert Sara Bossert B1. Louis Ray Jo Neesvig-Donald Hixson Virginia Hixson B2. Mike Huiatt Jan Huiatt-Terry Bickerton Pamela Bickerton C1. Joyce Stukenholtz-Patricia Wilker-Jackie Burroughs-Darlene Palmas

Friday Morning Open Prs 16.0 Tables A1. Greg Hinze Patty Hinze A2 Charles Loeffler- Tommy Splittgerber B1. Anyemarie Weaver Dee Baker B2. Dorthy Rippstein-Ralph Sturgis C1. Joy Bradford-E Horne C2. Earl Cutler Betty Cutler

Friday Afternoon Open Prs 23.0 Tables A1. Greg Hinze Patty Hinze, A2. Michael Bossert Sara Bossert B1. Joe Black Linda Anthony B2. Jean Rochford Jack Rochford C1. Earl Cutler Betty Cutler C2. Marie Lucci Eugene Haddock

Fri KO Bkt 1 6 Tables 1. Terry Riely Carolyn Riely Venkatrao Koneru-Virginia Noelke 2. Gary Anziani Dave Swarhout Donna Swarhout-Ed Rawlinson

Fri KO Bkt 2 6 Tables 1. George Fillis Karen Fillis Rebecca Brown Hank Eng 2. Catherine Supple-Jan Wingate-Alberta Birk Toni Hurlbut

Friday Evening Fast Pairs 4.5 Tables AB1. Eddy Rice Verle Rice A2. Art D'Entremont-Olivia Brown B2. Patsy Rogers Barbara Wright

Saturday AM Open Pairs 32.0 Tables A1. Neal Perlman Marcie Perlman A2BC1. Janet Moody William Moody C2. Joe Black Linda Anthony C2. Gerald Irion-Richard Greenbauer

Saturday Aft Open Pairs 28.0 Tables A1. Greg Hinze Patty Hinze A2. Terry Riely Carolyn Riely BC1. Andrea Williams Marjorie Miller B2. Connie Matz-Clifford Jensen B2. Donald Hixson Virginia Hixson

Saturday Evening Fast Prs 5.0 Tables A1. Roxie Tom Hank Eng A2. Roxana Tom-Katherine Gary B1.

Bridge Club
of San Antonio
Summer Sectional
June 5 - 8, 2014

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THURSDAY, JUNE 5

- 10:00 am Stratified Open Pairs
- 10:00 am 299er Pairs
- 3:00 pm Stratified Swiss Teams
- 3:00 pm 299er Pairs

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

- 10:00 am Stratified Open Pairs
- 10:00 am 299er Pairs
- 3:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs
- 3:00 pm 299er Pairs
- 3:00 pm Bracketed KO Teams (1 of 3)

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

- 10:00 am Stratified Open
- 10:00 am 299er Pairs
- 10:00 am Bracketed KO
- 3:00 pm Stratified Open
- 3:00 pm Bracketed KO

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

- 10:00 am & TBA
- Stratified Swiss Teams

Meal Between Sessions

CARD FEES

- \$11 per person per session
- \$100 Swiss Team (Sunday)
- (unpaid and non-ACBL members add \$3)

STRATIFICATIONS

- A 2000 +
- B 500 - 2000
- C 0 - 500

Average masterpoints will be used in all games
299er games at director's discretion (three table minimum)
KO will be handicapped

TOURNAMENT CHAIR Rich Lampman (210) 659-4248
PARTNERSHIP CHAIR Sue Ohm (210) 379-4342
HOSPITALITY CHAIR Penny Smith (928) 444-6854

Anyemarie Weaver Dee Baker, B2. Joyce Stukenholtz
Margaret Higgins Swiss 25 Tables A1. Ed Rawlinson-Gary Anziani Dave Swarhout Donna Swarhout, 2/3 Terry Riely Carolyn Riely Venkatrao Koneru-Virginia Noelke A2/3 Bill McCarty Diane Olson-Kenneth McBride Donna McBride B1. George Fillis Larry Levin Laurie Ann Levin Karen Fillis, B2. Beth Gale Kathy Sinkin-Amor-Homer

Stevens Stephanie Stevens C1. Marjorie Miller Brenda Johnson Debbie Schweiss Andrea William C2/5 Georgia Baron Prema Durairaj Stephen Simpson-; David Herron C2/5 Joyce Stukenholtz-Patricia Wilker-Darlene Palmas- Jackie Burroughs C2/5 Ken MacMorran Edward Parken Judith Parken Sharon MacMorran C2/5 William Moody Janet Moody Charlotte Mooring

MARCH KERRVILLE SECTIONAL CHAMPS



Thurs Morn Pairs A Everette Lewis, Art D'Entremont
Thurs Aft Swiss A Diane Olson, Sharon Mann, Donna McBride, George Mann
Fri & Sat Aft Pairs A Patti & Greg Hinze
Fri Eve Fast Pairs A,B V & E Rice
Sat Morn Pairs A Neal & Marcie Perlman
Sunday Swiss B Larry Levin, George Fillis, Laurie Levin, Karen Fillis
Sat Eve Fast Pairs A Roxie Tom, Hank Eng



Thurs Morn Pairs B J Nydick, Judy Hoffman
Fri Aft Pairs C Earl & Betty Cutler
Fri Morn, Sat Eve Pairs B Anyemarie Weaver, Dee Baker
Thurs Morn Pairs C M Twite, P McCamey
Fri Aft Pairs B Linda Anthony, Joe Black
Sat Morn Pairs B & C Janet & William Moody



Sat Aft Pairs B Marge Miller, Andrea Williams
Thurs Aft Swiss B Virginia Hixon, Jo Neesvig, Donald Hixon, Louis Ray
Thurs Aft Swiss C D Palmas, J Stukenholtz, J Burroughs, P Wilker
Fri KO Bkt 2 George Fillis, Rebecca Brown, Karen Fillis, Hank Eng
Fri Morn Pairs C E Horne, J Bradford
Sunday Swiss C Marge Miller, Andrea Williams, Brenda Johnson, Debbie Schweiss

Fiesta Sectional

San Antonio
April 24-27, 2014
186 players 208 tables.

- 1 31.47 Dave Swarthout
- 2 28.87 Ed Rawlinson
- 3 26.38 Donna Swarthout
- 4 22.20 Gary Anziani
- 5 21.73 Terry Riely
- 6 21.73 Carolyn Riely
- 7 18.51 Jon Richard Ware
- 8 18.51 James La Fountain
- 9 16.88 Mimi Hagedorn
- 10 15.30 Pat Levy

Thursday Morning Pairs A1. Ed

Rawlinson-Dave Swarthout A2. Terry Riely-Carolyn Riely B1. Robert Otis-Judith Hoffman C2. David Morris-Jean Blilie C1. William Moody-Janet Moody C2. Ann Jay-James Jay
Thursday Morning 299r Prs-3.5 Tables ABC1. Charlotte Schuepbach-Marjorie Tucker AB2. Mary Lou Anziani-Richard Arnold
Thursday Afternoon Swiss-24 Tables AB1. David Morris-Jean Blilie-Charles Loeffler-Eugene Lux A2. Pat Levy-Audley Karrasch-Betty Freedman-Mimi Hagedorn B2. Roxie Tom-Richard Curtin-Kay Laird-Pat Prichard C1. Janice Fletcher-Geneva Johnson-Prema Durairaj-Jo Ann Manfredi C2. Debbie Schweiss-Jim O'Connor-Stephen Simpson-David Herron

Friday Morning Open Pairs-26.5 Tables / Based on 33 Tables A1. Dave Swarthout-Donna Swarthout A2. Wayne Rauschuber-Janise Saul B1. Linda Williams-Jerrold Harrington B2C1. Sisir Sharma-Govindasamy Durairaj C2. Carrol Fournier-Stephanie Stevens
Friday Morning 299r Prs-6.0 Tables AB1. Richard Arnold-Mary Lou Anziani AB2. Bennett Neiman-David Garman C1. Charlene Johnson-Suzanne Miller C2. Charlotte Schuepbach-Evelyn Pitman
Friday Afternoon Open Prs-17.0 Tables AB1. Stephen Simpson-Arline Rubin AB2. Richard Curtin-Kay Laird C1. Leslie Tramer-Luann Cohen C2. Jo Gayle Carter-Geneva

Johnson
Saturday Morning Open Prs-23.5 Tables / Based on 27 Tables A1. Ed Rawlinson-Gary Anziani A2. Dave Swarthout-Donna Swarthout B1. Susan Spencer-Jo Neesvig B2. Richard Curtin-Kay Laird C1. Robert Otis-Janelle McArthur C2. Stephen Simpson-John Hilbig
Saturday Morning 299r Prs-4.5 Tables AB1. Jim McMullan-Ann McMullan AB2C1. Charlotte Schuepbach-Bettye Knox C2. Diana Kellerman-Govindasamy Durairaj
Fri/Sat Hdcp KO-Brkt 1-7 Tables 1. Terry Riely-Carolyn Riely-James La Fountain-Jon Richard Ware 2. Hank Eng-Patty Hinze-Ira Hessel-Ellen Hessel

Saturday Aft Open Pairs-21.5 Tables A1. Rosemary Kelley-Paul Kelley Jr A2. Dave Swarthout-Donna Swarthout B1. Stephen Simmons-Dolly Simmons B2. Daniel Jackson-Bill McCarty C1. Ian Remson-Andrew Remson C2. Evelyn Berns-Jo Ann Manfredi
Sunday Swiss Teams-21 Tables A1. Pat Levy-Mimi Hagedorn-Betty Freedman-Audley Karrasch A2. Ed Rawlinson-Gary Anziani-Dave Swarthout-Donna Swarthout B1. K Voges-Susan Ohm-Arline Rubin-Georgia Baron B2. George Fillis-Karen Fillis-C David Mitchell-Larry Levin C1. Carol Lahser-Coleman Driver-Andrew Remson-Ian Remson

SAN ANTONIO FIESTA SECTIONAL WINNERS



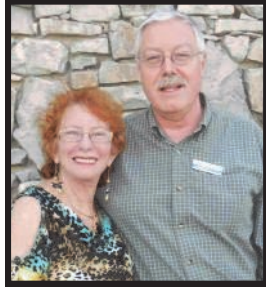
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Thursday Morning Pairs A



David Morris, Gene Lux,
Jean Blilie, Charles Loeffler
Thursday Swiss A & B



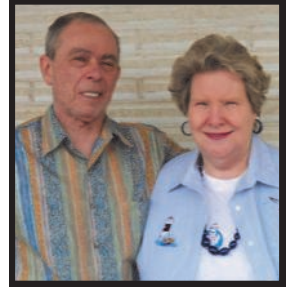
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Friday Morning Pairs A



Arline Rubin, Steve Simpson
Friday Afternoon Pairs A & B



Ed Rawlinson, Gary Anziani
Saturday Morning Pairs A



Paul & Rosemary Kelley
Saturday Afternoon Pairs A



Terry Riely, Jimmy La Fountain,
Carolyn Riely, Richard Ware
Friday-Saturday KO



Mimi Hagedorn, Betty Freedman,
Audley Karrasch, Pat Levy
Sunday Swiss A



Bob Otis, Judy Hoffman
Thursday Morning Pairs B



Linda Williams, Jerry Harrington
Friday Morning Pairs B



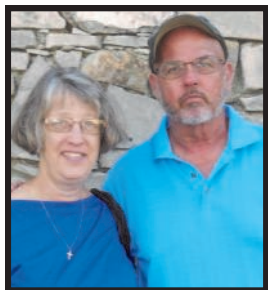
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Saturday Morning Pairs B



Steve & Dolly Simmons
Saturday Afternoon Pairs B



Georgia Baron,
Arline Rubin, Sue Ohm
Sunday Swiss B



Janet & Bill Moody
Thursday Morning Pairs C



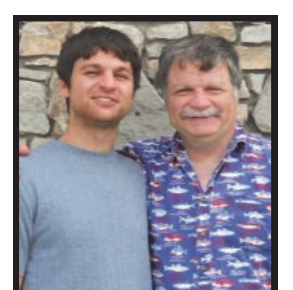
Prema Durairaj, Janice Fletcher,
Geneva Johnson, JoAnn Manfredi
Thursday Swiss C



Raj Durairaj, SK Sharma
Friday Morning Pairs C



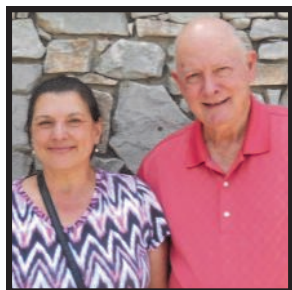
Luann Cohen, Leslie Tramer
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Ian & Andrew Remson
Saturday Afternoon Pairs C



Andrew & Ian Remson,
Carol Lahser, Coleman Driver
Sunday Swiss C



Mary Lou Anziani, Dick Arnold
Friday 299er



Charlotte Schuepbach, Margie Tucker
Thursday 299er



Jim & Ann McMullan
Saturday 299er

August 4-10

Unit 172 STaC

Unit 174 Houston

Carol Ann Wilson



Club Successes: Bridge Club of Houston and Houston Bridge Studio are having successful "8 Is Enough" games, BCOH on the 4th Thursday night and the Studio on the 3rd Friday night. This team game is great fun and a good chance for novice and intermediate players to play with and against A players in a more relaxed setting. No team can have more than 8 points, with 3 points for A, 2 points for B, and 1 point for C. So a team could have 2 A players and 2 C players (8 points) or 4 B players (8 points) or 1 A, 1 B, and 2 Cs (7 points), or 4 Cs (4 points). Any combination not exceeding 8 qualifies. Of course, each venue needs volunteers to help put teams together and be the needed focal point. If your club is not holding this event, please consider it. BCOH has a four-day 499-er Sectional in June, and their new Youth Incentive Program with \$4 entry fees

for ages 17 and under will probably be another success for this active club.

70% Milestones: We congratulate **Tom Romz** and **B. J. Renshaw** for 71.13% on 3/14 at BCOH's 299er Tournament; **Lourdes Fletcher** and **John DuBose Jr.**, 70.14% at Houston Bridge Studio 3/16; **Mavis Warren** and **Nancy Gray**, 72.92% 3/24 at April Sound; and **Joe and Kyong Cocklin**, 70.35% at Lake Conroe 3/28.

Members' Successes: We are very proud of our Unit Members among the leaders at the Dallas Spring Nationals. (Just *qualifying* at national events is a big deal!) I first want to mention that **Betty Starzec** taught her final Teacher Accreditation Program, to concentrate on more playing time. Her shoes will be tough to fill.

Ted Bain and **Jeffrey Kroll** qualified in the Platinum Pairs—in which they were entered by mistake! Qualifiers in the Lebar IMP Pairs were **Robert Morris** and **Jane Armstrong** (finishing 29th in first session for 11.27); **Tony Haddad** and **Mike**

Doyle; Gary King and **Carolyne Fox; Susan Stubinski** and **Bruce Wick; Dan Morse** with Nagy Kamel; **Sally Wheeler** and **Buddy Hanby; James Breihan** with Joe Yassi (finishing 14th for 21.05); **Bill Lease** and **Larry Laird**; and **Bill and Nancy Riley. Tony Haddad** was on the winning team in the Monday 3/24 A/X Side Swiss for 11.25.

Tom Breed (highest-ranking Unit 174 member on the MP list with 101.28 in 20th place) and **Ira Chorush** were on the 0-10,000 Swiss Teams winner, for 70; also placing were **James and Lily Andre** on the 10th place team for 18.67, and **Hugh and Catherine Miller** with **Buddy and Becky Ellis** tied for 22/23 for 10.19. **Betsy Dubose** and **Robert Curl** were on the winning 1st Fri-Sat KO II team for 24.37; **Geoff Booth** and **Robert Sandfield** won the Fri. Side Series with 65.15% for 5.76 and the Sun.-Mon. Side Series with 64.29% for 5.31. **Jane and Robert Matcha** led the first session 1st Sat. A/X Open Pairs with 61.05%. **Margaret Raymond** was on the winning team in the 1st Saturday Compact KO VI for 9.27.

The prestigious Vanderbilt KO consisted of 72 teams, and **Eddie Wold** again qualified, as did **Tiger King** of Houston. **Susan McLaurin** and **Terry Harrison** were on the team winning 1st in B in the 1st Friday Side Swiss for 7.58; and the team of **Robert Arnett, Nancy Reader, Sam Dodson**, and **Thomas Racciatti** won the First Sunday B/C/D Swiss for 18.37. **Sandra McMinn** and **Laveta Christian** won 1st in the 3/27 299er Pairs with 63.99% for 4.38 and were on the winning team in the 1st Saturday Compact KO IX, for 5.63. **Michael** and **Sara Bossert** were on the Sunday Senior Swiss winning team for 12.88. **Kristy Garrison** and son **Zach Garrison** won the Mon.-Wed.-Side Series across the board for 4.10. **Cheryl Matthias** and **Lisa Zummo** were 1st in C in the Thurs. Daylight Open Pairs for 6.20

Among the 78 tables of Levintritt Silver Ribbon Qualifiers were **John Zilic** and **Thomas Peters** (finishing 11th for 25.00), **Ed Groner** and **Vic Sitton, Dan Morse** and Nagy Kamel (finishing 6th for 36.36), **Harry Elliott** and Bob Wilkin, **Georgiana**

and Ed Lazarus, **Joe Quinn** and Tom Clarke, **Phillip Grothus** and **Carolyne Fox** (finishing 26th for 12.90), **Dianna Gittelman** and **Betty Freedman**, and **Sally Wheeler** and **Buddy Hanby**.

Among the Rockwell Mixed Pairs Qualifiers were **Susan Stubinski** and **Bruce Wick, Dan Morse** and Betty Ann Kennedy (finishing 27th for 12.50), **Sally Wheeler** and **Buddy Hanby** (finishing 13th for 22.22), **Tony Haddad** and Jo Smith (finishing 38th for 9.30), **Eric and Toni Snow, Kerr Godfrey** and **Bobbi Kauffman, Bill and Nancy Riley**, and **Georgiana Gates** and Ed Lazarus. Soon-to-be Unit transferee **Mildred Breed** finished 15th for 20.00 with Nagy Kamel.

Silodor Pairs Qualifiers included **Dan Morse** and Dan Jacob (finishing 31st with 13.89), **Mike Doyle** and Guss Ginsberg (finishing 22nd with 18.52), and **Geoff Booth** and **Robert Sandfield**.

Among the 52 Whitehead Womens Pairs Qualifiers were **Sally Wheeler** and Cindy Bernstein (finishing 6th for

34.91), **Nancy Boothe** and Karen Snyder, **Shawn Quinn** and **Terry Currie** (finishing 23rd for 13.71), and **Betty Starzec** and **Jane Armstrong**.

Ted Bain and **Mike Miedema** won the Red Ribbon Pairs for 60; also qualifying were **Courtney Coffman** and **David Morris**, and **Ariel Leibovitz** and **Stephen Reichel** (finishing 13th for 13.33). The team of **Troy Carr**, **Casey McClure**, **Chris Whiteloni**, and **Sheila Harrison** won the 3/27-28 KOs in a *double overtime* for 11.35, and the win made Chris a Life Master! **Pam Barksdale** and **Jane Boozalis** won the 2nd Sunday 299er AM Pairs for 2.54.

The top two places in the Machlin Women's Swiss were won by government-sponsored teams from China, but **Carolyn Lanier**, **Mary Pat Gentry**, **Pat Levy**, and **Shawn Quinn**, with teammates Petra Hamman and Peggy Sutherland came in 4th for 33.78.

We are especially proud of our **Eddie Wold** for testifying against WBF cheaters from Germany who had won the world competition at Bali. The cheaters passed information to their behind-the-screen partner by coughing. **Eddie** noticed a pattern and began keeping a record during competition. The trial was held at the Dallas Nationals, with the cheaters, aged 61 and 71, being banned from playing together in WBF events for life and banned individually for 10 years. Hopefully **Eddie's** team can now be moved up to the well deserved title.

Sad Farewell: Elizabeth Carol Vondy, LM, died Feb. 6; **Jane Graham Rice**, widow of Houston attorney Lonnie Rice, also passed away Feb. 6. We lost **Billy Neep** Feb. 27, LM 91-year-old **Marie Blankfield**, widow of Dr. Jack Blankfield, March 2, **Jack Wolf**, a Gold LM, March 21, and **Helen Oliver**, the end of March. We are saddened, wish strength for their families, and will miss them all.

Unit 174 Election Section

Houston, April 4-6, 2014
671 players 634 tables.

- 1 37.57 Thomas Peters
- 2 37.57 John Zilic
- 3 37.57 Dan Morse

- 4 37.21 Tom Breed
- 5 29.30 Harry Elliott
- 6 29.30 David Goldfarb
- 7 28.61 Tom Clarke
- 8 28.61 Sally Wheeler
- 9 28.61 Joe Quinn
- 10 28.61 Buddy Hanby
- 11 26.53 Lily Andre
- 12 26.53 James Andre
- 13 20.55 Eric Snow
- 14 19.25 Toni Snow
- 15 18.95 Karur Krishnan
- 16 18.95 Eleanor Sherwyn
- 17 18.95 Donald Varvel
- 18 17.95 Lew Levy, Houston
- 19 16.39 Joseph Volanski
- 20 15.80 Barbara La Vigne
- 21 15.35 Sandra Parker
- 22 15.30 Victor Sitton
- 23 15.26 Audley Karrasch
- 24 14.99 Cliff Rice
- 25 14.91 Ronald Francey

Friday Aft Side Pairs-20.0 Tables AB1. William Griffith-Bill JoplinABC1. Marilyn Leiman - Katherine. Wiener A2. David Durand-Jere Kemp=

Friday Aft 299er Pairs-13.0 Tables DEF1. Jerry Hoffman-Jerry McNeely, Houston DE2. David Kuykendall, Pearl-Richard Labouliere F2. Otilia Magee, Houston ; Millie Perner

Friday Aft 49er Pairs-7.0 Tables GHI1. Cathy Jo D'Antoni- Scherry Sprague, Willis G2. Sheila Odell-Annette Ehrhardt 1 Becky Vogel-Judy Dillard 2 Robert Lee-Carolyn Ohmart 1 Harriet Brown-Sherrilyn Phelps 2 James Smelley-Mary Anne Goodearle, Houston

Friday Open Pairs-18.0 Tables / Based on 38 Tables A1. Daniel Sutty-Jack Balter A2. Carolyne Fox-Mildred Breed B1. Julia Miller-Michael Miedema B2. Saeed Shah-Shahnaz Shah C2. Andrew Farnum-Bob Whitmarsh

Friday Eve Side Pairs-4.5 Tables AB1. Barbara Nystrom-Yoli Herrmann AB2. Martyn Cooper-Art Desmond

Friday Eve 299er Pairs-8.0 Tables D1. Linda Windham-Michael Windham D2EF1. Robert Lee-Carolyn Ohmart E2. Otilia Magee-Millie Perner F2. Shirley Kingsley-Elizabeth Grubb

Friday Swiss-Bracket 1-7 Tables / Based on 50 Tables 1. Joe Quinn-Tom Clarke-Buddy Hanby-Sally Wheeler 2. Pat Levy-Georgiana Gates -Lew Levy-Mary Pat Gentry

Friday Swiss-Bracket 2-7 Tables / Based on 34 Tables 1. Dale Grady-Val Grady-Vern Schmidt-William

Kibikas 2. Steve Vaughn-Rick Stell-Jeffrey Kroll-Joseph Volanski
Friday Swiss-Bracket 3-7 Tables / Based on 18 Tables 1. John Heath-George Keiller-Lisa & Charles Sommer, 2. David Glandorf-Mike Goldberg-James Frick-Birendra BK Singh
Friday Swiss-Bracket 4-7 Tables / Based on 16 Tables 1. Jerrold Albom-Suvabrata Biswas-Ronald Francey-David Ticen 2. Shi-Lin Yeh-Yin Choo-Bob Chiang-Ann Ankrum
Friday Swiss-Bracket 5-7 Tables / Based on 14 Tables 1. Byron Fackenthall-Linda Marlin-Chloe Ella Fackenthall-Jim Greaves 2. Yvonne Pierce-Barbara Courtright-Anne Knott-Patsy Howell

Friday Swiss-Bracket 6-7 Tables / Based on 11 Tables 1. Gary Winston-Shari Winston-David Crooks-Bill Kiehnhoff, 2. Jim Middleton-Leigh Primerano-Sandra McMinn-Nancy Crabtree

Friday Swiss-Bracket 7-7 Tables / Based on 9 Tables 1. Donna Miller-Bobbie Newman-Lauri Laufman-Alan Zane 2. Sandra Pollard-Jean Foltz-Joyce Wormser-Barbara Sharp

Friday Swiss-Bracket 8-6 Tables 1. Martin Gastrell-Richard Crosby-Alan Adams-H Sonneman 2. Carol Winograd-Suzie Wilson-Margot Cater-Vivian Cyprus

Saturday Morn Side Pairs-5.5 Tables AB1. RaeDonna Jones-Shirley Hooks A2. Michael Bossert-Sara Bossert B2. Thomas Martinsen-Linda Martinsen

Saturday Morn 299er Pairs-16.0 Tables D1. Linda McReynolds-Gayle Longmire DE2. Julialee O'Shea-Jim O'Shea F1. Joan Ritter-Keith Ritter F2. Phyllis Maddox-Jane Vansanten

Saturday Morn 49er Pairs-6.5 Tables GH1. Barbara Hoyt-Alan Adams GH2. Patricia Dunnell-Carla Burns I1. Russell Thomas-Robin Thomas I2. James Smelley-Mary Anne Goodearle

Eddie Baker Bkt Sw Bkt 01-7 Tables / Based on 56 Tables 1. Dan Morse-John Zilic-Thomas Peters-Tom Breed 2. Sally Wheeler-Buddy Hanby-Joe Quinn-Tom Clarke

Eddie Baker Bkt SW Bkt 02-7 Tables / Based on 40 Tables 1. Harry Elliott-David Goldfarb-James Andre-Lily Andre 2. Eleanor Sherwyn-Donald Varvel-Karur Krishnan-Aruna Sane

Eddie Baker Bkt SW Bkt 03-7 Tables / Based on 24 Tables 1. Gail Carter-Betsy Birkett-Barbara Pope-Donna Mann 2. Mary Ann Polk-Victoria Ornowski-Connie Robichaux

-Jessie Schoppe
Eddie Baker Bkt SW Bkt 04-7 Tables / Based on 22 Tables 1. Suvabrata Biswas-Ronald Francey-David Ticen-Jerrold Albom 2. Karen Tabak Nussbaum-Roger Marlatt-Richard Polunsky-Gordon Yee
Eddie Baker Bkt SW Bkt 05-7 Tables / Based on 20 Tables 1. Christy Morrissey-Beverley Cheatham-Linda Coapland-Sandra Sue Davis 2. Yin Choo-Ann Ankrum-Anne Gorry-Carol Winograd

Eddie Baker Bkt SW Bkt 06-7 Tables / Based on 17 Tables 1. Donna Miller-Bobbie Newman-Barbara Harberg-Alan Zane, 2. Gary Winston-Shari Winston-David Crooks-Bill Kiehnhoff

Eddie Baker Bkt SW Bkt 07-7 Tables / Based on 15 Tables 1. Shi-Lin Yeh, -Bob Chiang-Dolores Aquino-Barbara Montgomery 2. Bob Dowlen-George Anderson-Maluan Anderson-Carolyn Labouliere

Eddie Baker Bkt SW Bkt 08-7 Tables / Based on 13 Tables 1. Joyce Wormser-Sandra Pollard-Barbara Sharp-Jean Foltz 2. Jack Manderscheid-Robert Ziegler-George Dabney-Barbara Dabney

Eddie Baker Bkt SW Bkt 09-7 Tables / Based on 10 Tables 1. Barbara Webber-Betty Davis-Louise Howell-Bette Linbeck

2. Thomas Romz-Jeff Armstrong-Evelyn James-Chris Whiteloni
Eddie Baker Bkt SW Bkt 10-10 Tables 1. William Bonham-Edward Wilson Jr-Carl Estes-Paul Wear 2. Sam Khayatt-Carole Hendrick-E Joan Davis-Phyllis Louderback

Saturday Open Pairs-27.0 Tables A1. Stephen Reichel-Eddie Wold A2. Joan Sitton-Victor Sitton B1. Daniel Jackson-Bill McCarty B2. Birendra BK Singh-James Frick C1. Robert Watkins-Ronald Mangels C2. Tim Halligan-Michele Halligan

Saturday Aft Side Pairs-6.0 Tables ABC1. Richard Clements-Spencer Ledlow ABC2. Judith Busby-Sheila Harrison

Saturday Aft 299er Pairs-13.0 Tables / Based on 17 Tables DEF1. Barbara Sterling-Harriett James DEF2. Ellen Valentine-Van Valentine

Saturday Aft 49er Pairs-3.5 Tables GH1. Gregory Andrews-Paul Andrews GH2. Patricia Dunnell-Carla Burns
Sun Open Pairs-4.0 Tables / Based on 3 Tables AB1. Michael Fagan-Arjune Bose AB2. Carl Hogan-Raj Pruthi
Sunday Bracketed Swiss #1-7 Ta-

bles / Based on 38 Tables 1. Eleanor Sherwyn-Donald Varvel-Karur Krishnan-Nandlal Khatri 2. Audley Karasch-Phyllis Timko-V Abercrombie-Donald Timko

Sunday Bracketed Swiss #2-7 Tables / Based on 23 Tables 1. Joyce Gore-Yvonne Strangmeyer-Carmen Keys-Paul Cuneo 2. William Kibikas-William Houck-Charles Ensor-Judith Ensor

Sunday Bracketed Swiss #3-7 Tables / Based on 20 Tables 1. Herbert Kalman-Robert Reichel-Bob Dowlen-Carolyn Labouliere 2. Roger Marlatt-Karen Tabak Nussbaum-Richard Polunsky-Gordon Yee

Sunday Bracketed Swiss #4-7 Tables / Based on 18 Tables 1. Shi-Lin Yeh-Yin Choo-Shou Chao-Shih-Ming Yang 2. Richard & Bonnie Burkhart-Sharon & Robert Graber

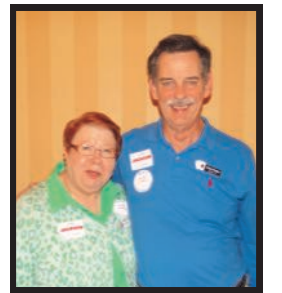
Sunday Bracketed Swiss #5-7 Tables / Based on 16 Tables 1. Gary Winston-Shari Winston-Jo Ann Pierce-Tomi Porterfield 2. Raymond Alexanian-Jeannette Nestvold-Alan Holzberg-Paul Horvitz

Sunday Bracketed Swiss #6-7 Tables / Based on 13 Marguerite Crowl-Gerry Earnest-Mary Felton-Jan Delery 2. Carol Winograd-Anne Gorry-Janet Williams-Paula Goodpasture

Sunday Bracketed Swiss #7-7 Tables / Based on 11 Tables 1. Ben Ball-Carol Ehrman-Beverley Linskey-Vivian Cyprus 2. Jack Manderscheid-Gene Levy-August Birke-William Schneider

Sunday Bracketed Swiss #8-12 Tables 1. John Montgomery- Tera Boyd - Sam Khayatt- Mack Guderian 2. Pam Barksdale-Lisa Zummo-Jane Boozalis- Cheryl Mathias

Sunday A/X Swiss-25 Tables / Based on 86 Tables A1. Tom Breed-Thomas Peters-Dan Morse-John Zilic 2. Eric Snow-Toni Snow-Cliff Rice-Sandra Parker X1. Harry Elliott-David Goldfarb-Lily Andre-James Andre X2. Hua Yang-Yan Song-James Zhan-Tiger King



Fri Eve 49ers
Linda Windham, Michael Windham

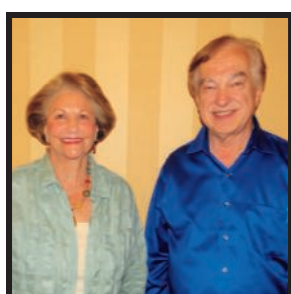
HOUSTON APRIL SHOWERS SECTIONAL WINNERS



Fri Open Pairs A
Dan Sutty, Jack Balter



Saturday Swiss Bkt 1
Sunday Swiss A
Tom Breed, John Zilic,
Tom Peters, Dan Morse



Fri Open Pairs B
Julia Miller-Mike Miedema



Sat Open Pairs B
Daniel Jackson, Bill McCarty



Saturday Swiss Bkt 2
David Goldfarb, Lily Andre,
Harry Elliott, James Andre



Sat Swiss Bkt 3
Barbara Pope, Betsy Birkett,
Donna Mann, Gail Carter



Fri & Sat Swiss Bkt 4
Ron Francy, Jerrold Albom,
Dave Ticen, Suy Biswas



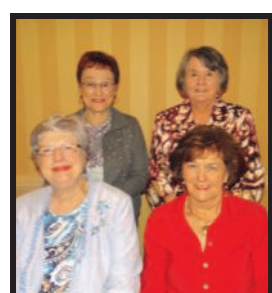
Sat Swiss Bkt 5
Chris Morrissey, Beverly Cheatam,
(NP) Linda Coapland, Sandra Davis



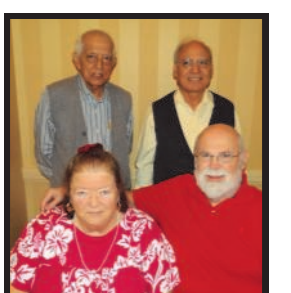
Saturday Swiss Bkt 6
Donna Miller, Bobbie Newman,
Alan Zane, NP Barbara Harberg



Friday Swiss Bkt 7
Donna Miller, Bobbie Newman,
Alan Zane, Lauri Laufman



Sat Swiss Bkt 8
Joyce Wormser, Jean Foltz,
Sandy Pollard, Ann Sharp



Sunday BCD Swiss
Kauru Krishnan, Nandlal Kharti,
Eleanor Sherwyn, Don Varvel



Sunday BCD Swiss
Suzan Miller, Joyce Gore,
Paul Cuneo, Carem Keys



Sunday BCD Swiss
Bob Dowlen, Robert Reichel,
Carolyn Labouliere, Herbert Kalman



Sunday BCD Swiss
Marguerite Crowl, Mary Felton,
Gerry Earnest, Jan Delery



Sunday BCD Swiss
Jo Ann Pierce, Tomi Porterfield,
Shari & Gary Winston



Fri Aft 49ers
Scherry Spragne-Cathy-Joe D'Antoni



Sat Aft 299ers
Barbara Sterling, Harriett James

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Lectures

Friday at 1:00 Betsy DuBose Negative Doubles
Saturday at 3:00 Toni Snow Forcing Bids

Entry Fees

Friday & Saturday	\$10
Friday 7 pm	\$5!
Sunday (lunch included!)	\$13

**\$3 more for non- and unpaid members
0-5 play for free on Friday and Saturday!**

Host Hotel

Houston Marriott Westchase
2900 Briarpark Dr, Houston, TX
713-978-7400
Room Rate \$89; Cutoff date May 16

Nearly Summer Sectional

June 6-8, 2014
Houston Marriott Westchase
2900 Briarpark Dr, Houston, TX

Stratification

Stratified Open Events

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

Stratified 299r Events

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

Stratified 49r Events

A:20-50 B:5-20 C:0-5

Bracketed Swiss

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

Strati-Flighted Swiss

A:4000+ Ax:0-4000 A, Ax play together
B:0-2500 Bracketed

**Team or pair average masterpoints used in determining Strati-Flighted strats.
No one with over 2500 masterpoints may play in the B flight.
Strats may vary at the directors' discretion.**

Event Schedule

Friday, June 6

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

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

Saturday, June 7


10:30 am
Stratified Open Pairs (Session 1 Of 2)
Stratified Side Pairs (Single Session)
Stratified 299r Pairs
Stratified 49r Pairs
0-5 Pairs
Bracketed Swiss (Session 1 of 2)

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

Sunday, June 8

10:00 am & TBA
Strati-Flighted Swiss (Double Session)
Stratified Open Pairs (Double Session)
Stratified Side Pairs (Single Sessions)
Stratified 299r Pairs (Single Sessions)

Unit 176 Dallas



Judith Lotridge

I'm certain that I'm not saying anything that will be news to most of you, but bridge is a wonderful avocation. I cannot think of another activity that can be carried to the attic in mothballs when life intrudes and then dusted off years later with very little diminishment in satisfaction. Unlike traditional athletics, we can pursue it even if time has not been kind to us. When we return, we find both friends of long standing and lovely new people to meet. With the evolution of theories of bidding and defense, the game has changed a little but is easy pick up from where we left it.

Naturally I have a case in point. Mike and Mickey Canterbury were members of the ACBL in the 70's. They played a little at tournaments, but also played socially. A few months back, I noticed that Mike had been reinstated as a member. We chatted on the phone, and then I ran into Mike at the Nationals! It was really great to run into an old friend, and it looked like he was having a good time. I expect he will continue to play some. So if you run into Mike or Mickey at the club, introduce yourself. They are good people. One caveat: Mike is a crafty poker player, so don't let him take all your money!

As always, the Big Time in Big D sectional hosted by BAND was well-attended and well-received. Over 2300 masterpoints were awarded. The top masterpoint winner was our own Chris Compton, who also garnered top billing in this tournament last year. I just have to believe that Chris is excellent at multitasking because, as the tournament co-chair, he had to have a lot on his mind besides playing bridge.

Of course, the sectional was just a prelude to the Big Daddy of tournaments, the Dallas Spring Nationals.

Tomi Fitzgerald did a fantastic job of getting everything organized. The amount of support our unit provided for this event was incredible. Next time you run into the people who volunteered to make the tournament such a success, give them a big pat on the back. Getting back to normal has been an adjustment, but bidding and making that slam nobody else found is enough of a motivation to get most of us back to the table in short order.

Mike Passell and Bart Bramley were the unit's biggest winners at the nationals, winning the Second Sunday AX teams and placing in the high overalls in the Vanderbilt and the First Sunday AX teams.

David Borg, Nget Carter, Shelly Early, Marj Frederiksen, and Ruthie Shor are our newest Life Masters. Kathi Aten, Eloise Meachum, Bill Olds, Donna Rasmussen, Ann Sims, and Hanchan Wang are the unit's new Bronze Life Masters. Our newest Silver Life Masters are Shirley Ashby, our fearless leader Cheryl Clark, David Luzzatto, and Bonnie Kay Yetter. Murray Berger and David Haratyk have achieved the rank of Gold Life Master. Our newest Diamond Life Master is Tom Edwards, and Marion Gebhardt is now an Emerald Life Master.

Congratulations to all of you! Several events are on the calendar for you to consider in May. Our monthly unit game will be on May 4. A week later, our district's STaC competition will take place from May 12 to May 18. For those of you who are not familiar with this acronym, STaC stands for Sectional Tournament at Clubs and is an opportunity for you to compete in a district-wide sectional without ever venturing from the club where you usually play. Triple silver points will be awarded. Check your club's schedule for more details. A few days later, the Memorial Day sectional will begin on May 22 and run through May 26 (Memorial Day). Normally our biggest sectional of the year, the attendance at

the event is augmented by the District GNT competition for Flight B and the SuperFlight. Captains of SuperFlight teams should contact Jim Thurtell to reserve a spot at the District Qualifiers. I hope to see you at this sectional! It is one of my favorites of the year. Finally, don't forget that Unit qualifying games for the NAP start in June and run through August. Most of the clubs in the Unit participate; check with your club for more details. The National Finals for this event will be held in New Orleans next spring, not a bad venue for playing a little bridge and taking in a few sights.

Big Time in Big "D" Sect.

Richardson,
March 6-9, 2014
546 players 560 tables.

1 39.71 Chris Compton
2 37.07 Venkatrao Koneru
3 37.07 Jo Smith
4 34.09 Michael Murphy
5 28.10 Stephen Kornegay
6 28.10 Nancy Kornegay
7 25.25 Gail Wells
8 24.59 Bryan Storey
9 24.56 Nancy Passell
10 23.71 Marion Gebhardt
11 22.72 Suresh Agrawal
12 22.57 Kimmel Jones
13 22.46 Marc Levine
14 21.18 Robert Adams
15 21.18 David Foote
16 19.15 Tiger King
17 19.15 James Zhan
18 19.15 Hua Yang
19 18.16 Barry Schaffer
20 17.83 Joseph Gill
21 17.72 Thomas Leberman
22 17.67 Randolph Worsham
23 17.25 Susan Key
24 17.25 Mike Passell
25 17.25 Bart Bramley

Thursday Morn Open Pairs-9.0
Tables / Based on 26 Tables ABC1.
Ann Berning-Diane Klein ABC2.
Barbara Aide-Ginger Morgan
Thursday Morn 1500er Pair-8.0

Tables A1/2BC1. Elizabeth Donner-Lynell Pinion A1/2 J Terrence Wolfe-Milton Neher BC2. Peter Hylak-Richard Wittrup
Thursday Morn 299er Pairs-6.0
Tables AB1/2 Deborah Armstrong-Sharon Ward AB1/2C1. Theodore Bender-Pat Glaser C2. Connie Van Patter-Patsy Rainwater-Maddu
Thursday Morn 49er Pairs-2.5
Tables 1/2 Lacy Peterson-Carolyn Baker 1/2 T Madden- Joan Collins
Thursday Aft Open Pairs-14.5
Tables / Based on 37 Tables A1. Larue Stott-Nancy Stanton A2BC1. Lue Waddle-Nancy Harralson B2. Tomi Fitzgerald-Jeff McKee C2. Jon Browne- Adrienne Feuer
Thursday Aft 1500er Pairs-9.0
Tables AB 1 .John Davis- Bert Dempsey
A2 Bonnie Shea- Gay Anderson B1 John Pelletti- Michael McShane, B2. Terry Tankersley- Ramon Nelson II
Thursday Aft 299er Pairs-9.0
Tables ABC1. Theodore Bender, - Pat Glaser ABC2. Raman Rajagopalan-M Rajagopalan
Thursday Aft 49er Pairs-4.0
Tables 1. Veronica Vokolek-Glenna Crawford 2. Karen Bowman-Carole Buffington
Thursday Eve Open Pairs-5.0
Tables / Based on 9 Tables ABC1. Robert Schmidt-Ari Sippola AB2. Melody Gann-Claybourne Waldrop Jr. C2. Joe Cameron-G Brantz
Thursday Eve 1500er Pairs-4.0
Tables A1. Bonnie Kay Yetter-Catherine Tucker A2B1. George Shupee-Carlene Shupee, B2. Sandra Pollard- Lenette Sadler
Thursday Bracketed KO #1-5
Tables 1. Susan Key-Chris Compton -Bart Bramley-Mike Passell-Nancy Passell 2. Jack Borenstein-Murray Berger-Florence Beaird- Ned Nolte
Thursday Bracketed KO #2-6
Tables 1. Randy Earle-Beverly Strauss-Susan Bates-J Fletcher 2. Mark Zeitlin-Thomas Miyake-Robert Bever-Jim Logsdon
Thursday Compact KO #1-9
Tables 1. Royce McCray-Kathy Bullock-Mark Hatkoff-R Randall Smith 2. Frank Durante-Diana Chen-Jim Farmer-Nancy Latner
Thursday Compact KO #2-9 Ta-

bles 1. Dave Murdock-Norma Kolmer-Ann Kent-J. Fran Martin 2. Earl Mast-Pravin Shrimankar-Don Farrell-Letty Garek
Thursday Eve Swiss Teams-16
Tables A1. Marion Gebhardt-Randolph Worsham-Robert Adams-David Foote A2. Michael Murphy-S Kohan-Gail Wells-Suresh Agrawal B1. Rich Brandenburg-Joseph Gill-Bob McNeill-Tony Pellegrini B2. Charles Brown-Sue Gilbreath-Finlay Higgins-Mike Peiffer C1. Robert Clarke-Alma Farley-Sandra Fedro-Betty Wheeler C2. N Tripode-Sudhir Shah-May Sebel-Nancy Kelly
Friday Morn Open Pairs-8.0
Tables / Based on 28 Tables A1. Britain Beezley-C. Earnest Wyatt A2. Derrell Childs-Brady Allen B1. Nancy Stanton-Lynne Wood 1/2 Mary Pennington-Janet McCormack C1/2 David Greims-Leslie Conant
Friday Morn 1500er Pairs-8.0
Tables ABC1. Rebecca Page-Richard Page ABC2/ Elizabeth Donner-Lynell Pinion
Friday Morn 299er Pairs-11.5
Tables A1. Denys Slater Jr-Neil O'Brien A2. Jerry Frankel-J Reagan Dixon B2C1. Carol Murray-Rosalind Smith C2. Larry Cain-Terry Gurs
Fri Aft Open Pairs-16.5
Tables / Based on 45 Tables A1. Suresh Agrawal-Gail Wells A2BC1. J R Wiegmann-Peter Hudson, B2. Helene Blumenau-Lue Waddle C2. Jon Browne-James Esker
Friday Aft 1500er Pairs-15.0
Tables AB1. Frank Durante-Nancy Latner AB2. Jane Kirby-Diana Winkelmann C1. Joseph Bindo-Elaine Bindo C2 Susan Bates-J Fletcher
Friday Aft 299er Pairs-12.5
Tables A1. Karen Roland- Melba Lancaster A2. William Blackstone- Mehmood Kizilbash B1. Anne Collier- Ramon Nelson II B2. Fritzie Roop-Janet Meyer C1. Gail Trimble- T Madden C2. Veronica Vokolek-Glenna Crawford
Friday Eve Open Pairs-6.0
Tables / Based on 13 Tables AB1. Peter Hudson-Sandra Campbell AB2. Margot Hirsch-Edwina Corn
Friday Eve 1500er Pairs-3.0 Ta-

bles A1. Ann Parker-Donna McKay
 A2. Joseph Anderson-Philippa Anderson
Friday Eve 299er Pairs-3.5 Tables
 A1. Cindy Butler-John Butler A2B1. Jan Choyce-John Gilbert B2. Carlene Shupee-George Shupee
Friday Bracketed KO #1-6 Tables 1 Bryan Storey-Tom Edwards-Jo Smith -Venkatrao Koneru 2. Susan Key-Chris Compton-Bart Bramley-Nancy Passell-Mike Passell
Friday Compact KO #1-9 Tables 1. Nancy Kornegay-Stephen Kornegay-Kimmel Jones, Eules; Barry Schaffer 2. Joseph Gill-Royce McCray- Mark Hatkoff-Adrienne Feuer
Friday Compact KO #2-10 Tables 1. Dave Murdock- Norma Kolmer-Ann Kent-J. Fran Martin 2. Charles Brown-Sue Gilbreath-Virginia Farley -Mike Peiffer
Friday Eve Swiss Teams-17 Tables A1. Stefanie Scott- Jeremy Fournier-Petra Hamman-Hemant Lal A2. Martha Young-John Spessard- Jay Gibson - Bill Osborn 1. Milton Neher- Edward Yetter- Sara Bossert-Michael Bossert 2. Hua Yang-Yan Song-James Zhan - Tiger King C1. N Tri-pode-David Luzzatto- Lynn Cooper-Barry Cooper
Saturday Morn Open Pairs-7.0 Tables / Based on 32 Tables A1. Michael Murphy-Thomas Leberman A2BC1. Barbara Nelson, -Jane Doyle BC2. Diana Oppenlander-Wistie Oppenlander

Saturday Morn 1500er Pair-13.0 Tables ABC1. Marj Frederiksen-Louise O'Brien AB2. Andi Gordon-Marie-Anne Johnson 2/3 Judy Schwartz-Jean Hoffman C2/3 Gool Castleberry-Ersi Georgopoulou
Sat Morning 299er Pairs-11.5 Tables A1. Craig Briney-Mary Ann Briney A2BC1. Judith Latham- Caroline Drews 2 Melba Lancaster- Karen Roland 2 Fritzie Roop-Janet Meyer
Saturday Aft Open Pairs-17.0 Tables / Based on 51 Tables A1. Michael Murphy- Thomas Leberman A2BC1. Eileen Smith-James McCommons 2 Hazel Schoenberg-Jules Schoenberg 3/4 2/3 Vi Ganeles-Mary McGinnis 2/3 Peter Grenier-Lynne Wood
Saturday Aft 1500er Pairs-18.0 Tables A1. Patricia Marchman-Elda Kay Hampton A2. George Burcham-Vernon Earl Hodge, B1. Delinda Verner- John Galeley C1. Gool Castleberry-Ersi Georgopoulou
Saturday Aft 299er Pairs-16.0 Tables AB1. Denise Strueber-John Ellis AB2. Jack Lavine-Barbara Reeves 1 Fritzie Roop-Janet Meyer C2. James Huth-M Susan Tucker
Saturday Eve Open Pairs-5.0 Tables / Based on 9 Tables A1. Gail Wells-Suresh Agrawal A2/3 B1/2 Jeff Dater- Tomi FitzGerald B1/2C1. Kim Brinkman-Carol Lombardino
Saturday Eve 299er Pairs-3.5 Tables 1. Judith Latham-Caroline Drews 2/3 Carlene Shupee-George Shupee 2/3 Stephen Wuller- Eugene Wuller

Saturday Bracketed KO #1-6 Tables 1. Nancy Kornegay-Stephen Kornegay- Kimmel Jones- Hugh Hillaker 2. James Thurtell-James Bauer-John Schwartz- Gerry McKim
Saturday Bracketed KO #2-5 Tables 1. John McConnell-Kevin Broderick- Charles Brown-Sue Gilbreath 2. Leah McCarthy-Charlotte Tunnell-Donna Rasmussen-Beverly Yoehle
Saturday Compact KO #1-9 Tables 1. Robert Adams-David Foote-Marion Gebhardt- Randolph Worsham 5.85 2. Hua Yang-Edward Wang-James Zhan-Tiger King,
Saturday Compact KO #2-16 Tables 1. Jim Harp-Chris Myers-Mark Shekter-Margaret Raymond 2. Jerrold Albom-Scott Wansbrough- Ricardo Azevedo- Theresa Ann Brantley
Saturday Eve Swiss Teams-15 Tables A1. Chris Compton- Jo Smith-Venkatrao Koneru,-Marc Levine A2B1.. Edward Yetter-Milton Neher, -Sara Bossert-Michael Bossert B2C1.. Glenda Cooper- David Clegg-Bob Frink- Bob Dingle C2. Anita Pupols-Donna McKay-Ann Parker-Janet Bell
Sunday A/X Swiss Teams-25 Tables / Based on 61 Tables A1. Chris Compton-Jo Smith, -Venkatrao Koneru-Marc Levine A2 X1. Hua Yang-Yan Song-Edward Wang-James Zhan -Tiger King X2. Rich Brandenburg-Tony Pellegrini-Joseph Gill-Bob McNeill
Sunday B/C/D Swiss Teams-28

Tables B1. Janet Borg-Bonnie Kay Yetter-Catherine Tucker-Maria Gregorat B2C1. Jane Kirby-J Fletcher -Jo Ann Truitt-Jennifer Rao C2. Frank Durante-Sheri Wolkenstein-Jon Wolkenstein-Nancy Latner 1 Rosalee Hacker-Marguerite Lavender-Bonnie Jan Robson-Alan Robson D2. Leah McCarthy-Charlotte Tunnell, -Donna Rasmussen-Beverly Yoehle
299er Swiss Teams-8 Tables A1. Josephine Basel- Patsy Rainwater-Maddu-Connie Van Patter- Beth Castleberry A2B1. Marilyn Elliott-Anne Collier-Denys Slater Jr-Jane Slater B2C1. Susan Kroney-Jole Luehrs- Barbara Lively-Martha Ward
Sun Aft 299er Swiss Teams-7 Tables A1. Josephine Basel-Beth Castleberry-Patsy Rainwater-Maddu-Connie Van Patter A2. Carol Adamek -Denise Strueber-Kay Moran-John Ellis B1. Anne Curry-Jeanne Wyatt-Larica Taylor-Carla Joiner
Sun Aft Open Pairs-3.0 Tables 1. Beverly Ginsburg-Leslie Levin 2. Brad Cantrill-Tom Cantrill

Fri Morn 299er Pairs-6.0 Tables A1 Barbara Horowitz-Dee Bridgewater A2B1. Janice Trombello - Beverly Strauss B2. Patsy Rainwater-Maddu-Connie Van Patter
Fri Aft 299er Pairs-12.0 Tables A1. Jo Ann Slaten-Ann Parker A2BC1. Randy Patterson-Larica Taylor BC2. Steven Russell-Suzanne Russell
Fri Eve 299er Pairs-3.0 Tables 1/2 Patricia Ducayet-Edwin Ducayet Jr 1/2 Denise Strueber-Stanley Weinberg
Sat Morn 299er Pairs-7.5 Tables ABC1. Virginia Bond-Rodney Bond AB2. Patricia Ducayet-Edwin Ducayet Jr C2. Christine Skibell-Joan Chandler
Sat Aft 299er Pairs-12.5 Tables ABC1. Denise Strueber-Stanley Weinberg ABC2. Sharon Seagraves-John Milligan
Sun Morn 299er Swiss-7 Tables / Based on 6 Tables AB1. Craig Briney -Mary Ann Briney-Judy Nixon-Jeanette McDonald B2. Lori McCline-Mike McCline-Barbara Horowitz-Dee Bridgewater
Sun Aft 299er Swiss Teams-13 Tables / Based on 12 Tables A1. Lori McCline-Mike McCline-Barbara Horowitz-Dee Bridgewater A2BC1. Valarie Remmers-Dale Remmers-Randy Patterson-Larica Taylor C2. Jole Luehrs-Carolyn Baker-Lacy Peterson-Karen Cohen

BAND 299er Sectional

Dallas
 04/04-04/06/2014
 93 players 63 tables.

- 1 5.62 Dee Bridgewater
- 2 5.62 Barbara Horowitz
- 3 4.66 Randy Patterson
- 4 4.66 Larica Taylor
- 5 4.41 Stanley Weinberg



Ann Parker - Jo Ann Slaten
 Silver Round
 Fri Aft 299er Prs



Barbara Horowitz - Dee Bridgewater
 Mike McCline - Lori McCline
 Silver Buffalo Sunday Aft Swiss Team

BAND 299ER TOURNAMENT WINNERS



Denise Strueber - Stanley Weinberg
 Fri Eve, Sat Aft Silver Bar 299er Prs



Jeanette McDonald - Judy Nixon
 Mary Ann Briney - Craig Briney
 Silver Nugget SunMorn Swiss Team



John Milligan - Sharon Seagraves
 Silver Bar Saturday Aft 299er Prs



M Susan Tucker - James Huth
 Silver Lining Sat Eve 299er



Dee Bridgewater - Barbara Horowitz
 Silver Trinket Friday Morn 299er Prs



Edwin Ducayet Jr - Patricia Ducayet
 Silver Change Friday Eve 299er Prs



Janice Trombello - Beverly Strauss
 Silver Trinket Friday Morn 299er Prs

BIG TIME IN BIG D MARCH SECTIONAL WINNERS



Thurs Bktd KO Bkt 1
 Susan Keys, Bart Bramley, Nancy & Mike Passell, Chris Compton



Thurs Compact KO Bkt 1
 Mark Hatkoff, Royce McCray, NP Kathy Bullock, Randall Smith



Thurs Aft Open Prs A
 Larue Stott - Nancy Stanton



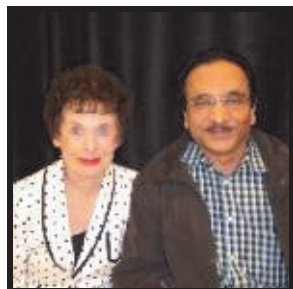
Thurs Eve Swiss A Sat Compact 1
 Marion Gebhardt, David Foote, Robert Adams, Randy Worsham



Fri Morn Open Prs A
 Britain Beezley - Earnest Wyatt



Sat Morn & Aft Open Prs A
 Thomas Leberman - Michael Murphy



Sat Eve Open Prs A
 Gail Wells - Suresh Agrawal



Sat Eve Swiss Sunday Swiss A
 V. Venkatrao, Jo Smith
 Marc Levine, Chris Compton



Sun Aft Open Prs
 Beverly Ginsburg, Leslie Levin



Sat Bktd KO Bkt 2
 John McConnell, Sue Gilbreath, Kevin Broderick, Charles Brown



Sat Cpt KO Bkt 2
 Margaret Raymond, Mark Shekter, Jim Harp, Chris Myers



Thurs Bktd KO Bkt 2
 Randy Earle, Joe Fletcher, Beverly Strauss, Susan Bates



Sat Morn Open Prs B
 Barbara Nelson - Jane Doyle



Sat Aft Open Prs B
 James McCommons - Eileen Smith



Sat Eve Open Prs B
 Tomi FitzGerald - Jeff Dater



Sat Eve Swiss Teams B
 Sara & Michael Bossert, Milton Neher, Edward Yetter



Thurs Morn 1500er Prs
 Elizabeth Donner - Lynell Pinion



Thurs Aft 1500er Prs
 John Davis - Bert Dempsey



Thurs Eve 1500er Prs A
Bonnie Kay Yetter - Catherine Tucker



Fri Aft 1500er Prs
Frank Durante - Nancy Latner



Sat Morn 1500er Prs
Louise O'Brien & Marj Frederiksen



Sat Aft 1500er Prs
Patricia Marchman - Elda Kay Hampton



Sat Aft 299er Prs
Denise Strueber - John Ellis



Thurs Morn 299er Prs C
& Aft 299er Prs ABC
Pat Glaser - Theodore Bender



Thurs Eve Swiss C
Betty Wheeler, Sandy Fedro,
Alma Farley, Robert Clarke



Sat Eve Open Prs C
Carol Lombardino, Kim Brinkman



Sat Eve Swiss Teams C
Bob Frink, Bob Dingle,
David Clegg, Glenda Cooper



Sun StratiFlighted BCD Swiss C
Rosalee Hacker, Bonnie Jan Robson,
Marguerite Lavender, Alan Robson



Thurs Morn 49er Prs
Lacy Peterson - Carolyn Baker



Sun Morn & Aft 299er Teams A
Beth Castleberry, Connie Van Patter,
Josephine Basel, Patsy Rainwater Maddu



Thurs Morn 49er Prs
Tammy Madden - Joan Collins



Thurs Morn 299er Prs
Sharon Ward - Deborah Armstrong



Fri Aft 299er Prs
Melba Lancaster - Karen Roland



Sat Morn & Eve 299er Prs
Judith Latham - Caroline Drews



Sat Morn 299er Prs
Craig & Mary Ann Briney



Thurs Aft 49er Prs
Glenda Vokolek - Glenna Crawford

**Unit 183
Fort Worth**

Millie Williams

I think it's safe to say that Spring is here. My one daffodil has bloomed and the allergy season has arrived. There are opportunities galore to get out and play bridge. We told each other "we love you" at the bridge table with Valentine Parties in both Arlington and Fort Worth. J'Neane Huey and Patsy Walters hosted a party on Feb. 15 appropriately named "A Day Late and a Dollar Short"...I can identify with that. Thanks from the bottom of our hearts.

Houston hosted their annual Regional Tournament in Feb. where several from our area were recognized. Jo Kuhn and Judi Evans received the Goodwill Award and Millie Williams was named Texas Star from Unit 183. The Unit recognized all recipients with special games...Millie's game was on March 15, and her partner carried her to a win. Thanks, Sharon Tucci. Jo and Judi were honored at the annual Awards Day game at the Fort Worth Bridge Studio on April 5, with 23 tables in play. Steve Shirey and Donna Rosz were first overall in the Open Section and Pat Cassidy and Mary Jane Orock second overall. In the limited game Marylin Hicks and Don Greer were first overall and Mike Peifer and Virginia Farley second overall. Contratulations to all who received awards on that day.

The last edition of the Scorecard contained pictures and a recap from Arlington's Heart of the Metroplex Tournament in Feb. Congratulations to Mary Ellen Stanton and her fine volunteers for such a great tournament. I wish I had space to list every one of her helpers...believe me, volunteers from both Arlington and Fort Worth helped her in so many ways and she is very appreciative. Many thanks, also, to Dorothy Moore for all she does to encourage new players and to Chuck Burke and Caron Peck for their excellent workshop on slam bidding. Barbara Baker and Mary Ann Cotham had a 72.06% game playing in Diane Washa-

baugh's Monday morning game. 70%ers in Arlington were Hugh Hillaker and Bill Staats; Craig and Mary Ann Briney; Melody Gann and Clay Waldrop; Jane Doyle and Betty Finley. Arlington's Membership Meeting and Board of Directors election was held March 1. Elected to the board were Buck Buchanan (president), Dorothy Moore, George Morey and Sue Kay Reeder. Congrats to all. Twenty tables were in play in the Open Section. Winners were Fl. A N/S Sue Gilbreath and Charlie Brown; Fl. A E/W were Melody Gann and Bill White. Section B N/S and first OA were James and Paula Justice; EW winners were Molan and William Chan. Winners in the Intermediate/Novice flight were N/S Marguerite Lavender and Cathy Tolliver; EW and first OA were Cindy Whitten and Lynda Fitzjarrell.

Carolyn Pinto has resigned from the Unit 183 Board, as well as her position of Unit 183 Tournament Chairman. How can we ever thank her enough for all she has done for this unit? We wish her well as she changes directions in her life. Maybe we'll get favorable rulings from her when she comes to our table? Janet Jordan has been named new Tournament Director. This job is overwhelming...so let's all remember to say "yes" when Janet seeks our help. Thanks to Mary Jane Orock and Don Reynolds for taking time to present seminars for us on Saturday mornings from time to time...both have much to offer for us to ponder. We have lots of lessons going on for all levels of players. Check bulletin boards to see if there is a class you'd like to attend.

We have added 14 members to the Unit recently...we welcome all newcomers. Several of our members have earned personal achievement goals: Don Cosby became a Life Master at the Nationals recently in Dallas; Stan Powell and Sue Kay Reeder are new Bronze Life Masters; Kim Brinkman and Katye Kowierschke are Silver Life Masters, and Margot Hirsch, Carolyn Powell and Martin Hester are new Gold Life Masters. Congratulations, all!

Jacque Montgomery and Diane

Washabaugh are going to try to revive the Money Game...this time on Saturday night, May 3rd at the Fort Worth Studio. Come to eat Jacque's fabulous food at 6:00 and play at 6:30. This can turn into a really fun event if each of us will make an effort to support it. Pay \$10.00 to play and have a yummy meal and play well...taking home moolah! Speaking of Jacque...congrats for earning 36 gold points at the Big D Nationals! Her Swiss Team consisting of Barbara Baker, Jane Larimore and Ginny Collett were in a tie for second on Sunday...Good for you!

Don't forget the Fort Western Spring Sectional June 20-22 at the Newly Renovated Best Western Plus at 100 E. Altamesa Blvd. Fort Worth. June 21st will be an ACBL Longest Day Event benefiting Alzheimer's Research. Win a game with a pro by buying a Raffle ticket.

Fort Worth's Shining Star Recipient Volunteer this month is Billy Leeper. Billy is truly a jack of all trades...he buys supplies, changes filters, fixes our lights and even defrosts our cranky old ice machine to keep it working...saving us tons on service calls. He is always willing to help in any way he can...now, if we can get him to throw us a board or two, we'll all be happy.

We offer our sincere condolences to the family of Shirley Wolverton, who recently passed away. Shirley and her husband, Dick, have been familiar faces at the bridge table for a long time. We will miss her.

Goodbye and good luck to two of Fort Worth's long-time players. Colleen Tiernan has moved to Arkansas to be with her family. She and Pat Kranichfeld decorated our studio for years with beautiful seasonal displays. Colleen also kept us well fed, as well. Nora Oliver has moved back to New Jersey to be with her family. She served the Unit tirelessly...fed us, decorated for tournaments, was our outstanding photographer...and more. Both of these ladies were a joy to know and great competitors at the table.

June 20-22, 2014
FORT WESTERN SECTIONAL

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Bridge rate: \$69.99 per night - Reservation deadline June 13

SCHEDULE

Friday June 20, 2014

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

Saturday June 21, 2014

ACBL's Longest Day Events
****BENEFITING ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH****
Stratified Open Pairs (Single session) - 14 boards- 8:00 AM & 1:00 PM
****RAFFLE - Win a game with a pro****

Bracketed Knock-Out Teams	10:00 AM, 3:00 & 7:30 PM
Stratified Open Pairs (SINGLE SESSION)	10:00 AM, 3:00 & 7:30 PM
Stratified 299er Pairs (SINGLE SESSION)	10:00 AM, 3:00 & 7:30 PM
Single Session Swiss Team	7:30 PM

"COMPLIMENTARY BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND DINNER"

Sunday June 22, 2014

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

DINNER served between sessions

Stratified Open Events: A (2000+), B (750-2000), C (0-750) - based on average
Strati-Flighted Swiss: A (4000+) & AX (0-4000) Play together
B (750-2000) & C (0-750)
Stratified 299er Events: A (200-300), B (100-200), C (0-100)
Knock-Out Events may be handicapped at the discretion of the Director in Charge

Tournament Chair: Janet Jordan 817-797-9465 janetjordan817@yahoo.com
Partnerships: Darlene Shirey (817) 292-4719 shireysa@charter.net
All single sessions \$12 per PLAYER/Two session Swiss \$100 PER TEAM
NOTE: Additional charge of \$3 per SESSION for players who are unpaid or non-ACBL members
Players with 0-20 MP play FREE on Saturday morning
Players with 0-299 MP play for \$10.00 per session
Lecture Friday 6:30 pm - Section top prizes

Barry Crane Top 500 Leaders District 16 2013

1. Chris Compton, Dallas 2768	11. Nagy Kamel, Plano 820
2. Eddie Wold, Houston 1786	12. Gail Wells, Dallas 797
3. Tom Breed, Kingwood 1067	13. Steve Shirey, Fort Worth 659
4. Greg Hinze, San Antonio 1059	14. Bart Bramley, Dallas 659
5. Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio 1041	15. Virginia Noelke, San Angelo 639
6. Dave Swarouth, San Antonio 916	16. Hemant Lall, Dallas 631
7. Donna Swarouth, San Antonio 880	17. Marion Gebhardt, Richardson 620
8. Dan Morse, Houston 869	18. Ellen Hessel, San Antonio 619
9. Ira Hessel, San Antonio 839	19. Betty Starzec, Sugar Land 604
10. Robert Morris, Houston 833	20. Tobi Sokolow, Austin 570

**Unit 187
Corpus Christi**

Dee Schade



Unit 187 was saddened to lose one of our favorite Winter Texans, Martha Northup, on March 22. Martha had been coming to Port Aransas in the winter for many years & always played in Rockport & Corpus Christi. She was a wonderful, nice person, who was a loved addition to our club. We will miss her greatly. Prayers & thoughts go out to her son.

Gladys Schaffer, a bridge player in Corpus Christi for many, many years until she moved to Laredo to live with her daughter & son-in-law, Marcia & Russell Deutsch., died March 26. Gladys was a sweetheart. She & her late husband, Henry, owned a pharmacy here for many years. In her later years, her son always brought her over to the club for bridge. She was a lovely lady. Our thoughts are with her family.

Martha DeCout & Mary Ross have 21 students in their class. This shows bridge is alive & well in Corpus Christi! Encourage all your bridge playing friends to come out for duplicate. There is a definite interest, we just need to get them here.

Winners of the February 8 GNT flight B unit finals were Martha DeCout, Phyllis Pruet, Pauletta Myers & Joyce Seits. 2nd place & 1st in flight C were Susan Brown (Rockport), Margaret Ann Kennedy, Darlene Kinsley and Barbara Layton. Well done ladies!

Winners of the Chinese New Year club championship on Sunday, Febru-

ary 16, were Eleanor Sherwyn & Don Varvel. Bill & Marilyn MacDonald took 2nd place. Mahesh Maruvuda & Cynthia Struve won Flight B. Larry Caplan & Linda Medina came in 2nd. Congratulations to all.

Several players attended the NABC in Dallas. All scratched but the only overall I know about was Phyllis Pruet & Dee Schade came in 7th in the Open Pairs on Saturday, March 29.

VICTORIA Tournament coming up June 20-22. See the web site for complete details. Grab your partner or give your name to Bob Coffey & let's make this a fun, big tournament like the old days!

Corpus Christi Regional will be October 20-26 at the Holiday Inn, Shoreline. Martha DeCout needs all hands on deck to help. Tell all your bridge playing friends & make this a record turnout for us. Check the website for details on events & times.

Coming up Friday, July 11, is the ACBL-wide International Fund game. There will be hand records & analysis.

Please get to know Don Varvel. Born in Bartlesville, OK, Don says he learned to play bridge from a relative. Although his folks knew how, they didn't play. He had a great aunt who taught him chess. In high school, he played the usual sports, primarily football, being in OK. Don says he was one of the biggest kids around but incredibly slow afoot, so he was a much better wrestler because there were limits on how far the other guy could run! By his mid-teens, he was the best chess player in Bartlesville as well as the best oboe player. He played oboe in the town orchestra & the Tulsa Youth Symphony.

Don started college at age 16, majoring in math, but spending far too much time playing chess & bridge. After three years, he dropped out of school due a war & the draft. He auditioned on oboe for an Air Force band. It was close, but he got in & spent four years playing oboe in the concert band & various forms of percussion in the marching band. He also won two Air Force postal chess championships, in the days before postal chess was largely destroyed by computers. He played in three Air Force chess championships, playing on the winning command team once but never making the Air Force team for the Armed Forces championship.

After the Air Force, he moved to North Dakota, got an Elementary Education degree & taught for several years. During this time he finished 2nd in the North Dakota state chess championship five times & then gave up the game. This was done not out of frustration, but because job & family seemed more important than the bottomless pit of chess! The "Class from Hell" convinced him to go back to college in Computer Science. Eventually he got his Ph.D. from Texas, just in time for the market for CS professors to collapse.

While bouncing around on the west coast trying to make a living as a programmer, he met Eleanor. That led to returning to Texas, taking a faculty position at A&M, Kingsville, and marrying Eleanor Sherwyn. Somewhere between North Dakota & Texas he started playing a lot for bridge. His highlights include 49th in the national IMP pairs in 2001 & second in 2013 district 16 flight B GNT qualifying event.

Don has experimented with several bidding systems, including inventing An Unassuming Club, A Polish Club variant, with a weak no trump. AUC was used by a Russian pair a decade ago to win an ACBL national non-life-master pairs event, & David Goldfarb & Don use it on their GNT team.

Thanks, Don, for sharing with us. See you at the table!

<p>Unit 197 Lubbock</p> <hr/> <p>Sandi Krahrmer</p>

Hi Everybody! Many thanks to Mary Hildebrand for such a wonderful tournament. Despite the smaller crowd, Mary managed to make some money for us by being thrifty and economical. She did a lot of the work herself, including caddying and kitchen help. Julie Benson helped set up the kitchen between rounds, and Mary helped by keeping things supplied during the play. We had several 70% games. Charlotte and Gary Blaiss had one and another monster during the Sectional. Sammie Johnson and Karen Wilson and Robbie Butts and Billie Mitchell also had 70% games, along with Pat Rivers and Marilyn Smith. If I omitted anyone, please leave a note in the box inside the consul.

Congratulations to Mary Hildebrand and Al Postar for winning the District F light A STaC. Beth and Don Sikes won the Flight B and Frances Austin and Pauline McCormick won the Flight C on Tuesday evening. Frances Austin and Alice Alene Floyd won the District Flight C on Wednesday afternoon.

Please note that the 8 is Enough team game will be the 3rd Saturday in June --the 21. Norma will be in charge so if you need a team, give her a call. Snacks and finger foods will be served so plan to bring some goodies. We always have good food. I believe that Karen Wilson and Sue Willhoit had a 70% in the STaC game Tue evening. And, of course, Al and Mary had over that to win the District.

Congratulations to Will Anthony, who made Life Master in Dallas at

Nationals. Wouldn't Betty be proud! Also, congrats to Wayne Bahr for making Bronze Life Master. Many thanks to Gwen Wright for the donation of new printer to the unit. Gwen has been very generous to our Unit, and we do appreciate it very much. Please thank her when you see her. Have you noticed how good our yard looks? Greg Loran has been doing all the work for quite awhile, and he receives no pay for his efforts. Also, Greg is our new District 16 representative and attends all the meetings at the various Regionals around the District. Wanda Wilson continues to recover from a recent fall and hopes to be back at the table in a few weeks. Great to have Suzy Stiles back after some recent cancer surgery. Becky Howard asks that you might offer to mentor a newer player. Both Becky and Becky Hamilton are so good about playing with newer people.

That's about all for now. Sandi Krahrmer

<p>Unit 201 Sabine Neches</p> <hr/> <p>Patsy Pierce</p>	
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Once again, Beaumont hosted a very successful Spindletop Sectional Tournament. We received high praise for the friendly atmosphere and hospitality of our club. Sally and I want to thank everyone for your generous contributions of food, money, and hard work. You made this tournament a success. Also, congratulations go to Martha Sigler for winning the high score trophy. Way to go!!

We were saddened to learn of the death of Shirley Joyce Dingle. Our sympathy also goes out to Barbara White and Delores Belton for the loss of their husbands. We offer our condolences to all of their families and friends.

New additions to the **70% Club** include Bob and Zack Townley-Smith for their 75% game, Flo Gillespie and Martha Sigler for their 72% game, and Cynthia Stueber for her 70% in an individual game. Well done!

A Good-bye Party for Gertrude Cherry was hosted by Liz MacKenzie and sponsored by Dr. Bharathi. Although we will miss Gertrude, we know she will enjoy her new home. After the delicious lunch, a game of bridge followed. The winners of the game were John and Nancy Smalley. Mary Jane Garth and Ed Rasmussen were 2nd with Dr. Bharathi and Betty Poindexter placing 3rd. In Flight B, June Eddingston and Blanche Sibley were 1st. Ron Sanders and Jack Evans were 2nd with Frankie Hall and Paul Aguiard coming in 3rd. Don and Junez Moss placed 2nd in Flight C with Connor Smith and Marilyn Adams in 3rd place.

February Mentor Pairs Game was won by Sarah Smith and Earl Johnson. Janis Williams and Jack Evans were 2nd with Marilyn Adams and Tim Stelly finishing in 3rd place. **February Mentor Team Game** was won by Carolyn Worsham, Marilyn Adams, Juanell Jones and Martha Sigler. Placing 2nd were Kay Hooper, Paul Aguiard, Carol and Bob McGill. **March Mentor Pairs Game** was won by Harriett Garth and Junez Moss. Barney Hammer and Don Moss placed 2nd with Gretchen Glass and Patsy Pierce coming in 3rd place. **March Mentor Team Game** was won by Martha Oliver, Wayne Outlaw, Beverly Hulsev, and Lorena Strange. Coming in 2nd were Marilyn Adams, Linda Briggs, Martha Sigler, and June Eddingston with Phyllis Mann, Susan Nimmo, Frankie Hall and Connor Smith in 3rd. This attendance for this team game was great but there were still some vacant tables. Don't miss out on the fun, get a team and come on down.

In The News! Mary Jane Garth was honored at the Le Grande Ball, which is presented by Lamar University's

Friends of the Arts. Mary Jane, a true patron of the arts, has been instrumental in supporting the arts program of Lamar and the Beaumont community. The evening was enjoyed by a large number of attendees which included Mary Jane's lovely family. This honor and recognition is well deserved by Mary Jane.

Beverly Leger has completed all requirements and advanced to the rank of Gold Life Master. Congratulations, Beverly.

A good way to relax on Sunday afternoon is an enjoyable game of bridge. Consider joining in the fun with this game. The winners of the March 1 game were Robert Kacher and Tim Stelly. Beverly Leger and Martha Sigler placed 2nd with Pat Schiwart and Connor Smith finishing in 3rd place.

The Monday night 0-500 game in March 3 finished with a tie for 1st place. Paul Aguiard and Jo Woody shared top billing with Don and Janis Williams. Melva Jane Kalkbrenner and Bob Nobles took 3rd place. Others placing were Bob and Parker Townley-Smith who took 3rd place in Flight B.

According to Theodore Levitt, "Experience comes from what we have done. Wisdom comes from what we have done badly." This suggests that we learn from our mistakes. With my many mistakes, I find that I should be a top notch bridge player. Oh well, I will just keep trying. See you at the game!

Beaumont Spindletop

March 6-9, 2014
165 players 178 tables.

- 1 16.12 Martha Sigler
- 2 15.38 Carolyne Fox
- 3 13.28 Linda Adamchik
- 4 11.87 Cynthia Stueber
- 5 11.61 Carol Ann McGill
- 6 11.57 Bill Frank, Richmond
- 7 11.25 Wilbur Dahlquist
- 8 11.25 Verna Dahlquist
- 9 11.18 Aiyadar Bharathi
- 10 10.16 Sally Wheeler
- 11 10.16 Buddy Hanby

Thur. Morn Open Prs - 9.0 Tables / Based on 18 Tables A1. Linda Adamchik- Carol Ann McGill A2. Nancy Smalley - Cynthia Stueber B1. Tim Stelly - Elizabeth Mackenzie B2. Steve Vaughn - Michael Novack C1. Dave Becker- Donald Moss C2. Wayne Outlaw - Billie Carter

Thur. Morn 299er Prs - 8.5 Tables DEF1. Sharon Kirkland - Darlyn Dusek DE2. Sandra Allison- Susan Nimmo F2 Marcia Lindsey- Nancy Shomette

Thur. Aft Open Prs - 11.5 Tables / Based on 20 Tables ABC1. Bill Frank -Jack Evans A2. Linda Adamchik- Carol Ann McGill A2. Sally Blewett- Patsy Pierce B2. Dave Becker- Donald Moss

Thur. Aft 299er Prs - 7.5 Tables DEF1. Joseph Nichols- Kenneth Hudson DE2. Gayle Longmire - Edna Earle Mattei F2. Sharon Kirkland - Darlyn Dusek

Fri. Morn Open Prs - 14.0 Tables / Based on 22 Tables A1. Verna Dahlquist - Wilbur Dahlquist A2B1. Dee Payne - Ruby Collins B2C1. Lou Rising-Beverly Broussard C2 Susan Gore - Jerry Gore

Fri. Morn 299er Prs - 8.0 Tables DEF1. Victoria Bennett - Donna Bryson DE2. Gayle Longmire - Edna Earle Mattei F2 Dale Miller - Ann Trammell

Fri. Aft Open Prs - 16.0 Tables / Based on 24 Tables A1. Martha Sigler - Cynthia Stueber A2B1. Marian Jones - Edwina Landrum B1. Dave Becker- Zach Townley-Smith 2 Tim Stelly-Bill Frank

Fri. Aft 299er Prs - 8.0 Tables DE1. Susan Mandel-Susan Domsalla DE2F1. Rogie Peyton - Marion Shortle F2. Regina Cox - Florence Ferguson, **Sat. Morn Open Prs** - 15.5 Tables / Based on 22 Tables A1. Flora Gillispie - Martha Sigler A2. Edward Rasmussen-Aiyadar Bharathi B1. Michael Estep - Barbara Estep B2. Beverly Leger- Elizabeth Mackenzie C1. Bob Townley-Smith - Zach

Victoria Sectional

June 20-22, 2014

Host Hotel

Hilton Garden Inn
123 Huvar Street, Victoria, TX 77901
361-573-0303

Bridge Room Rate \$109/night. Cutoff date 5/30/14
If Booking online, use code BDGT



Back by popular demand. After an absence of several years, the Victoria Sectional is back. As the "Crossroads," of South and Central Texas, Victoria is conveniently located less than 2 hours away from several major cities and features a variety of shopping, dining and leisure attractions.

Tournament Schedule

Friday June 20

10:30 am Stratified Open Pairs
10:30 am Compact KO #1
3:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs
3:00 pm Compact KO #1

Saturday June 21

10:30 am Stratified Open Pairs
10:30 am Compact KO #2
3:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs
3:00 pm Compact KO #2

Sunday June 22

10:00 & TBD Stratified Swiss Teams

Stratifications

A 2000+
B 500-2000
C 0-499
All events based on average masterpoints.
KO's are handicapped.

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Card Fees

\$11/person/session
\$108/team for Sunday Swiss (includes lunch)
\$1 extra/session for non or unpaid ACBL members

Townley-Smith C2. Evelyn James, Houston ; Mary Felton
Sat. Morn 299er Prs - 6.0 Tables DE1. Everett Sweeney-Lynda Jones DE2F1. Kris Cherry- Donna McFerrin 2 Otilia Magee- Judith Boyce
Sat. Aft Open Prs - 18.0 Tables / A1. Carolyne Fox- Phillip Grothus A2. Nancy & Bill Riley B1. Janice Niederstadt - Joan Hataway B2C1. Bill Frank-Tim Stelly C2. Sandra Allison- Paul Keedy
Sat. Aft 299er Prs - 7.5 Tables DEF1. W Clingo - B Clingo E2. Everett Sweeney- Paul Aguillard C\F2. Glenda Bass- William Delboy
Sunday Swiss Teams - 24 Tables A1. Sally Wheeler - Buddy Hanby-Tom Clarke- Joe Quinn A2. Carolyne Fox-Mike Doyle - Stephen & Ann Brinker Schwall BC1. Gerry Earnest - Mary Felton - Marguerite Crowl- Evelyn James B2. Harry Elliott - Stephen Reichel- Lily & James Andre C2. Lynn Gamblin - Tonya McNabb- Zach & Bob Townley

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Unit 204 Fort Concho	
Neal Perlman	

After a short time to raise the \$ from the donations of our generous players, San Angelo acquired and is using that dealing machine; the related hand records and dealer are appreciated by our players.

San Angelo's annual sectional in February was enjoyed. Game designations and honorable mention greeted players with a board of snapshots and notes and we want to share with people who didn't see it in person.

Sue Barber: Sue was one of the early members of the San Angelo Duplicate Bridge Club, serving as director, club manager and Secretary-Treasurer. She won the Oswald Jacoby award in District 16 in 1985.

Truby Bunch: One of the grand ladies of bridge in San Angelo, Truby would play with experienced and new players almost every time the doors opened for a game.

Warren Alexander: He played bridge on Monday and Thursday nights with Leigh Broadway, his favorite partner, and they won consistently. He was a big fellow, big in stature & big in heart; a gentleman and man of honor.
Charles Anderson: Charles "Chuck" Anderson played bridge in the evenings and being a gentleman, always waited to escort the director to her car and watch her safely drive away.

Marifrances Watson: she manages two bridge clubs, teaches bridge at the local bridge studio and has introduced local middle school students to bridge.

Mary Jane McCord: MJ's contributions to bridge are many- from teaching bridge at ASU and directing at local bridge studio and sharing her artistic talents with the bridge world.
George Finley: George Finley has loved playing bridge since age 11. He is a past President of District 16, and a past President of Fort Concho Unit 204. George was named the 2013 Texas Star Award recipient for Unit 204.

Linda Cole: Our new club manager, Linda Cole, serves as substitute director when needed. Her knowledge of computers has proved invaluable in many critical scoring situations.

Patsy Eckert: The "Thursday Morning Bridge that meets on Wednesday Afternoon" is where Patsy played cards for many decades before finding duplicate bridge. The members of that club are some of the best players in San Angelo.

Norma Walker: Norma started playing bridge in 1978. She was Club Manager (secretary/treasurer) for many years and is currently serving as tournament chairman and building/grounds coordinator.

Sue Henry: Betty Sue Henry has served as a director for Unit 204 since 1995. Sue works tirelessly to find anyone a partner who wants to play. Sue has been a great bridge ambassador across the state of Texas.

Congratulations to all leaders in the 2013 Ace Of Clubs and Mini-McKinney standings:


- Mini McKinney** (All points won during a calendar year excluding points won online.)
 0-5 Karl Wehner
 5-20 Francis Depauren
 20-50 Wiley Bunton
 50-100 Karen Voight
 100-200 Carolyn Reed-Jones
 200-300 Jerre McAfee
 300-500 Marifrances Watson
 500-1000 Charles Loeffler
 1000-2500 Carl McGill
 2500-5000 Virginia Noelke

Ace of Clubs (All points won during a calendar year at the club level with the exception of those won in STACs, progressive sectionals, NABC fundraiser events, the North American Open Pairs and the Grand National Teams.) same as Mini-McKinney unless noted below
 300-500 Dave Watson
 500-1000 Linda Cole
 1000-2500 Judy Wilde

Honorable mention across both lists went to Carol Diminnie, Bob McCarty, Anna Thomas, Leigh Broadway, Debbie Farr, David McAfee, Barbara Wright, Mary Bloodworth, Neal Perlman and Sue Henry.

ACBL Seniors Game, March 3rd Peggy Jackson and Judy Matthews 66%- way to go! March 13th International Fund Game A- Louetta Green + Iris Warren 61.31%. B- Brenda Chapman + Patsy Rogers 61.01%. Club Championship games: 3/8/14 A -Gene Gammill + Tommy Splittgerber and B-Jody Jett + Esther Bunton; 3/30/14- Suzanne Dorris + Barbara Wright and 3/31/14—A. Dave Watson and Wiley Bunton + B Beth Wehner + Karl Wehner. Other high games: 71% enjoyed by Barbara Wright and Patsy Rogers March 9th. AND March 23rd, Norma Walker and Suzanne Dorris 79% -- what's it like way up there?!!

Jean and Jack Rochford made the news in the Kerrville newspaper during the March sectional. Cupid struck 19 years ago at that tournament and they were married 51 weeks later. They always attend Kerrville and have had a lot of fun along the way.

Unit 207 Austin	
Joyce Cooper	

As most of our members know, Paul and Rosemary Kelly recently moved to San Antonio, and already, their presence in Austin is sorely missed! Rosemary was born in Dallas, but moved to San Antonio when she was five years old and that's where she grew up. She earned her undergraduate degree from Southwest Texas State in math and a masters in math education and for 30 years taught math in high school and community college. She started playing bridge at age 12 when her brother would bring friends home from college for their mother to teach them bridge. Rosemary always wanted to fill in. Her mother gave her a book: Five Weeks to Winning Bridge, and from that time, Rosemary was hooked on bridge. That early enthusiasm for the game, along with the mathematics background, made Rosemary a formidable opponent and an outstanding teacher.

Over the years, Rosemary served on the Unit 207 Board, the District Board, and working with Beth Tobias, developed the concept for the Bridge Center of Austin, seeing it through developmental stage and setting the tone as a center for the growth of bridge in Austin. She served as the Development Manager from its inception in 2005 until 2010. When asked what she thinks we should do to continue the development of bridge in Austin, Rosemary had this to say: "Laura does an outstanding job of working with new players. But unless they are convinced of the necessity to play in the better open games at the BCA, our

quality of bridge will falter. Good players need more than book experience and novice games to grow. Experience is the best teacher of all, and as so many folks are starting out at a little older age, they need to get that experience quicker. Table time cannot be minimized or "allocated" to the limited or Senior Center games. Advancement will stagnate if all you ever do is play against your peers or juniors!"

She further offers this advice: coming out of the lessons, players need to develop a pod of players to play with: groups of 3,4 or 5, who know each other and who will feel comfortable getting games together to begin with, then branch out to other players they meet at games.

Thank you Rosemary for your participation in the development of bridge in Austin. We are much the better bridge Unit because of your tireless work and input.

Unit 207 has a new President: Pam LaShelle has taken on the responsibility of leading our unit and she is both excited and well qualified to fill that position. George Watkins, who led the Unit over the past 5 years, will continue on the Board for one more year in the job of hospitality manager and will be assisted by Patty Webb. Pat Rutledge will serve as Vice President, Joyce Cooper continues as Secretary, and our new member, Genie Kaplan, will serve as Treasurer. Hutch Hutchison remains as the Membership Chair, and Ken MacMoran as our Webmaster. However we may be of assistance, please let us know. We are on the Board to support and help perpetuate good bridge in Austin. Your ideas for projects and improvements are both appreciated and solicited.

Austin players were well represented at the Dallas National Tournament, but it is to be noted that Terry Richardson reached a new tournament high of 72.47 points and Thomas Hughes, who just reached the 100 point mark, earned 16.75 points. Good show, both of you!

If our members have ever wondered where the "Charity Game" money goes, here is part of the answer: The ACBL has allocated \$30,000 to our District for charities this year, and Unit 207 has been allocated \$5,000 of that for a charity of our choice. We are pleased to announce that Austin Hospice has been selected as our recipient.

Future tournaments: The 2014 Austin Regional to be held at the Doubletree from June 30th to July 6th. Put the dates on your calendar! Meanwhile, there will be a NLM tournament at the Bridge Center on June 14-15. AND, Austin players: get ready for the **City Championship** on May 31st. It will be a free 2 session Unit hosted and rated event with lunch served between sessions. Players may play one or both sessions, but to win the title of City Champs, both sessions must be played.

Milestones: New Life Master: Linda Banks, Geneva Berg, Jane Collins, Karen Logan; **Bronze Life Master:** Sunny Laird, Phyllis Tate, Charles Afill, Bobby Gruhlkey, Danna Redford, Sanae Zaveloff; **Silver Life Master:** Neil Cohen; **Others: 100:** Thomas Hughes, George Steele, Yaoguanlyu Zhu, Celeb Gordon, Marilyn Valeario, Alan Westfield; **200:** Mickey Goldwater, Doris Ingram, Rachel Jackson, Andrew Sullivan; **1500:** Barbara Hollahan, Ellen Meyer; and **3500:** Louis Sachar. Brock Hudson has passed away and his passing leaves a gap in the games he played in. He was always such a gentleman at the table and his presence is missed.

Austin March Sectional

Feb 27-Mar 2, 2014
299 players 328 tables.

- 1 20.57 Virginia Noelke
- 2 20.57 Venkatrao Koneru
- 3 20.03 Phillip Grothus,
- 4 20.03 Carolyne Fox
- 5 19.34 Terry Richardson,
- 6 19.34 Henry Caspar
- 7 18.63 Mildred Breed

- 8 18.58 Robert Donathan,
- 9 17.92 Jack Lacy
- 10 16.99 William Charowhas

Thursday Morn Open Pairs-22.0 Tables / Based on 31 Tables ABC1. Carol Thibodeaux-Robert Penksa A2. Rosemary Kelley-Wiley McMinn III BC2. Arthur Herriott-Louis Fogleman
Thursday Morn 299er Pairs-9.0 Tables DE1. George Ricker-J Martin DE2F1. Gary Walker-Elizabeth Walker F2. Marie Russiello-Joyce Leiserson

Thursday Morn Swiss Teams-7 Tables A1. Virginia Noelke-Venkatrao Koneru-Dave Swarouth-Donna Swarouth A2/3 Henry Caspar -Terry Richardson-Nancy Joe-Hal DeShong A2/3B1. Jan McLaurin-Vivian Thompson-Flora Pettit-Kyong Shuey B2. Barbara Hollahan-Diana Rogers-Nancy Dean-Jennifer Stocker C1/ Tod Pontius-Kathleen Adams-Raymond Borrego-Doreen Harris

Thursday Afternoon Swiss-15 Tables A1 Virginia Noelke-Venkatrao Koneru-Dave Swarouth-Donna Swarouth A2BC1. Robert Pruiett-Jean Marsh-Alan Laverty-Martha Norman BC2. Steven Andersen-Jane Collins-Patricia Overmyer-Margaret Fanning

Thursday Aft Open Pairs-16.0 Tables / Based on 23 Tables A1. Robert Donathan-Louis Sachar A2. Larry Davis-William Charowhas BC1. Dale Irish-George Steele B2. Diana Frankeny-Richard Frankeny C2. Robert Caldwell III-Spencer Ledlow,

Thursday 299er Open Pairs-7.0 Tables DE1. Fiona Schuurman-Barbara Werth D2. Leah Margerison-Rick Margerison E2. Brett Bidwell-David Garman F1. Elizabeth Walker-Gary Walker F2. David Goodwin-Rose Goodwin

Thursday Evening Open Prs-11.0 Tables A1. Venkatrao Koneru-Virginia Noelke A2B1. Phillip Jaeger -Robert Pruiett B2. C1. Danny Feng-Yaoguang Zhu C2. Bill Kalmbach-Anita Albert

Friday Morn Open Pairs-20.0 Tables / Based on 30 Tables A1. Virgil Massey-Charlene Sands A2BC1. Bill Kalmbach-Robert Caldwell III BC2. Wanda Kuehler-Mary Kurio

Friday Morn 299er Pairs-9.5 Tables DEF1. Leah Margerison-Rick Margerison D2EF1. Barbara Rodriguez-Sally Disanza F2. Kitty Taylor-Nget Carter

Friday Aft Open Pairs-14.0 Tables / Based on 20 Tables A1. Carolyne Fox-Phillip Grothus A2. Mark Rosen-Paul Kelley Jr BC1. Arthur Herriott-Louis Fogleman BC2. George Sullivan-Andrea Sullivan

Friday Aft 299er Pairs-6.0 Tables AB1. Vickie Reeves-Gloria Bennett AB2. Patricia Rutledge-Jimmy Rutledge C1. Jean Durocher-Earnestine Broyles C2. Don Warner-Pat Warner

Friday Eve Open Pairs-7.5 Tables A1. Virginia Noelke-Venkatrao Koneru A2. Mildred Breed-Claudette Hartman B1. Robert Pruiett-Phillip Jaeger B2. Raymond Borrego-Gayle Moyers C1. Thomas Hughes-Mindy Kerber C2. Kathryn Levihn-Paul Levihn

Friday Morning Swiss Team-11 Tables A1. Lily Andre-James Andre-Terry Richardson-Henry Caspar A2/3BC1. Steven Andersen-Martha Norman-Anita Albert-David Davis A2/3 Virginia Noelke-Venkatrao Koneru-Dave Swarouth-Donna Swarouth B2. Vivian Thompson-Kyong Shuey-Flora Pettit-Jan McLaurin, C2. David McCarron-Mary McCarron-C Fred Moore-Osman Ahmed

Friday Afternoon Swiss-19 Tables A1. Gary Powell-Marcia Powell-Charlene Sands-Virgil Massey A2/3B1. Harry Ingham-Elaine Martin -Eleanor Sherwyn-David Ticen A2/3 Lily Andre-James Andre-Terry Richardson-Henry Caspar 2/3 1/2 Dyanne Kerr- Leilani Rose-Barbara Rodriguez-Sally Disanza 2/3 1/2 Steven Andersen-Anita Albert-Martha Norman-David Davis

Saturday Morn Open Pairs-16.5 Tables / Based on 28 Tables A1. Robert Donathan-Leonard McCormick A2. Bob Bockemuehl-George Watkins BC1. Kathleen Adams-Tod Pontius B2. Linda Anthony-William Charowhas C2. Priscilla Baker-Jo Pennington

Saturday Morn 299er Pairs - 11.0 Tables DE1. Bennett Neiman-George Steele DE2. Kathleen Monahan-Nola Ray F1. Burton Nichols-Eric Vangaasbeek

Saturday Afternoon Swiss-13 Tables A1. Kenneth Schutze-Jim Hilton -Ellen Hessel-Ira Hessel A2. Louis Sachar-Paul Tobias-Marilou Powell-Pam LaShelle BC1. Steven Andersen -Joyce Cooper-Genie Nyer-Loren Nyer BC2. Sandra Harris-Sandy Potts -Anita Albert-Michael Harris

Saturday Aft Open Pairs-15.5 Tables / Based on 23 Tables AB1. B J Sanders-Theda Cook AB2. Mark Craig-Nancy Joe C1. David Garman-David Davis C2. George Sullivan-Andrea Sullivan

Saturday Aft 299er Pairs-7.0 Tables DE1/3 Alan Wakefield-Martha McLain DE1/3F1. Sally Hillis-June Mattila DE1/3 Linda Gurasich-John Gurasich F2. Marianne Schmitz-Ralph Schmitz

Saturday KO Bracket #1-5 Tables 1. Mildred Breed-Stephen Wood-Alexander Labry-Jack Lacy 2. Lily Andre-James Andre-Henry Caspar-Terry Richardson

Saturday KO Bracket #2-5 Tables 1. Gayle Moyers-Yaoguang Zhu-Kyong Shuey-Flora Pettit 2. David McCarron-Mary McCarron-Harvey Browning-Sunny Laird

Saturday Eve Open Pairs-4.5 Tables A1. Robbie Borchers-Grant Coon II A2B1. Lynn Gunn-Jean Stone, B2. David Ticen-Eleanor Sherwyn

Sunday A/X Swiss Teams-15 Tables / Based on 33 Tables A1. Carolyne Fox-Mitch Towner-Phillip Grothus-Robert Whitcher A2. Kenneth Schutze-Jim Hilton-Ellen Hessel -Ira Hessel X1. Robert Donathan-Larry Davis-Bob Bockemuehl-William Charowhas X2/3 Gary Powell-Marcia Powell-C G Bell-Stephen Bruce X2/3 Elizabeth Tobias-Paul Tobias-Geoff Blandy-Louis Sachar,

Sunday Bcd Swiss Teams-18 Tables B1. Larry Franz-Jackie Franz-William McIndoo-Rita Wiegenstein B2. Mary McCarron-David McCarron-Shirley Holland-Phyllis Tate C1. Martha Norman-Anita Albert-Steven Andersen-Arthur Widen C2/3D1/2 Arthur Roberts-James Glathar-Jean Marsh-Dwight Silver C2/3D1/2 Diane Davis-Marjorie Butler-Barbara Werth-Rachell Jackson

Unit 209 Greater Permian Basin	
Jean Pistole	

We began February with all clubs slated for Junior Fund games for the month. So if you needed points you had your chances.

San Angelo held their annual tournament February 7, 8 and 9th. The Angelo Club always has a great tournament with their hospitality and good snacks. Midland and Odessa clubs are always in attendance. Too many to name but many were successful in different categories as winners.

February 13th the Thursday night Midland club had an eight table "Eight is Enough" Swiss team game. Supper was served at 6:30 to an enthusiastic group. It is a fun night that Belle spends a lot of energy getting it together.

Valentine's Day created two great parties. The Midland Country Club group had a great two-session game since the Christmas Party was "iced out!" They overcame and came back with a great event. The game started at 9:30 am with a light brunch, a session of bridge and then lunch followed by the second half. The Valentine motif throughout with door prizes was enjoyed by 12 tables of bridge.

Then the Bridge of the Permian Basin (Easy Bridge) Club had a Valentine party Friday night. This group puts on a party that they all work together with food, fun and bridge

The Big Spring Club had a Valentine party and membership game though I did not get a report, you can bet it

AUSTIN MARCH SECTIONAL WINNERS



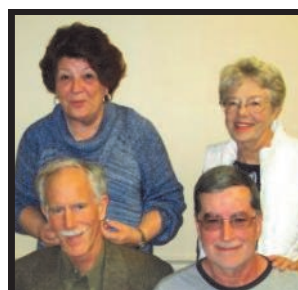
Thursday Morning Pairs A, B, C
Carol Thibodeaux, Robert Penksa



Thursday Aft Swiss Teams B & C
Robert Pruiett, AlaQn Laverty,
Austin Jean Marsh, Martha Norman



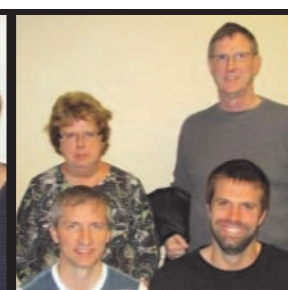
Saturday Afternoon 299er Pairs
Linda & John Gurasich



Friday Afternoon Swiss Teams A
Charlene Sands, Marcia Powell,
Virgil Massey, Gary Powell



Friday Aft Pairs A
Carolyne Fox, Phillip Grothus



Sunday Swiss A
Carolyne Fox, Phillip Grothus,
Rob Whitcher, Mitch Towner



Saturday Morn Pairs A
Leonard McCormick, Robert Donathan



Saturday Afternoon Pairs A & B
Theda Cook, B J Sanders



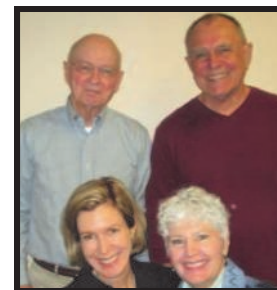
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Jack Lacy, Lago Vista; Steve Wood,
Mildred Breed, Alex Labry



Friday Aft Swiss Teams Flight B
Harry Ingham, Dave Ticen,
Elaine Martin, Eleanor Sherwyn



Saturday Morn Pairs B & C
Kate Adams, Tod Pontius



Friday Morn Swiss B & C & Aft C
Dave Davis, Steve Andersen,
Anita Albert, Martha Norman



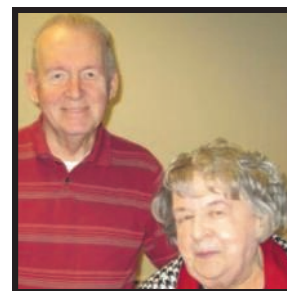
Thursday Afternoon Pairs A
Louis Sachar, Robert Donathan



Friday Aft Pairs B & C
Arthur Herriott, Louis Fogleman



Thursday Morn & Aft Swiss Teams A
Virginia Noelke, Donna & Dave
Swarouth Venkatrao Koneru



Saturday Afternoon 299er Pairs
Alan Wakefield, Marti McLain



Thursday Aft Pairs B & C
Dale Irish, George Steele



Friday Aft Swiss C
Dyanne Kerr, Leilani Rose,
Barbara Rodriguez, Pat DiSanza



Saturday Afternoon Swiss B & C
Genie Nyer, Joyce Cooper,
Loren Nyer, Steve Andersen



Sunday Swiss X
Bob Bockemuehl, Bill Charowhas,
Robert Donathan, Larry Davis



Sunday Swiss B
Rita Wiegenstein, Jackie Franz,
William McIndoo, Larry Franz



Sunday Swiss C
Art Widen, Steve Andersen,
Anita Albert, Martha Norman



Sunday Swiss D
Art Roberts, Dwight Silver,
Jim Glathar, Jean Marsh



Sunday Swiss Flight D
Rachell Jackson, Margie Butler,
Diane Davis, Barbara Werth



Thursday Morning 299er Pairs
George Ricker, Julian Martin



Thursday Afternoon 299er Pairs
Barbara Werth, Fiona Schuurman



Friday Morning 299er Pairs
Leah & Rick Margerison



Friday Afternoon 299er Pairs
Vickie Reeves, Gloria Bennett



Saturday Morning 299er Pairs
Bennett Neiman, George Steele

was a good one. They always have great parties.

David Hudson and Linda Scarpelli had a 70% game to win and David Hudson is a new duplicate player at the Friday party.

February 21 Deborah Brookins was honored with a "Surprise Birthday party" by her club with dinner and birthday cake. We hear about "an apple for the teacher." Well, the Easy Bridge presented Deborah with a crystal apple as a gift which will sit on her desk as a reminder that she is appreciated and loved as their teacher.

Then March blew in, literally! It has been a windy month and also had a lot of special games. March 3rd was the ACBL wide Senior game and I announced at on club that only those under 55 were not allowed to play. There were no disqualified players in the group!

There were some who attended the Lubbock and Kerrville tournaments. Several went to Dallas to the Nationals and it was reported that Debra Jones and Scott Vaughn from the Easy Bridge group won the 299's on Friday the 28th.

March 23rd the Unit had a special game honoring Flo Curry, our new Texas Star winner and recognizing

the Ace of Clubs and Mini McKinney achievers. Marlene Blumentritt was listed as an overall winner in the Ace of Clubs 300-500 category in the April Bulletin. Way to go!

We have two members who have taken the first steps to becoming qualified directors. We welcome Shirley Davenport and Debra Jones and look forward to their stepping up to the helm.

There have been several 70% plus games reported this month. Deborah and Bob Baker had a 76.59%, Jean Pistole and Scott Vaughn with a 74%, Helen David and Brenda Leonard a 72%. There may be others but these were reported.

The letter to the club manager from ACBL has asked that ACBL members become "scent sensitive" as so many have extreme allergies to cologne, perfume, lotions and shaving scents. There has been no ruling but they ask for your consideration.

The April Bulletin notes that Bob Hamman was chosen for the #1 Worlds All-Time Sportsman award and I quote what he says about partnerships. "I have learned that if your partner screws up or the opponents fix you, these things happen when you play bridge. Dwelling on them at the table does no good whatsoever!"

Let this be a quote for us all to abide by.

Now as we rush into spring and the charity games in April, may we all support our clubs by our attendance.

Until next time,

Jean



Unit 224
Fort Phantom

Bette Byrd

Unit 224 is proud to announce that Jo Smith made the Top 500 in 2013. She placed number 356 with 533 master points. Great job Jo!

The ACBL Senior Game was held boasting 7 tables and the winner of that game was Sue Patton playing with Pat Ramsey.

Many of our players attended the San Angelo tournament and enjoyed their outstanding hospitality. Winning points were Jo Smith 20.41, Alan Copeland 13.69, Glynda Groves 9.40, Beverly Walker and Martha Murphy 4.56, Norma Labarthe and Barbara Bridges 1.42.

Sue Patton also attended the Grapevine tournament winning 2.16. She is working hard for the Gold. Go Sue!

Richardson brought out more point seekers with Jo Smith winning 37.03, Delinda Verner playing with former Abilene player, John Galey won 3.48. Sue Patton won 2.79.

It seems like Abilene is getting off to a good year of tournament attendance.

Ed Grant and Lera Lewis had a 71.73% game at Bridge Etc on March 13.

Irish Eyes were shining at our St Patrick's Day Party put on by our own Irishman, Don Dwyer. Cornbeef and cabbage with Irish potatoes and carrots and the "wearing of the green" set the mood for a good time. Winners in that game were: tied first/second Beverly Walker, Glynda Groves; Pat Ramsey. Betty Henderson (with green hair); third were Bette Byrd and Gwen Riggs and first in B were Delinda Verner and Melba Long

The Friday afternoon game held a life master/non life master game. It was won by Lera and Jeff Lewis, second was Darla Mawson and Cleta Dix and third was Tiffany Wagstaff and Norma Labrathe. A fun time for all.


Darla Mawson is offering a lesson including playing a few hands on Mondays at the bridge center. This is for players under 100 points to encourage them to play and improve their games. She says repetition is the answer just like when she taught elementary school. It is working as more finally "get it" on the transfer,

Players attending the Nationals in Dallas were Jo Smith, Sue Patton, Delinda Verner and Carol Whitten. They were all glad to come back with a few points as it was really big with tough bridge according to all of them. I was told that the Chinese are following the method used by the Four Aces here in the United States. They are paying players to play and develop their bridge games so that they can win at the Nationals. It seems to be working. Outstanding players.

Jeanne Brittain is a player that is always ready to support bridge and play with anyone that needs a partner.

Jeanne was going to leave for collage to attend Edinburg Jr. College and her aunt insisted that she and her friends had to know how to play bridge before attending college. Her aunt had once played with Eli Culbertson and set about teaching the girls to play. Where are we missing out on this great idea?

Jeanne went on to A & I, which later



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Friday, June 13, 2014

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199er Side Game (3 tables Minimum) 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Saturday, June 14, 2014

Stratified Pairs Single Session 9:00 am & 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm
199er Side Game (3 tables Minimum) 9:00 am & 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Sunday, June 15, 2014

Stratified Swiss 10:00 am & TBA
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became A & M in Kingsville. She met her husband there, but went on to teach for a year at Beeville. She married Tom, who was an Air Force pilot, gave up teaching, and travelled with him thinking he would be sent overseas at some point. He never was and they moved about 20 times. They met many new people and both enjoyed playing bridge at each destination. When the Korean War broke out he was called up again and they lived in San Angelo. They have 2 children, a boy and a girl.

Since Tom was from Abilene, they returned to live here.

In 1990, Coleen (Palmer) Grisham was teaching bridge and they needed a forth for the game. Jeane attended and that was the beginning of her duplicate career. She was Rookie of the Year in 1992 and won the Ace of Clubs in 1996.

Norma Labrathe travelled to many tournament with Jeane helping her make Bronze Life Master in 2005. One funny event in their travels was in Albuquerque when they were playing on the final Sunday. The electricity went off for the entire complex and the game had to be called off. Everyone was offered a free entry on Monday, but alas they had a plane to catch and lost out on that event. Jeane was honored at a big Life Master party. A poem was read and Norma even had a cake made with her picture on it.

The Goodwill award from ACBL was given to Jeane for recruiting the most members. She brought in 28 players.

When Don Dwyer walked into the Bridge Center to see if he could play there the first time, it was Jeane who played with him. They were first so that helped was encourage him to come back.


The Monday night Abilene Duplicate game was disbanded on September 26, 2006. There is much history of the trials and tribulations of this club. It was noted that this was the oldest sanctioned bridge club in Abilene having started in the 1930s. Mabel Lillius was the first director and the club moved from place to place until the Bridge center was built in 1978. They held their annual Thanksgiving Dinner for a grand finale. At the disbanding of Abilene Duplicate, board

members Jeane Brittain, Ed Grant, Margaret Gregory and Hazel Honaker were thanked for trying to maintain this historic club as long as possible.

Jeane has played with too many partners to name and is one of our most dependable, always friendly and dedicated bridge players. We appreciate you Jeane!

Thanks, Bette Byrd

**Unit 225
East Texas**



Diane Squyres

70% Games
Paulette Huegele and Roy Read had a 72% game on Monday, February 17th and Peggy Wright and Gay Roach had a 71.88% game on Monday, Feb-

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Friday - July 11, 2014

Bracketed Dottie Pirkle KO1 (Sessions 1 & 2)	10:00	3:00
Stratified 299er Pairs (single sessions)	10:00	3:00
Stratified Open Pairs (single sessions)	10:00	3:00

Saturday - July 12, 2014

Bracketed Dottie Pirkle KO1 (Sessions 3 & 4)	10:00	3:00
Stratified 299er Pairs (single sessions)	10:00	3:00
Stratified Open Pairs (single sessions)	10:00	3:00
Compact KO (1 & 2 of 2)	10:00	3:00

Open Pairs: A:2000+, B:750-2000, C: 0-750 500 NLM Pairs: A:300-500, B:100-300. C: 0-100

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Sunday - July 13, 2014

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4000+, AX:0-4000 (play together)	10:00	TBA
0-2000 Bracketed (8 team brackets by masterpoints)	10:00	TBA
299er Bracketed (if there are enough 299er teams)	10:00	TBA

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ruary 24th at the Nacogdoches DBC. Then Peggy Wright and Gay Roach had an 80% game March 18th.

Nacogdoches is on fire! Brenda Baker and Vermell Boucher scored a 75%(!) at the Monday and Wednesday Club in Tyler on Feb. 26th. Unfortunately there were only 4 1/2 tables so it won't make the Bridge Bulletin. On Feb. 12, Shirley Shelton and Mike Graham scored 71% and on March 10th, Sue Latham and Joan Cob had a 70.24%. By the way, this is the 8th Scorecard in a row that Mike Graham has had a 70% score! That must be some kind of record.

Joyce Hahn's Life Master party was held at Rose City DBC on Feb. 21st. The fresh flowers were done by Paula Edwards and there was a lovely German chocolate cake. Joyce received a sterling silver pendant with a J on it. Shreedhara Ramarathnam, or Rathnam, as we all know him, did a heartwarming and comedic take on Joyce's quest for her goal. Joyce then thanked everyone who helped her and said that she started taking duplicate lessons from Raymond Derr.

We are so excited about Ennis Dyess setting up and maintaining the website for Unit 225. It looks wonderful and he is planning more for us. Be sure to look for it at <http://www.acblunit225.com>

The Piney Woods Sectional was a big success and had a great turnout, especially for the Saturday Swiss game. The 2015 dates are set for February 19-21 at the Holiday Inn Express in Longview. Proceeds will go toward purchase of a dealing machine for Longview DBC. Mark your calendars!

It's not too soon to mark your calendars also for the Tournament of Stars, July 11-13 at the Holiday Inn Select (903-561-5800) in Tyler. You can find more information at the unit website listed above.

Intermediate lessons are being held now through June 2 for the 41 students who signed up. LDBC Director Mike Graham, a Gold Life Master and ACBL National Goodwill Committee member is the teacher.

Mike Graham has announced STaC week games for May 12th-18th. Games will be held as follows: Monday 12:30; Tuesday 11:00; Wednesday 12:30; Thursday 6:30; Fri. 10:00 am and 3:00 pm; Sunday 1:30. If you want a "Season Pass" for all seven games, you only pay \$48, which means you get one free game. Otherwise, all games will be \$8.

Unit 225 Games
At the February 8th game, Chester Neel/Mamie Stafford swept up 1st N/S and 1st OA. Yvonne Houston/Sue Ritschel picked up 2nd, while Mary and Don Bartley secured 3rd. Sitting E/W, Jacquelyn Kimberley/Vermell Boucher snatched 1st. Fred and Sammie Borum brought in 2nd and Emily Leake/Brenda Baker racked up 3rd.

In the March 8th game, Mary and Don Bartley nailed 1st N/S and 1st OA. Cliff Dillard/Charles Richards won 2nd and Emily Leake/John Bugay took 3rd. Sitting E/W, Jacquelyn Kimberley/Vermell Boucher ran away with 1st, while Edwin Stewart/Karlyene Hall snared 2nd and Brenda Baker/Judy Adams bagged 3rd.

Please keep these folks in your thoughts and prayers. Lyle McDermed, an honorable man and everyone's friend, passed away April 6th. He is survived by his wife and bridge partner Lila, daughter, Denise and her husband, Absalom Harvey. Sherry Roberts dear husband Jim has died. Jackie Kimberly is in rehab with a broken hip. Sarah Hillyer's husband Steve is very ill.

Piney Woods Sectional
Longview
Feb. 13-15, 2014
130 players. 123 tables.

1 16.84 Mike Graham
2 15.12 Shirley Shelton
3 12.79 Vermell Boucher

4 12.79 K Wright
5 12.29 Sally Thurtell
6 12.29 James Thurtell
7 10.79 Mary Squyres
8 10.79 Ginny Jones
9 10.50 Dorothy Nuttall
10 10.20 Shirley Matthews

Thur Morn Open Prs.-11.5 Tables / Based on 18 Tables A1.Ike Hawkins Jr-Dorothy Nuttall A2BC1. Ginny Jones-Mary Squyres BC2. Shreedhara Ramarathnam-Joyce Hahn

Thur Morn 299er Prs.-6.0 Tables DEF1. Sue Babineaux-Gary Galloway D2EF1. Sandy Lansing-Jean Huskey E2. Elizabeth Guthrie-Marjorie Kemp F2. Linda Baker

Thur Aft Open Prs.-11.0 Tables / Based on 18 Tables A1. Shirley Shelton-Mike Graham A2/3B1. Neva Davis-Jan Holcomb A2/3 J R Wiegmann-Stewart Angel B2. Ennis Dyess -Edwyna Testerman C1. Virginia Bridges-Melba Lee C2. Hilda Hahn-Tommye Hall

Thur Aft 299er Prs.-6.5 Tables DEF1. Barbara Diedrick-Jeannie Hibbs DE2. Terry Slater-Lottie Guttry F2. Hugh Ilgenfritz-Glenda Ilgenfritz

Fri Morn Open Prs.-12.0 Tables AB1. Jackie McGinty-Elizabeth Smith A2. Ike Hawkins Jr-Dorothy Nuttall B2. Richard Bryant-Carolyn Chapman C1. Jacqueline Montgomery-Jane Larimore C2. Jean Helmers-Barbara Baker

Fri Morn 299er Prs.-8.0 Tables D1. Sue Babineaux-Gary Galloway E2/3 Peggy Painter-Cled Painter F1. Sherry Russell-W Gene Villyard 2 Lottie Guttry-Terry Slater, 2 Sandy Lansing, Mt Vernon ; Jean Huskey

Fri Aft Open Prs.-11.5 Tables / Based on 18 Tables A1. Stewart Angel-Jonathan Ernest A2B1. Peggy Singer-Dorothy McCasland B2C1. Paula Edwards-Shreedhara Ramarathnam C2. Janie Wolaver-Jerrell Wolaver

Fri Aft 299er Prs.-6.0 Tables AB1. Joan Cobb-Sue Latham A2. Lanora Latham-Cynthia Tubbs B2C1. Jean Huskey-Sandy Lansing C2. Anne Bateman-Kay Paine


Swiss Brkt. 1-7 Tables / Based on 20 Tables 1. Shirley Shelton-Mary Squyres-Ginny Jones- Jimmy Hubbard 2. Robert Cowling- Ted Rank-Edna Wilder- Bonnie Gorman

Swiss Brkt. 2-7 Tables / Based on 9 Tables 1. Beth Hankins-Stanley Hartwig-Bill Beavers-Diane Duncan-Beryl Cobb 2. Shreedhara Ramarathnam-Joyce Hahn-Paula Edwards-Troy Lankford

Swiss Brkt. 3-6 Tables 1. Linda Harrison-Sharon Whatley- Sandy Lansing- Jean Huskey 2. Peggy Painter-Cled Painter-Rick Davis-Karen Davis

Flight A Swiss Morning-5 Tables / Based on 25 Tables 1. Gerry McKim-John Schwartz- Sally Thurtell-James Thurtell 2. Mike Graham- K Wright-Shirley Matthews-Vermell Boucher
Flight A Swiss Morning-5 Tables / Based on 25 Tables 1. Mike Graham-K Wright-Shirley Matthews-Vermell Boucher 2/3 Gerry McKim-John Schwartz-Sally Thurtell-James Thurtell 2/3 Charles Ford-Jimmy Wright-Nancy Green-Ennis Dyess

**Unit 233
Central Texas**



Helen Levy

Special thanks to those who attended the Heart of Texas Sectional in Feb. and to those who worked to make it a success-Pam Yandell, chair; Melody Euler, Lennie Wilkins, Malissa Baugh, Juanita Butler; Gene Thompson; those who brought snacks and desserts or helped. Stephen Olson was the Unit member who earned the most MP's (11), and will receive the Maxine Tessmer Memorial Tournament Award.

Congratulations to new Life Master and Bronze Life Master Ann Wallace; new Life Master, Bronze Life Master, and Silver Life Master Walt Winters; and Life Master Geneva Berg. With over 1300 MP's, Walt, age 94, won 15 MP's at the Dallas National in March, playing with Trudi Lamen-

dola and Mary Sturtevant, plus one other.

Congratulations to first-place winners in the 2013 Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney MP races: 0-5, Jane Scruggs; 5-20, Ann Fulcher; 20-50, Lavona Carter; 50-100, Barbara Ann Kirsten; 100-200, Pat Kelly; 200-300; Paul Rothaus; 300-500, Bill Parrish; 500-1000, Asa Waterman; 2500-5000, Thomas Corlett; 5000-7500, James LaFountain. Juanita Butler was first in the Ace of Clubs 1000-2500 category, and Melody Euler was first in the Mini-McKenney 1000-2500 category.

Winners of the ACBL-wide Senior Game Mar. 3 at Stilwell BC were: 1st, Pat Kelly and Rosemary Neubert 60.42%; 2nd, Alicia Smith and Norma McAdams 59.82%; 3rd, Wanda Earles and Barbara McMahon 59.52%. Well done.

Congratulations to 70% achievers 2/6/14-4/6/14: Mon. Slammers 2/10, Ann Malpass and Denise Kammlah 71.44%. Sul Ross 2/13, Thomas and Ethel Corlett 73.51%. Stilwell BC 2/19, Ross Kammlah and Norma McAdams 73.63%. Rolling Hills 3/5, Asa Waterman and Richard Wall 70.71%; 3/19, Stephen Olson and Juanita Butler 71.35%. Bridge Studio 3/28, Juanita and Roy Butler 70.31%.

Joan Cation has increased her Mon. Slammers MP limit to 399. Meeting time is 12:30 p.m.

Welcome new member John Twardowski, Waco.

We were saddened by the death of James Goodwin Feb. 20 after a long illness. Jim was awinning bridge player in the Unit and at tournaments in and out of the state. He was a certified director. He is greatly missed.

Calendar: Waco 499'er sectional May 9-10 Sul Ross Senior Center; World Wide Bridge Contest Sat., June 7, Bridge Studio; Waco sectional Aug 8-10, Clarion Hotel; Unit-final NAP qualifying for Flts. A, B, & C, 1 session, 1 p.m., Sept. 14, CAC Wendland Hall; Unit Christmas party and election, Sun., Dec. 7, 2 sessions, 10:30 a.m. and TBA, CAC Strasburger Hall.

Helen Levy
Unit 233
Central Texas



It is said you can't fool a mesquite tree about spring and our mesquite trees are beginning to leaf out. Along with spring comes a surge in all bridge lovers hearts to work harder against the competition and they are fanning themselves.

Masterpoint Leaders for February at Bridge Paradise are Mike Terry with 2.22, Susan Brower with 2.22, Dave Hertzog with 2.22. and Tomie Johnson with 2.22.

Swiss High Percentage Games for February were Dave Hertzog, Tomie Johnson, Susan Brower, and Mike Terry with 69.00; Margaret Kirkland, Kathleen Brown, Wanda Hughes, and Dee McKinley with 63.00; Suzann Sosa and Joan Paradise with 60.71.

February Unit Game Results were Rose Van Meter and Patty Hofer with 66.96, Margaret Kirkland and Kathleen Brown with 62.43, Tony Abernathy and Ben Kirkland with 60.85. February Master Point Leaders at Bridge Club were Wanda Gaynor with 9.58, Dave Hertzog with 8.17, Tomie Johnson with 6.93, and Ray Renk with 3.42.

February High Percentage Games were Lois Roberson and Wanda Gaynor with 67.97, Tuck Harvey and

Wanda Gaynor with 63.39, and Dave Hertzog and Ray Renk with 62.96. Vernon Bridge Club Masterpoint Leaders for February were Susan Couch with 8.55, Elgy Smith with 7.26, Donna Lorange with 6.12, and Anne Halsell with 6.00.

High Percentage Games for February were Susan Couch and Anne Halsell with 82.50, Susan Couch and Anne Halsell with 73.61, and Pat Word and Elgy Smith with 70.83.

Bridge A-Gap Master Point Leaders for February were Rose Van Meter with 5.14, Khalifa Ahmed with 4.54, Nancy Purcell with 4.24, Joan Paradeis with 4.24, and Margaret Kirkland with 3.63.

Bridge A-Gap High Percentage Games for February were Rose Van Meter and Tuck Harvey with 71.25, Jolene Brantley and Kathleen Brown with 68.75, and Margaret Kirkland and Joan Paradeis with 66.25, and Gail Simpson and Helen Cash with 65.36.

Bridge Paradise Masterpoint Leaders for March were Gladys Barley with 2.58, Nell Lister with 2.58, Kathleen Brown with 2.23, and Wanda Gaynor with 2.05, and Joyce Lo with 2.05.

High Percentage Games for March were Joyce Lo and Wanda Gaynor with 61.11, Jody Elgin and Pat Robinson with 60.00, Khalifa Ahmed and Kathleen Brown with 60.00.

March Unit Game Results were Wanda Hughes and Dee McKinley with 63.20, Tomie Johnson and Dave Hertzog with 60.07, and Tuck Harvey and Margie Brown with 57.64.

Bridge Club Master Point Leaders for March were Khalifa Ahmed with 3.51, Leon Vaccarella with 2.64, Susan Brower with 2.48, and Tony Abernathy with 2.42

High Percentage Games for March were Rose Van Meter and Nancy Purcell with 70.98, Trudy Downey and Barbara Cunningham with 64.58, Susan Brower and Mike Terry with 64.35, and Bernie Lange and Cula Burch with 64.32.

Vernon Duplicate Bridge Club Masterpoint Leaders for March were Susan Couch with 13.44, Ann Halsell with 13.44, Donna Lorange with 6.52, Ruth Streit with 5.48 and Elgy Smith with 5.38.

High Percentage Games for March were Susan Couch and Ann Halsell with 75.00. Susan Couch and Ann Halsell with 75.00, Carole Tucker and Ed Frence with 64.00.

Bridge A-Gap Master Point Leader for March were Kathleen Brown with 6.69, Khalifa Ahmed with 6.58, Margaret Kirkland with 6.33 and Pat Robinson with 5.56, also Carolyn Kay with 5.17

Bridge A-Gap High Percentage Games for March were Pat Robinson and Joyce Lo with 69.27, Khalifa Ahmed and Wanda Gaynor with 69.17, Jolene Brantley and Wanda Gaynor with 68.06, and Gladys Barley' and Nancy Purcell with 67.92, Khalifa Ahmed and Clay Abrams with 65.48.

We are all very thankful for the blessed rain that has gifted our land the past 11 hours and pray that it will mist til all that dries out, and our plants appreciate every drop.

Rosemary Barrington 353

Edinburg March Sectional

Feb 28-Mar 1, 2014 88 tables.

- 1 15.72 Jane Ann Gormong
- 2 15.72 James Gormong
- 3 11.23 Tommy Latham
- 4 11.23 Clyde Tarbutton
- 5 10.55 Hal Smith Jr,
- 6 10.55 Barbara Willis
- 7 10.43 Chuey Lum
- 8 9.76 Alex Bertran
- 9 9.10 Bob Derber
- 10 9.10 Bev Skulmoski

Fri Morn Open Pairs-16.5 Tables A1. James Gormong-Jane Ann Gormong A2. Chuey Lum- Alex Bertrand

B1. James Nikstad-Emalyn Nikstad B2. Bev Skulmoski- Bob Derber C1. Tom Berger-Mona Bertrand C2.

Gregory Hancock- Joyce Stukenholtz **Fri Aft Open Pairs**-17.0 Tables AB1. Barbara Willis-Hal Smith Jr, A2/3B2. Richard Papineau-Michael St James A2/3 Tommy Latham-Clyde Tarbutton B1. John Burgoin, - Dominique Guay B2. Michael Lane-Charis Linklater

Sat Morn Open Pairs-13.5 Tables AB1. Bonnie Fellerman-Harold Fellerman A2. James Gormong-Jane Ann Gormong B2C1. Michael Lane-Charis Linklater C2. Patricia Latham-Gretchen Chapa

Sat Aft Open Pairs-12.5 Tables A1. James Gormong-Jane Ann Gormong A2. Tommy Latham-Clyde Tarbutton B1. Richard Lowry-Dianne Thise B2. Bev Skulmoski, -Bob Derber B1. Joyce Zimmer-Linda Ingraham B2. Michael Lane, Clio MI; Charis Linklater

Sun Swiss Teams-14 Tables A1. Chuey Lum-Massoud Banan-Richard Zillman-Alex Bertrand A2./3 Richard Lowry-Dianne Thise-James Gormong -Jane Ann Gormong A2/3 John Gitzen-Tommy Latham-Clyde Tarbutton-Peter Jacquest B1/2 Carrol Green-Hal Smith Jr-Barbara Willis-Dennis Heintz B1/2 Larry Harrington -Ramona Harrington-Bob Derber-Bev Skulmoski C1. Michael Lane-Donald Hixson-Virginia Hixson-Charis Linklater C2. Joyce Stukenholtz-Gregory Hancock-Jackie Burroughs, - Darlene Palmas



not see) was true theatre. The play can be slow but that adds to the theatre. While the analysis can be spot on often the players come up with better lines or they make surprising and entertaining actions. Some internet events do include cameras. And it is always a nice addition.

The vugraph room in Dallas was relatively empty as those of us who just finished the finals of the National Swiss drifted in for the final quarter of the Vanderbilt. It was Monaco's all star team from Italy and Norway against the All American squad of Eric Rodwell, Jeff Meckstroth Nick Nickel, Ralph Katz, Bobby Levin and Steve Weinstein. The sparse audience were mostly rooting for the home team but there were a few for the boys from Monaco. The final 16 hands were contested by Eric Rodwell sitting west playing with Jeff Meckstroth at east versus Fulvio Fantoni sitting North playing with Claudio Nunes. The same hands were played simultaneously with Steve Weinstein in the North seat playing with Bobby Levin. The great Norwegian pair of Geir Helgemo, west, playing with Tor Helness in the east seat. These are truly 8 of the very best players of all time. Monaco was ahead by 21 after 3 sets and the fourth looked like it would be low scoring. They do not give up much and after a scoreless 5 boards it looked like a heart breaking loss for America.

Then the stage lit up. After a total of 8 double digit swings in the first 54 hands there were 5 double digit swings on the last 11 hands and another single digit one, which could have been larger, in which both teams took a phantom save in different suits against 5♣. The audience commented on this but you had to make the right lead to beat 5♣.

The hand of the event, indeed the hand of the tournament, swung 30+ IMPs!

Holding ♠7♥K875432 ♦74♣K83 you pass as dealer all vulnerable. You hear quite a spirited auction

- P 1♣ dbl 1♠
- 4♥ 4♠ 5♦ 5♠
- P 6♠ 7♦ P
- P 7♠ P P P

The later rounds of the auction did not go quickly creating great drama for

those of us watching and we all anticipated it excitably.

Well what do you lead? Or would you rather have bid 8♣? In the vugraph room there was quite a lot of discussion and of course we all got the right lead, but we were looking at all 4 hands. Think about it before reading further.

On Board 55 both sides got to 4♥

♠AKQ94	♥7	♦QJ98	♣953
♥AKQJ9	♦AK752	♣Q	♠7532
			♥653
			♦10
			♠A10876
			♠106
			♥10842
			♦643
			♣KJ42

from west. After cashing 2 spades each north took a different view. Fantoni, led a trump and the sparse audience cheered approval as the hand was now easy. But Weinstein just tapped declarer with a third spade, allowing Levin to discard a diamond. Helgemo ruffed a diamond and then decided to pull trump and give up a diamond. but this line was doomed by the 4-1 trump split. Not noted by the online commentators was the drama that would ensue if Helgemo tried a trump to hand and then ruffed another diamond leaving, with south to play.

♠94	♥Q	♦953	♣7
♥KQJ	♦K7	♣Q	♠A10876
			♥1084
			♣KJ42

Levin would have to not over ruff. As it was, after cashing his trumps and the K of diamonds, when Helgemo led his stiff CQ, Levin had to duck or be end played. But Levin had all the info he needed to get it right.

After another push came a swing to Monaco on board 57. Vul vs not you pick up ♠Q10♥KJ72♦AK9832♣A and hear a weak NT on your right. Meckstroth doubled and ended up in 3♦ doubled for -500. In the other room, after a one ♣ opener, they sold to 3♣. This gave Monaco a 9 IMP gain and a 16 IMP lead with 6 hands to go.

Well did you lead a ♥ on "The Hand"? In the other room Meckstroth opened the east hand 2♥ and

♠KJ8642	♥J1096	♦♦9	♣106
♠10	♥AQ	♦AKQJ10832	♣72
			♠7532
			♥K875432
			♦74
			♣K83
			♠AQ953
			♥VOID
			♦65
			♠AQJ954

south bid 4♣, leaping Michaels, showing a big spade-club hand, and Rodwell chose to defend 5♣. The actual ♥ lead lost 17 IMPs and put the Americans ahead by 1 IMP. Many spectators pointed out the clarity of the ♥ lead but there was a good reason why the were watching the final and not in it,

In the next 4 boards Monaco earned a couple of IMPs on overtricks on 2 hands and there was a push on another. In between there was an interesting choice of saves, if any.

Both norths opened 1♦ and both easts overcalled ♥s, Helness at the 1-level and Meckstroth, characteristically, at the 2-level. Both wests got to show ♣ and both sides chose to save over the beatable 5♣. Beatable if you lead a ♣. The Norwegian saved at 6♣ for 500 while Meckwell got out for 300 at 6H on the lead of a ♦. A ♠ lead

NS Vul	♠AQ96	♥8	♦KQJ862	♣J2
♠543	♥QJ	♦974	♠AQ1074	♠Void
				♥1097532
				♦A103
				♣K863
				♠KJ10872
				♥AK64
				♦5
				♠95

would be worse. This deal truly emphasized the advantage of looking at all four hands. The spectators mostly got it right and pointed out the futility of the save and the lead. But I am quite sure that every action taken by these particular 8 players was, at the very least, mighty good.

That left the home squad up by 4 IMPs with 3 hands to play. If you watched the San Antonio-Dallas playoffs you would get an idea how exciting this final was.

With 3 deals to go and a 4 IMP difference one would not be surprised to see a swing on this hand.

NS Vul	♠K1097	♥Q8	♦AK54	♣QJ6
				♠QJ1852
				♥KJ74
				♦J103
				♠2

A 4♣ contract appears to depend on a ♦ finesse or some extra chances. In one room east opened 1♦ and south overcalled 1♠. In the other east passed and west opened 2♥ and I was surprised to see both sides end up in only 3♠. Of course, these guys were right as 3♠ was the limit.

So going into the penultimate hand

♠J732	♥J97652	♦6	♣AQ
♠K98	♥AKQ3	♦83	♠7653
			♠1054
			♥8
			♦QJ943
			♠10942
			♠AQ6
			♥104
			♦AK1075
			♣KJ3

the margin was still 4 IMPs. Rodwell opened 1♦ and after a 1♥ overcall played 3NT A normal ♥ was led and the 10 was trick 9. Just when you think it was a simple hand, Helgemo opened 1♥ with the 4 card suit and Weinstein eschewed the ♥ lead. It seemed the 9th trick could be obtained by guessing which ♣ to play when one was led to the KJ and either would work. However Helgemo had the option of end playing the other opponent, and great players like Helgemo do not go for simple finesses when more elegant lines are available. This was the position. The

♠J2	♥J9	♦6	♣AQ
♠8	♥3	♦	♠7653
			♠A
			♥
			♦K10
			♣KJ3
			♦QJ3
			♠1094

difference was that Helgemo had no opposition bidding and when he put south in the defense was able to cash. Rodwell would have had an easy time without the ♥ lead as the bidding indicates a ♣ toward dummy

The Nickel team was ahead by 14 and both sides got to a normal 4♣ on the last hand. Helgemo was favored by the lead and Rodwell went bait one trick. We could see that Monaco could not gain enough and many did not notice the 12 IMP swing to draw Monaco within 2. If the match was a tad closer it would have been a very memorable hand. The final set was amazing and really great theatre. Congratulations to both teams.



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