## Bridge News Bulletin for The Texas Regional Conference



Grand National Teams 2015
Is Your Team in Place?
Once again the Grand National Team competition is underway. The competition has four flights at the District Level. Flight A is limited to players with 0-6000 masterpoints. Flight B is limited to players with 0-2500 masterpoints. Flight C is limited to Non -Life Masers with fewer than 500 masterpoints. The Open flight is unlimited and any ACBL member may enter. Masterpoint eligibility is determined by the ACBL as of September 1, 2014. Flights ' B ' and ' C ' require unit qualifications while the 'Open' flight and flight ' $A$ ' do not require qualification for the District finals.

This year the District finals are again split. The flight ' A ' and flight ' $C$ ' District finals are in Houston April 25 and 26 at the Houston sectional. They will start Saturday afternoon and continue Sunday, so there is no excuse not to participate if you are qualified.

The 'Open' and flight ' B ' will be held in Dallas at the May sectional Saturday $23^{\text {rd }}$ and continue Sunday $24^{\text {th }}$ and Monday $25^{\text {th }}$ if necessary. They will also start on Saturday afternoon.

Get your teams together. At the District finals the match awards are red and the overall awards are gold (flight ' C ' awards are $25 \%$ gold and $75 \%$ red). The District champions also get green points to go to Chicago and represent the District at the Summer Nationals.

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Babu Koneru


Mike Passell

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Justin Lall Wins Blue Ribbon Pairs; Mike Passell Wins NA Swiss; Bart Bramley Wins Senior KO; Tobi Sokolow Wins Women's BAM; Babu Koneru Wins Nail LM Pairs


Like Virginia, I never believed in Santa Claus, but I'm a believer now. No, I didn't see Mommy kissing Santa Claus. He made an early appearance at the fall North American Bridge Championship in Providence, bestowing NABC wins on five District 16 players. In all my years as Senior NABC correspondent for the Scorecard, I have never had to report on so many victories at a national. I kind of feel like Santa myself!

Of all the wins, the biggest was by Justin Lall of Plano who won the Blue Ribbon Pairs. At age 28, he has now won two of the three premiere pair events on the ACBL calendar: the Platinum Pairs (held at the spring NABC), and the "Blues" (held in the fall). Now he just needs to win the Life Master Pairs at the summer NABC to capture the triple crown of matchpoint play. Only one player in ACBL history has scaled this peak: Dallas sown Bob Hamman, who won he Platinum Pairs with Justin in 2012. Justin also happens to be the youngest Grand Life Master ( 10,000 master-
points and an NABC win) in ACBL points and an NABC
history. Bravo, Justin!

Our district's most successful player in Providence was Mike Passell of Plano who continues to add to his astounding total of 76,000 masterpoints! Mike won the 3-day North American Swiss Teams, and was second in the Senior Knockout Teams. Mike is also basking in the glow of his recent gold medal in the 2013 world senior team championship. Wait a minute! How can a 2013 win be described as "recent"? The World Bridge Federation in October stripped the gold medals from the Germans for cheating, and awarded them to the second-place U.S. team Kudos to Mike, Eddie Wold, and Captain Donna Compton for their and Captain Donna Con

Mike lost in the final of the Senior KO to Bart Bramley of Dallas. This was Bart's second consecutive win in the Senior KO. Ironically, Bart's team beat Mike's in the final last year, too. Bart also finished fifth in the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams. Bart has been Board-a-Match Teams. Bart has been
nominated to the ACBL Hall of Fame, as has Eddie Wold. If you have a balas has Eddie Wold. If you have a bal-
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for Bart and Eddie early and often (as for Bart and Eddie early and often (as
they say in Chicago). We need more they say in Chicago). We
District 16'ers in the HOF.
Tobi Sokolow of Austin won the Women's Board-a-Match Teams for the fifth time. Second going into the final session, her team won an awe-
inspiring 20 boards out of 26 to put the inspiring 20 boards out of 26 to put the event away (in BAM scoring, you
either win, lose, or tie the board; the either win, lose, or tie the board; the
margin of victory is irrelevant) Over margin of victory is irrelevant). Over the last few years, she has owned this event, finishing first in 2011 and 2014, and second in 2009, 2010, and 2012. Overall, Tobi has 18 NABC wins.

Given that Texas is a community property state, that's nine wins for her and nine for me! Seriously I'm very proud of Tobi's accomplishments. Nice going, honey!
ing, honey! San Antonio's Babu Koneru won the Nail Life Master Pairs, named for the Nail Life Master Pairs, named for the
late, great Houston player, Bobby Nail. late, great Houston player, Bobby Nail.
This was Babu's second NABC win. This was Babu's second NABC win. Any win by Babu is a popular win; he is everybody's favorite! He and his partner had a "rock-crusher" (70\%) in the first final session. That's quite an accomplishment in a national open pair event. Let's hear it for Babu!

Winning a national event is a joy, but second is nothing to sneeze at. Here' to Stephen and Nancy Kornegay of North Richland Hills, Nancy Passell of Plano, and Joan Jackson of Dallas for their second-place finish in the 0 10,000 Swiss Teams. Louis Sachar of Austin and I played against Steve and Nancy both days and had a blast! We laughed throughout our matches (though we weren't laughing when we compared with our teammates!). If you have to lose, it hurts a lot less when you lose to good sports like Steve, Nancy, Nancy, and Joan.

A passel (pardon the pun) of other District 16'ers made the top 10 in NABC events. John Sutherlin, Dallas, and Dan Morse, Houston, had a fine showing, finishing third/fourth in the Senior KO, and ninth in the Reisinger. Hemant Lall, Plano, and Eddie Wold were fifth/eighth in the Senior KO, on different teams. Bob Hamman, Dallas ended up fifth in the Open BAM Teams, while Lynn Baker, Austin, was fourth, and Petra Hamman and Peggy Sutherlin, Dallas, were tenth in the Women's BAM Teams. In the Senior Mixed Pairs, Petra was fifth, while Stephen and Nancy Kornegay were seventh. Dave Swarthout, San Antonio, placed eighth in the Super Senior Pairs. In the North American Swiss Teams, Shawn and Joe Quinn, Sugar Land, Ira Hessel, San Antonio, and Steve Shirey, Ft Worth, landed fourth, Sam Dinkin Austin, was sixth, while Sam Dikin, Aus was sixth, whil Feldman, Austin, Dallas elso fin, Auster ing. Shaw also finished tenth in the Life Maste Women's Pairs, playing with Juanit Chambers, Garland. Finally, a per sonal shout out to Louis Sachar, who wound up sixth in the $0-10,000$ Swiss playing with yours truly), after making the finals of the Blue Ribbon Pair (playing with Mrs. S). Take it from me, the "Card Turner" could have learned a thing or two watching him play.

The spring NABC will be held in New Orleans March 12-22. There is a reason why New Orleans is one of THE most popular sites for an NABC (along with Las Vegas and San Francisco). am sure I don't have to explain to Texans why. Talk about fun! And great food! The muffulettas and mint juleps re on me (no I'm not paying• Imea are on me (no, Im not pay
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## Blue Ribbon Pairs

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS REPORT December 20, 2014 NABC FALL PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT 25

The two NABC Co-Chairs : Helen Pawlowski and Joe Brouillard did an outstanding job co-ordinating this tournament and welcoming bridge players from all over the world to the "Best-Mid-Size City" in America. 'Providence is proof that bigger doesn't always mean better." It is home to a prominent art and design school, an Ivy League University, has a top culinary school and world-class theater. In a nutshell, Providence has the charm a nutshell, Providence has the charm
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| Houston 99er | 15-18 |
| Richardson (Nov issue 9) | 15-18 |
| San Antonio Date Change (Nov issue 4) | 15-18 |
| Dallas 99er | 23-25 |
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| Rockport (10) | 13-15 |
| Austin NLM | 14-15 |
| Longview (15) | 19-21 |
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| Temple (15) | 20-22 |
| Austin (14) | Feb 26-March 1 |
| Arlington NLM | Feb 28-March 1 |
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| MARCH |  |
| SAN MIGUEL de ALLENDE REGIONAL | 3-8 |
| Richardson (7) | 5-8 |
| Beaumont (16) | 5-8 |
| San Antonio NLM | 6-7 |
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| Spring 299er | 12-15 |
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| Fort Worth | 10-12 |
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| GNT Flights A and C Houston | 25-26 |
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| Houston 299er | 25-28 |
| SAN ANTONIO REGIONAL | June 29-July 5 |

9,573 in comparison to the table count for the Fall Nabc in Phoenix of: 12,565 . Maybe the weather was a factor and being in the East coast, traveling could also have been a factor on the table count.

ENTERTAINMENT AND HOSPITALITY: Bridge players were treated to a Water Fire, an award-winning fire sculpture installation and Providence's signature event. Twice per day, all kinds of treats were given to bridge players: ice cream, salads, pizzas, etc. The players were also given a small black quilt with the logo of this national embossed on it, as the registration gift.

PRESIDENT-ELECT: Suzi Subeck was elected as ACBL President for a one-year term January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

MEMBERSHIP: Total membership stands at 167,808 through the end of

October, three fewer members than at October, three fewer me
the start of the year. Full detailed tournament counts, please visit: 2014TC.pdf.

TOURNAMENT DIVISION: Regional table count is 70 tables higher through the first 10 months of the year $(156,270$ vs. 156,200$)$ with four additional regionals run this year compared to last year. Average Regional Table count is down $3 \%$. Total Sectional table count is down $4 \%$ $(130,221$ vs. 135,767$)$ with average Sectional table count down $6 \%$. Total STaC table count is down $3 \%(90,360$ vs. 92,705 ) while average STaC table count is down $4 \%$.

SEE YOU ALL IN SPRING NABC IN NEW ORLEANS,March 12-22. 2015!!!!

Dewitt


PROVIDENCE RHODE ISLAND REPORT
Hi All, Rhode Island was a nice place to hold the NABC. The weather was cold, cold, cold. However I was in the host hotel where you could walk on an indoor walkway to the Convention Center where the playing area was, and also walk indoors to a shopping mall with a food court, four restaurants, and many other shops. On the two occasions (in 18 days) I went outside there were many restaurants of all types close enough to walk to. There were 9546 tables in Providence, a respectable number but 200 less than the estimate.

Membership and number of tables at clubs, regionals, sectionals, and STacCs were close to even from last year. We need to encourage friends to take up bridge to grow our membership.
Seven day Regionals were approved. Two session gold point events can now be held on Monday. The first session on Monday must not start before 1PM. The Houston Regional in January has changed its flyer to incorporate the extra gold point event.
In a regionally-rated event, a Stratiflighted event may be run as a two or three flight event. If it is run as two flights, each flight may have up to three strata.

Match awards for Vanderbilt and Spingold events increased to 10 MP . Match awards for Senior and Wagar increased to 8 MP.

Byes in Vanderbilt, Spingold, Wagar, \& Senior KO's will no longer count as a win toward the two wins required to get in the overall.

MP awards in pair games have been increased approximately $25 \%$.

At NABC'S the depth of awards in pairs, Swiss, \& BAM will pay overall awards to $25 \%$ of the field.

GNT District Finals -for all events which are played over at least three which are played over at least three
sessions, a minimum award of at sessions, a minimum award of at
least $1 / 3$ of the first place award to any team that advances to the second day where there was a $50 \%$ or greater reduction in teams from the first day.
Non LM Sectionals changed name to Limited Sectional with 500 MP top limit and LM if eligible may play.
DIC will no longer pay TA's and caddies. The DIC will turn over funds to the Sponsor who will pay the TA's and caddies.

The ACBL Resource Center was launched on November 7. The site is designed to be a convenient, easy-to -use tool that allows bridge clubs, teachers, units and districts the ability to order or download anything they need to grow the game.

The Cooperative Advertising Program is going strong with 291 ads reimbursed $\$ 138,075$ to 186 units, clubs, and teachers so far in 2014.

The ACBL will market on BBO to players who are not members of the ACBL.

You can follow the ACBL on Face book and Twitter.

The Longest day Alzheimer's fund raising event was a big success this year with $\$ 598,647.00$ being raised. Plans are underway for 2015 with expanded participation dates to include Sunday June 21 (Fathers' Day) and Monday June 22.
Looking forward to seeing you at the tables,
Dan

## New Pair Event at Houston Regional Lone Star Regional Starts Monday at 2:30 pm

The ACBL Board has approved a change to Regional Tournament schedules that allows Gold Point events to begin Monday afternoon. The Lone Star Regional will now have a full schedule beginning at 2:30 pm. The new Monday Gold point events are a Open Charity Pairs Championship and a Bracketed Swiss. Both are 2 session events.

The LSR has received D16 and ACBL approval to implement the Mid-Flight pairs in conjunction with the Gold Rush pairs events. The Lone Star Regional will offer two opportunities on Wednesday and Saturday to try this new event:
$\begin{array}{lc}\text { AX Pairs } & \text { A:5000+; Ax: 0-5000 (A \& Ax play together) } \\ \text { Mid-Flight Pairs } & \text { B:1500-3000; Bx:0-1500 (B \& Bx play together) } \\ \text { Gold Rush Pairs } & \text { C:300-750; Cx:0-300 (C \& Cx play together) }\end{array}$
The changes were just approved at the ACBL Board of Directors meeting in Providence, Rhode Island this Fall. Please see our updated flyer at: http://www.acblunit174.org/Flyers/2015\ LSR.pdf

Also note that the Monday evening schedule will begin at 7:30pm. We look forward to seeing you at the Lone Star Regional!!!
Beverley Cheatham Unit 174 President

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er Opponent Part 1 "The Weak 2 Bid"

By Mike Passell

The weak 2 bid is perhaps the most under-rated offensive and defensive bid in bridge. Using the weak 2 bid as an ffensive weapon, we must use good methods to describe our hand to partner. So, you have opened a weak 2 and partner inquires about your hand with 2 NT . The most frequently
used methods such as "Features" and " Ogust" have too many flaws to really be effective. As an example, holding AQJxxx Qxx xxx $\mathbf{x}$ and playing "Feature", are we really comfortable showing no feature, the very same response we would make with KO10xxx xxx Jx? This seems like a bad idea "Ogust" asks opener to show whether he has a gks opener to show whether he has a good hand, a good decision - or both. This can be quite a decision - when to show what. A simple and very effective cure to your problems is as follows. A 3 clubs response shows the best possible weak 2 bid for both game and slam pur-
poses. Here's a good example AQJXxx $\mathbf{x}$ Qxxx xx. You have a great suit, great shape, and if partner is interested in a slam you are happy. A 3 diamonds response shows a good hand for game purposes but not for slam, such as a hand with KJ10xxx $\mathbf{x}$ QJ10x $\mathbf{x x}$. You have a pretty good suit and very good shape. Rebidding 3 of your weak 2 suit shows the worst hand, such as KJxxxx Qx Jxx Jx, and says, "Partner, you are on your own." Responding 3 of the other major is natural and never a terrible hand, as we would have bid 3 of our suit. Remember it's always possible that we may actually have a game or even slam in the other major holding $\mathbf{K Q x x x x}$ Kxxx $\mathbf{x x} \mathbf{x}$. Opening 2 spades certainly describes this hand much better
than passing and partner could have $\mathbf{x x}$ AQJx Axxx Axx and we belong in hearts rather than spades. Finally, we come to the 3 nt response. This would be a hand that looks like it belongs in be a hand that looks like it belongs in 3nt if partner has a balanced hand. An which is a balanced maximum with which is a balanced maximum with a pretty good suit that might produce 9 tricks in NT. Maybe partner has something like Kxx KJx KQxx $\mathbf{K J x}$ and 3 NT is a sure thing while 4 spades may require the ace of diamonds onside and avoiding ruffs by the opponents - I know I have never gone down in 3NT on a cross ruff. Now that we are playing better methods over our weak 2 bids, get out there and make things tough on your opponents. Do I recommend opening every 6 card suit with a weak 2 bid?

Definitely not - remember the better your suit quality the harder it is to get into trouble. Also remember to bid more with great shape as the 6-5 and 6 -4 hands produce a lot more tricks than the 6322 hands. I have a strong preference to getting to bid after my opponent passes than when he opens a weak 2 bid. So have fun, open up your game and start being a tougher opponent. Coming next issue: "The Worst Bid in Bridge" will be my topic. Thanks to Ira and Ellen for allowing me to share my ideas with you.

## Mike

Thank you, Mike, for your willingness to share your expertise with District

NEW LIFE MASTERS


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Laredo


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Sandy Fedro
Richardson


Robin Tucker


Jon Wolkenstein
Dallas

January/February 2015 Scorecard
 By the time you read this, you will all have had an undoubtedly marvelous time at the Unit Holiday party, with spectacular goodies and lots of good cheer (if not spirits!) I will have missed the fun, away in Thailand and Myanmar for the Bangkok "Jewddhist" wedding of my elder son Would that I could be at two places at once!

Since our last issue we have had some changes on your board of directors. Three vacancies were filled by Beth Gale, Jan Wingate and (returning and indentured) Ed Rawlinson. Ou thanks go to outgoing members Ir Hessel and Gary Anziani, each of whom continue to serve the Unit in other ways and garner more than thei fair shares of masterpoints at the fair shares of masterpoints at the tage! to som of meeting; ing to some of our meetings; you ow tuch hap folks lik and Gay hor and Gary do on our behall. At the first board meeting following the election, new officers were selected Rebecca Brown, President; Stephen Hoffman, Vice President; Beth Gale Secretary, and Roxie Tom, Treasure Fortunately for us all, outgoing "Prez" Roxana Tom is still willing to take a laboring oar in our efforts.
speaking of elections, the Willson Davis Election Sectional, held October 9-12 at BCSA had 194 tables in play, with Carolyn and Terry Riely getting bragging rights for top mas erpoint winners. They really knocked it out of the park!

On November 8, Debbie Schweiss, a Mistress in Chief of the Mentor Mentee program, brought together ables at Fiesta Bridge Club for an excellent and fun game. Proud winners were Kenyon Daniel and Dori Salley, first in A,B and C! As if they couldn't get enough, novice player participated in two NLM sectionals in October and November (21.5, and 26 ables respectively). Congrats go to big winners Elisabeth Kay and Judy Taquino. Keep it up! Ed and crew need some new competition!

Speaking of Ed, (it's hard not to in our Unit.. the guy's fingers are in so many pies [pun intended!], here's his favorite recipe from the Mento Mentee tournament. I understand he made 9 dishes...one for each table! Let's put him to a real test and have 20 tables next year! Here's his recipe for

## Spinach Roll-Ups

## Boxes frozen chopped spinach

 c. MayoPackage Ranch Dip Mix Green onions, chopped Can water chestnuts, drained and chopped
Slices bacon, cooked \& crumbled 10 Large flour tortillas

Thaw spinach and thoroughly squeeze out excess water. Mix the spinach with remaining ingredients except tortillas. Spread on tortillas Roll up the tortillas and cover with plastic wrap. Refrigerate overnigh Slice each roll into 1-inch pieces.

Big hoorays for Carolyn Riely and Ed Rawlinson who won the Horton-Gray awards for the most masterpoints wo by a female and a male at Unit 172 open sectionals.

Table Tidbits: Among the recent arrivals to the addiction of bridge is Jan ina Kuzma, whose accent is as charming as she. Janina was raised and educated in Poland, doing graduate work in Philology (Polish literature and linguistics), then working as iterary editor. During a period of great political unrest in Poland, JanUS, US, wheh she took, hough reluctant o leave her family. Arriving in New York, she pursued a Masters degre
in Library and Information Sciences and worked as a systems and referand worked as a systems and refe ence librarian in the N.Y. Public L brary system. She met and married Texan (happens to the best of us!) and moved to San Antonio where she quickly immersed herself in civic activities, including serving on the board of the American Association of University Women. Though she started out with party bridge, she soon joined the ranks of bridge addicts, teaching herself what she could, and becoming a duplicate club regular. Years ago, when she arrived in Texas, she saw her first cowboy at the airport and thought she was on a movie set! By now she has seen plenty of cowboys and eaten more than her fair share of BBQ a real Texan! We are glad she is here!

Milestones: Congrats to new Life Masters Charles O'Neil, Sandra Press and Victor Press; new Bronze Life Masters Sandra and Victor Press and Dolores Reilly.

Upcoming events: Fiesta Winter Sec tional (January 15-18/Fiesta Bridge Club); Grand National Teams Unit qualifier (February 7/BCSA); NLM sectional (February 20-21/ BCSA) NLM sectional (March 6-7//Fiesta Bridge Club); Kerrville Sectional (march 26-29/ Inn of the Hills)

SEE YOU AT THE TABLE!


We Unit 174 members are MORE THAN EXCITED about Eddie Wold's Team USA2 being World Champions on October 13, 2014, having been elevated to win the 2013 d'Orsi Seniors Trophy from the World Bridge Federation's championships held in Bali about a year before This resulted from the disqualification of the German team because of cheating by way of coughing signals, which has been discussed in earlie columns. This story of how Eddie paid such close attention to their coughing that he realized that there was a pattern, and he began taking notes The mind-blowing aspect, to notes. The mind-blowing aspect, to me, first place to even play on that the first place to even play on that lever but to devote the concentration necessary to catch cheaters when playing at the pinnacle of excellence and under incredible pressure. Other members of Team USA2 are Carolyn Lynch, Roger Bates, Garey Hayden, Mike Passell, and Marc Jacobus; nonplaying captain was Donna Compton. Great work, one and all!

We had a packed-house party for Eddie at the Houston Bridge Studio on November 19, and Eddie's partner for the event, Peaches Eads, passed out favors for all tables: cough drops! Our resident poet, Toni Snow, usually prepares limericks for special ally prepares limericks for special events, but Eddie shared this with us from his own pen: "I doubt if I'm as good as the alchemists of old, but I, did manage to turn silver into gold. Needless to say, we loved it. And we love Eddie. He is still humble, down to-Earth, and continues to help other improve their game. I do wish some of the other big stars in the game of professional bridge would take a hint.

LONE STAR REGIONAL: We're looking for big crowds for our Lone Star Regional January 26 through February 1, 2015, at the Houston Westchase Marriott. Breaking news: TWO sessions on Monday, 1/26, 2:30 and $7: 30$, so plan to be there for both Monday sessions. With many great sources of food within walking distance, special menus and prices (as well as speedy service) from the hotel, and fragrance-free environment how can you lose? Get your partner and teams lined up now and prepare to make that Tournament Masterpoint List!

Success Stories from Unit 174: Our
board members continue their excellent ambassadorship program to visit all the clubs in our unit. And another thing our unit is doing to help its clubs is subsidizing Holiday Parties at all clubs. What great programs! All of them will be hard at work to make our upcoming Regional a joy for us all. Bridge Club of Houston is starting new courses and making big plans for a 299er Tournament March 12-15. Lots of new classes will be underway in January, so let me hear about your plans and successes! We want to share these experiences with other units in our great District 16.

New 70\% Milestones: Plenty of these Big Games for this issue, starting with Monday night $10 / 20$, in the Charity Pairs at the Corpus Christi Regional, where Carolyne Fox and Regional, where Carolyne Fox and At Livingston DBC, Lerline Cowart At Livingston DBC, Lerline Cowart
and Ginni Mayhew had a $72 \%$ game. and Ginni Mayhew had a $72 \%$ game.
One that was NOT previously reOne that was NOT previously reported to me occurred on $8 / 7$ at
Spring Branch Duplicate Club on Spring Branch Duplicate Club on
Wirt Road (which we sometimes call Wirt Road (which we sometimes call SOSA for the name of the community center), when Carolyn Hurd and David Schomer had a $71.79 \%$ game. Also at Spring Branch DBC, on 10/16, John Zilic and Dan Morse had a $70.35 \%$ game; on 10/20 Virginia Zilic and Carolyn Jackson had a $70.14 \%$ game, and in the $10 / 6 \mathrm{StaC}$ game, Judith Hoffing and Paul Nimmons had a $74.07 \%$ game On 11/3 at Apple DBC Tracy Gee Commu nity Centar, Randall Lake ad Balter had a HUGE $74.54 \%$ Jack Batter had a (that one just barely missed the mark for reporting to the ACBL Bulletin) and the same day Anna Marlatt and Hugh Humphries had a $70-.83 \%$ game; on 11/17, also at the same club, Pat Levy and Oren Moore had a $72.57 \%$ game; and on $12 / 5$, also at Apple DBC, Dianna Gittelman and Ralda St. Pierre had a $72.55 \%$ game. (Evidence mounting for something in the water?)

Fundamental Tip: I'm sorry to report that I've recently come across some novices who either do not know or are not comfortable with keeping score. I'm not talking the Bridge Buddy or other computers; I'm talking about figuring out what a hand ing about figuring out what a hand scored. I must encourage you to do so. How can you decide if a sacrifice is the winning tactic if you don't know how to quickly calculate the opponents' potential score versus what you might give them by going down? So my tip this issue is Get good at keeping score! And you might want to practice with this next tidbit.

Interesting Tidbit: Art Desmond sent me this, from "John 'Einstein' Donnelly's Theory of Bridge Relativity" that appeared in the October 1959 issue of the Bridge Bulletin. (Yikes! 1959? That's the year I graduated high school!) Try it and see graduated high school!) Try it and see
if it works for you. (1) Write down if it works for you. (1) Write down
the number of masterpoints you own; the number of masterpoints you own;
(2) Multiply that by the number of suits in a standard bridge deck. (3) suits in a standard bridge deck. (3)
Add to your answer the number of Add to your answer the number of
cards in a bridge deck. (4) Now mulcards in a bridge deck. (4) Now multiply your last answer by one less
than the total number of cards in the than the total number of cards in the major suits. (5) [To that total] add your age. (6) To your last answer, add the duplicate bridge score for bidding and making exactly 6 Diamonds nonvulnerable. (7) Now subtract from all this mess the duplicate bridge score for bidding and making a vulnerable grand slam in notrump. Your final answer will be your age preceded by the number of masterpoints you have.

Sad Farewell: Elsie Lee Reid, a Silver Life Master, passed away October 14 in Houston. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends.

## Leads On The Lake

 League City397 players. 394 tables
1 34.22 Tom Clarke
234.22 Sally Wheele
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# Kerrville Spring in the Hills 

March 26-29, 2015
Inn of the Hills
1001 Junction Hwy 1-800-292-5690
Bridge Rate: \$92
Includes continental breakfast
Thursday, March 26
Stratified Pairs
10 am
Stratified Swiss Teams $\quad 2: 30 \mathrm{pm}$
Friday, March 27
Stratified Pairs $\quad 10 \mathrm{am} \& 2: 30 \mathrm{pm}$
Wildflower Knockout Teams $\quad 10 \mathrm{am}, 2: 30 \mathrm{pm} \& 7: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ (sessions 1,2, \& 3)
Fast Pairs (24 boards, finished approx. 10pm) 7:30 pm

## Saturday, March 28

Stratified Pairs $\quad 10 \mathrm{am} \& 2: 30 \mathrm{pm}$
Mesquite Knockout Teams $\quad 10 \mathrm{am}, 2: 30 \mathrm{pm} \& 7: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ sessions 1,2, \& 3)
Fast Pairs (24 boards, finished approx. 10pm) 7:30 pm
Sunday, March 29
Margaret Higgins Stratified Swiss Teams 10 am \& TBA
299er pairs will be held with 3 table minimum
Card Fees: $\$ 11 /$ person/session, $\$ 120 /$ team Sunday Swiss (includes lunch)
Non or unpaid ACBL members add \$3
Stratifications: A: 2000+; B: 500-2000; C: 0-500 (averaging)
KO events are handicapped
Host Hotel
Inn of the Hills - Room rate includes continental breakfast
Tournament Chair
David Ewing 830-895-4718 ewingd@stx.rr.com

## Partnership Chair

Richard Hamm 830-895-2085
Director in Charge: Tom Marsh
434.22 Buddy Hanby

5 27.32 Thomas Peters
6 27.32 John Zilic
726.75 Carolyne Fox

8 24.33 Phillip Grothus 921.33 Mildred Breed 10 21.33 Gary King 1120.22 Birendra BK Sing 12 19.24 George Fox 13 19.46 William Brending 13 18.46 William Brending
14 18.46 Linda Brending 14 18.46 Linda Brending
15 18.46 Carolyn Laboulier

Friday Aft 299er Pairs - 12.5 Tables ABC1. Wanda Durham-Helen Burton ABC2. Marcia Lindsey- Nancy Shomette
Friday Aft Side Pairs - 6.5 Tables A1. Siraj Jiwani-Charles Markowitz A2. Edith Reid - Marilyn Leboy BC1. Stephen Daigle - Arlene Daigle Wulfers-Sylvia Thomas B2. Linda Windham - Michael Windham Fri Eve 299er Pairs - 7.5 Tables ABC1. Kimberly Sunderland - Stacy Lodden AB2. Mary Ellen Vail C2. Jade Ngai - Aubang Hu
Fri Open Pairs - 10.0 Tables / Based on 23 Tables AB1. Harry Elliott on 23 Tables AB1. Harry Elliott David Goldfarb A2/3 Vinh Tran Georgiana Gates A2/3B2. James Frick-Birendra BK Singh
Friday Swiss Bracket 1-7 Tables / Based on 34 Tables 1. Thomas Peters Carolyn Peters-John Zilic - Daniel Suty - Gil Micheletti, Md 2. Sally Wheeler - Buddy Hanby-Tom ClarkeJoe Quinn
Friday Swiss Bracket 2-7 Tables / Based on 27 Tables 1. Bob Dowlen, Linda Brending - William Brending-

## Houston Unit 174 to Hold Board Election April 24-26, 2015

The members of Unit 174, whose participating clubs include Baytown, Bryan/College Station, Clear Lake, Conroe, Galveston, Houston, Kingwood, Lake Jackson, Livingston, Pasadena, Spring, Stafford, and Sugar Land, will have an opportunity to vote for three members of the Board of Directors April 4-6, 2014, during the Election Sectional at the Marriott Westchase. The three newly elected members will join Chuck Ensor, Beverley Cheatham, Bill Riley, Kathy Hughes, Tom Martinsen, and in person, early online, or by absentee ballot. To vote in person, you should plan to be at the tournament site during the hour before each session on Friday and Saturday or one hour before the Sunday morning session. To vote early on-line go to www.acblunit174.org, place your mouse over 'MyUnit174' on the right side of the menu bar, dick on "BOD Election", and follow instructions. To vote absentee, follow the procedure outlined below. Winners will be announced prior to the second session on Sunday, April 6 . In order for your vote to be counted, you must vote for exactly three candidates. The candidates have been given an opportunity to introduce themselves and say a few words about their philosophies, goals and backgrounds.


My name is John Caudill and I am running for the bridge board. I am a recently retired Pediatrician and have the time needed to be a board member.
I am a hard and persistent worker but still new to bridge and can represent the new players. My philosophy is that bridge is something to be enjoyed with zero olerance
have enjoyed playing both duplicate and Swiss team bridge since 2009. Recently, I retired from Harris County Hospital District wher I worked in both compliance and internal audit.
I want to review cash procedures to ensure all cash collected at tournaments is deposited into the bank account. I also want to ensure internal controls are effectively working to prevent fraud and abuse of cash and inventoried items, such as bidding boxes.
Please vote for me.


Like many of you, I played bridge in college \& then returned to the game after my retirement about five years ago. love the intellectual challeng as well as the social interaction of playing, and I also believe strongly in having fun. As I board member, I look forward to sharing my passion with current and prospective players both young and old.
With Susan Banks, I have successfully managed the monthly Mentor/Mentee game at the Housto Bridge Studio for about 140 players for the past year. I also look forward to applying the expertise in leamwork and contributing to effective projects that developed during a 40-year career of leaching manage to MBA stucens and running a management consulung business.


After graduating from UT Law schoo practiced tax law for 20 years in Washington, DC and California, returning to Houston in 1987 as VP - Tax at Cooper Industries and subsequently as a partner at Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP. Although an avid bridge player in college, bridge took a back seat to ife for over 30 years. I began playing again in 2010, making Life Master in 2012.
am heavily involved in giving back o the community, serving on the board of the Houston Ballet and Aid o Victims of Domestic Abuse among others.
am particularly concerned about the "graying" of the bridge community and want to broaden the appeal of the game to all age groups.


Bridge is a big part of my life, both as a volunteer and player. I have enjoyed serving on the Unit Board since 2012 and hope to be elected for a second term. I feel fortunate to work with so many dedicated volunteers, teachers, directors, and club managers. I chair the Charity Committee for ACBL District 16 and am a Lifetime member of the ACBL National Goodwill Committee. I would like to continue working on promoting goodwill, increasing membership, and continuing good communications. My husband, Hans, and I usually play together, but we also play as much as we can with our grandchildren Raymond and Mariah who love duplicate bridge as well!

Suzie Wilson

am running for the board, because want to make sure that enthusiasm for this wonderful game continues. As Director of Attorney Employment for Baker and Botts, a large Houston law firm I increased their hiring over fifty percent. Afterwards, I helped 10 of the largest law firms in the US recruit new lawyers. I plan on using my recruituing experience to get more people playing bridge.
I owned a Washable Silk Warehouse, became an Image Specialist created programs and seminars on Image for many of the Fortune Five Hundred Companies, and taught Fashion Image at Houston Community College so can bring my business acumen to the board with realistic ideas. Please help me serve you by voting for me, Suzie Wilson.

## Absentee Voting Procedure

Any member may vote by Absentee Ballot. To vote absentee, a member must contact the Election Judges by U.S. mail, e-mail, or telephone requesting an Official Ballot. If the Voter is a member in good standing an Official Ballot will be sent to the Voter at the voter's address of record, in a small unsealed envelope. Upon receiving the Official Ballot, the Voter should complete the ballot, seal it inside the small envelope provided, and place the small sealed envelope inside another envelope addressed to the Election Judges. The back flap of the outside envelope must be signed by the Voter. If no signature is provided, the ballot will not be counted. The Absentee Ballot must be postmarked no later than April 10 and must be received by the Election Judges no later than April 22 in order to be counted. The Election Judges are Owen and Pat Bunn: 15238 Springhill Bend Ln, Cypress, TX; 77429-1575; 281-357-0591, owenbunn@comcast.net or patbunn@comcast.net.

Saturday Swiss Bracket 7-7 Tables / Based on 9 Tables 1. John Hur-witz-David Mitchell-A Ansari-Bharat Shrestha 2. John Caudill - Lisa Zummo - Carol Jewett-Pam Barksdale
Saturday Swiss Bracket 8-7 Tables 1. Penny Dougherty - Paula Towner1. Penny Dougherty - Paula Town
Wanda Durham-Helen Burton 2. Dennis Beckman-Richard Laboulier Stella Gallaher-David Kuykendall,

Sunday Morn Open Pairs - 3.0 Tables 1. Ralda St Pierre-Bill McCarty 2. Nelda Gray - Gloria Ventress
Sunday A/X Swiss Teams - 12 Tables / Based on 59 Tables A1. Joe Quinn-Buddy Hanby - Sally WheelerTom Clarke A2 X1. Curtis Polk - Robert Munger David Henke - Joyce Ryan X2. David Goldfarb - Harry Elliott-James Andre - Lily Andre

Sunday B Swiss Bracket 1-12 Tables / Based on 37 Tables 1. Mike Goldberg-William Brending - Linda Brending-Carolyn Labouliere 2. Nandlal Khatri-Birendra BK SinghKailash Sachdev - Rani Sachdev Sunday B Swiss Bracket 2-7 Tables / Based on 16 Tables 1. Liliana Ciccarelli-David Russell-Judy Gibson -Jeffrey Kroll 2. Carl Hogan - Shou Chao - Shih-Ming Yang-Joyce Settle Sunday B Swiss Bracket 3-7 Ta-
bles / Based on 14 Table 1. Walter Freitag - Lynne Andress-Kathy Hughes-A Ansari 2/3 Linda McReynolds - Chris Curran - Barbara Curran-Gary Hercules $2 / 3$ Kathleen Carr - Laura Onsgard - Carolyn Wenk -Kristen Onsgard
Sunday B Swiss Bracket 4-7 Tables / Based on 12 Tables 1. Genie Hayden - Betty Jean Reeves - Norma Becker-Betty Schell 2. Thomas Mar-Becker-Betty Martinsen-Jo Ann

Pierce - Tomi Porterfield Sunday B Swiss Bracket 5-7 Tables / Based on 9 Tables 1. Bill Frank -Glenda Faragher - Marsha SachsRosalind Kokolis 2. Jeffery ParkerJohn Hurwitz-Alick Einav-Daniel Leightman
Sunday B Swiss Bracket 6-7 Tables 1. George Nelson - Mary Nelson - Julian Martin - Jerry McNeely 2. Stephen Mast - Holli Mast-Frederick Gregory-Sam Khayatt

## LEAGUE CITY LEADERS



Friday Open Pairs Flt A
David Goldfarb, Harry Elliott


Friday Swiss Team Bkt 1 Saturday Swiss Team Bkt Tom \& Carolyn Peters


Sunday Swiss Team Flt A
Buddy Hanby, Sally Wis
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Joe Quinn, Tom Clarke

John Zilic, (NP) Gil Micheletti


Friday Swiss Team Bkt 2 William Brending, Bob Dowlen,


Friday Swiss Team Bkt 3
William Houck, Val Grady, William Kibikas, Dale Grady


Friday Swiss Team Bkt 4
Sheryl Thomas, Lynne Andress,


Sunday Swiss Team Flt X
Joyce Ryan, David Henke, Curtis Polk, Robert Munger (NP)


Saturday Swiss Team Bkt 2 Mark Wallet, Duane Friedrich hilip Duterme, Michael Miedema


Saturday Swiss Team Bkt 4 Suvabrata Biswas, Val Grady,
William Kibike Wuvabrata Biswas, Val Grady,

Saturday Swiss Team Bkt 6 James Morgan, Joseph Ford,



Saturday Swiss Team Bkt 5 Geri McKallip, Evelyn James,
Elisabeth Cabiness, Susan McLaurin




Sunday BCD Swiss
Betty Schell, Genie Hayden,
Betty Jean Reeves, Norma Becker


Happy New Year! Here's hoping tha 2015 exceeds your wildest expecta tions, both at the bridge table and away!

Unlike last year, the day of the Unit Holiday Party dawned quite warm if a little drizzly. Members, laden with toys, non-perishable food, and pot luck dishes, descended on the event in droves. In all, there were 44 and half tables in play. The food wa delicious and plentiful, the doo prizes were generous, and the bridge was fun. When the game was over Mark Bumgardner and Bill Staats had scored a huge $71.76 \%$. Next time you see Catherine Tucker, make sure you give her a big thanks for planning the party so well.

Traditionally the winners of the Unit MiniMac competition, which is based on performance in the Unit Games only, are announced at the December Unit Game. There are seven levels of awards. Denise Strueber won the Level One competition, for player with fewer than 100 points. The Level Two ( 100 to 200 points) winne was John Ellis, who won the Leve One Competition in 2012. James Willson was the Level Three (200 300 points) winner. Eric Diamond won the Level Four (300-1000 points) competition. Joseph Gill opped the field in the Level Five (1000-2500) competition. Michael Hout bested the competition in Leve Six (2500-4000) for the second time in three years, and Stan Kohan wo he Level Seven ( 4000 up) award for the second year in a row. Well done!

This competition runs from Octobe to September, but if you didn't play in the fourth quarter of 2014, you can still compete for next year's prize starting with the January Unit Game on January 11, at the venue of your choice (BAND or Dorsey's). You can find the entire Unit Game schedule on our website.

Also don't forget our Election sectional January 15-18 at the Richardson Civic Center. We are electing hree board members during this sec tional. Candidates are Cheryl Clark incumbent), Randy Earle, Vi Gane les, Eileen Smith, and Martha Young. Their pictures and bios can be found in the Nov-Dec issue of the Score card, as well as on our website. think this is an excellent slate of candidates, so please take a look at their qualifications and vote for your

Our most recent sectional was in November. We had a total of 489 tables in play over the 4 days of the tournament. The top masterpoint winner, a repeat from last year, was Nagy Kamel.

Close on the heels of the sectional was the Fort Worth Regional. Mike Passell topped the list of masterpoint winners from our unit with over 111 points. Winners of events with two sessions or more included Terry Tankersley and Ramon Nelson (Tuesday Gold Rush Pairs Flight C); Beverly Strauss and Michael Chockley (Tuesday Gold Rush Pairs Flight D); Jack Borenstein and Murray Berger (Tuesday Open Pairs Flight A); Gool Castleberry and Sreekrishnan Raghunathan (Tuesday Open Pairs Flight X); Barry Schaffer and Mark Bumgardner (KO 1 Bracket A); Peter Hylak and Richard Wittrup (Wednesday Gold Rush Pairs Flight C); Connie Van Patter and Patsy Rainwater-Maddu (Wednesday Gold Rush Pairs Flight D); Jeff Dater and Rich Brandenburg (Wednesday Open Pairs Flight X and, with Bob McNeil and Scott Nason Sun 0-2000 Bkt Swiss 1). Pawel Hanus, Bogumil Knypinski, and Bob Wilkin (Linda Knypinsk, Spang (Thurs By On P J R Weg mann (Thursday Open Pairs Flight A); Mike Passell (Wed Thur KO Bkt 1); Renee Levy, Jennifer Rao Robert Schmidt, and Ari Sippola (Wed Thur KO3 Bkt 3); Ruth Viola and Patricia C Bozeman (Friday Gold Rush Pairs Flight D); Hua Yang and Yan Song (Sat Compact KO Bkt 2 and Sunday A/X Swiss Flight X); Jerrold Albom, James Richman, and Kathleen Carr (Sat Compact KO Bkt 3); Andi Gordon, Marie-Anne Johnson, Ari Sippola, and Robert Schmidt (Sat Compact KO Bkt 4); Hemant Lall, Peggy Sutherlin, and Petra Hamman (Friday Sat KO5 Bkt 1); Milton Neher (Friday Sat KO5 Bkt 2); Richard Langland (Sun 0-2000 Bkt Swiss 2); Sam Shah, Jo Shah, and George Burcham (Sun 0-2000 Bkt George Burcham (Sun 0-200 Bk Sharp (Sun 0-2000 Bkt Swiss 4); Nancy Fellman, Carolyn Wenk, and Laura Onsgard (Sun 0-2000 Bkt Swiss 5); Chris Myers, Belinda Stuart, Constance Vecellio, and Carol Adamek (Sun 0-2000 Bkt Swiss 7); and Josephine Basel, Beth Castleberry, and Dale Remmers (Sun $0-2000$ Bkt Swiss 8).

Venturing beyond the normal venue of this column with its focus on ACBL events, I think it is proper to shout out a loud "Well done!" to Hemant Lall, who first came to Dallas in the mid 1970's and, after sampling what places like Houston and England had to offer, returned to roost in
the 1990's. Playing with Reese Milner from Florida, Hemant won two medals in the 14th Red Bull World Bridge Series in Sanya, China. He was on the winning team in the World Senior Teams, and he won the silver medal in the World Open Pairs as well. Not too shabby a performance for an individual who plays bridge "as a hobby.
Several unit members now have new ranks in the ACBL. Our new Life Master is Rebecca Elder. New Bronze Life Masters are David Clegg and May Sebel. Eva Pharr Dawkins, Ken McClanahan, and James Richman are new Silver Life Masters, and Janet McCormack is now a Gold Life Master. Achieving one of these ranks is a testament to your persever ance and skill. Congratulations to all of you!

## Dallas Sectional

Richardson, TX

## 461 players. 489 tables

157.29 Nagy Kamel
50.79 Mark Bumgardner

3 31.36 S Kohan
4 31.23 Greg Resz
5 30.83 Tomi FitzGerald
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6 30.47 Bill Staats
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7 29.82 James Bauer
8 27.57 Stephen Kornegay 9 27.57 Nancy Kornegay
10 25.39 Michael Murphy
Thursday Morn 499er Pairs - 12.5 Tables ABC1. Judith Idom - Susan FordAB2.. Connie Van Patter - Patsy Rainwater-Maddu C2. Carla JoinerMartha Ward
Thursday Morn Open Pairs - 13.0 Tables / Based on 26 Tables A1. Nagy Kamel-Mark Bumgardner A2 Gerry McKim-Michael Hout BC1 Billee Brooks Corly Now Nancy Jipp - Liane Tsai B2. James Cothran-Lynda Bradley
Thursday Aft 49er Pairs - $2.5 \mathrm{Ta}-$ bles $1 / 2$ Michael Chockley - Debrah Chockley $1 / 2$ Mark Sherman - Bill Shipp
Thursday Aft 499er Pairs - 16.0 Tables AB1. Clint Pruett-Chia-Min Fu AB2C1. Mary Lynn GenovesiRosalind Smith C2. Liz JacobsonLois Aurand
Thursday Aft Open Pairs - 20.0 Tables / Based on 40 Tables A1. James Bauer-Tomi FitzGerald A2 Hazel Schoenberg - Jules Schoenberg BC1. Vernon Earl Hodge-Jill Andreas B2. Janet McCormack - Kenneth McClanahan C2. N Tripode Jerry Frankel
Thursday Eve Open Pairs - 14.0 Tables A1. Stephen Kornegay Nancy Kornegay A2. Michael Mur phy - S Kohan B1. Kevin ClineEric Ho B2. Bonnie Kay Yetter Edward Yetter C1. Jeffrey Diamond -

Eric Diamond C2. Tom Lang - Walid Khalid Hakim
Thu KO Bkt 1-7 Tables 1. Rich Brandenburg-Bob McNeill-Scott Nason-Joseph Gill 2. Jack Borenstein - Murray Berger-David PearlmanMilton Neher
Thursday Compact Brkt 1-16 Tables 1. Mark Bumgardner-Bill Staats-Greg Resz-Nagy Kamel 2. Jean O'Neal-Tony Pellegrini-Elda Kay Hampton-Judith Lotridge Friday Morn Open Pairs - 16.5 Tables / Based on 29 Tables A1 Nagy Kamel-Tomi FitzGerald A Michael Murphy - S Kohan B1. Scott Nason-Milton Neher B2. Pre ston Morrow-A Morganstern C1 Randy Earle-Richard Wittrup C2. Rebecca Page - Richard Page Friday Morn 499er Pairs - 12.0 Tables D1. Betty Meyer-Nolanwi Brecoll D2F1 Louise Shanley-Mary Lynn Trantham, Shanley-Mary Lynn Trentham, E2F1. Judy Bouska, , DeAnn Cu mings F2. Mary Lynn Genoves Rosalind Smith
Friday Aft Open Pairs - 22.0 Tables / Based on 38 TableA1. Jeff McKee-Tomi FitzGerald A2. Gary Neisler-Nancy Peterson B1. Liane Tsai-Gool Castleberry B2C1. Randy Earle-Richard Wittrup C2. Gay Schleicher-Jo Driscoll
Friday Aft 499er Pairs - 16.0 Tables DEF1. Mary Ellen Little-Sandra Lovin DEF2. Barbara Reeves-Jack Lavine
Friday Eve 499er Pairs - 3.0 Tables Judy Nixon - Jeanette McDonald 2. Freda Gail Stern - Joyce Schiff Friday Eve Open Pairs - 10.0 Ta bles / Based on 13 Tables A1. Gail Wells-Suresh Agrawal A2. Juanita Chambers-Barbara Ferm B1. Sandy Hilliard-Patsy Williams B2. Rebecca Page - Richard Page
Friday Compact Brkt 1-9 Tables 1 Nancy Kornegay - Stephen Kornegay Mark Bumgardner- Nagy Kamel 2. Charles Price-Jo Smith-Linda Spangler-David Horner
Friday Compact Brkt 2-10 Tables 1. Valarie Remmers - Dale RemmersDeborah D'Ambrogi - David Noteware 2. Frank Durante-Diana Chen Lynn Cooper - Nancy Latner Friday Eve Swiss Teams - 15 Tables AB1. Jeff Dater-Joseph Gill-Rich Brandenburg-Adrianne Feuer A2 Stefanie Scott - Justin Lall-Petra Hamman - Hemant Lall B2. Robert Schmidt-Ari Sippola-Kathleen Carr -Chnidt-Ar Sipp 1 . Gir Carr ames Richman Clin David Clegg-Jan Welsh-Mimi Lempert C2. David Luzzatto - James Will on - Corinne Roberts - Ann Parker Saturday Morn 499er Pairs - 17.0 Tables A1. Robert Orvis - Gayle Orvis A2. Jack Lavine - Sue Thompson BC1. Michael ChockleyCarla Joiner B2. Gayle Lewis-Donna Rainey C2. Freda Gail Stern - Joyce Schiff
Saturday Morn Open Pairs - 19.5

DALLAS FALL SECTIONAL WINNERS


KO1
Rich Brandenburg, Scott Nason, Joe Gill, Bob McNeil


Tomi Fitzgerald, Nagy Kamel Friday Morn Open Pairs Flt A


Bill Staats, Nagy Kamel
Mark Bumgardner, Greg Resz Thurs Compact KO


Tomi Fitzgerald, Jeff McKee Friday Aft Open Pairs Flt A


Nagy Kamel, Mark Bumgardner Thursday Morn Open Pairs Flt A


Tomi Fitzgerald, Jim Bauer Thursday Aft Open Pairs Flt A

Tables / Based on 37 Tables A Judy Bramley - Bart Bramley A2BC1. Jackie Long - John Jackson B2. Marvin Migdol - Melvin Sharp C2. Rebecca Page - Richard Page Saturday Aft 499er Pairs - 14.0 Tables A1. Deborah ArmstrongSharon Ward A2. Darrel Strelitz Frances Schmitz BC1. Michael Chockley-Carla Joiner B2. Karen Roland-Barbara Lively C2. Marcia Messinger - Franci Moses Saturday Aft Open Pairs - 27.0 Tables / Based on 41 Tables A1. Claybourne Waldrop Jr-Virginia Sherman A2. Jeff McKee-Greg Resz BC1. Bob Frink-Bob Dingle BC2. Jeffrey Diamond - Eric Diamond Saturday Eve Open Pairs - 6.0 Tables A1. Melody Gann - Charles Brown A2B1. Sandra Fedro-Tommie Anglemyer B2. George Cowart Gayle Cowart
Saturday Compact Brkt 1-9 Tables 1. Mark Bumgardner-Bill Staats Kevin Cline-Nagy Kamel 2. Bryan Storey-Nancy Passell-Beth Bromberg - John Bromberg Saturday Compact Brkt 2-12 Tables 1. William Higgins - Jean Higgins - Sheri Wolkenstein - Jon Wolkenstein 2. Craig Briney - Mary Ann Briney-Judy Nixon - Jeanette McDonald
Saturday KO Bracket 1-8 Tables 1. Nancy Kornegay - Stephen Kornegay-Hugh Hillaker-Kimmel Jones 2. Richard Davidson - Wayne Williams-Gool Castleberry - Ersi Georgopoulou
Saturday Eve Swiss Teams - 14 Tables A1. Ann Aliotta-Robert Ad-ms-Marion Gebhardt-Roy Baughman A2. Tomi FitzGerald Jeff Dater-Jeff McKee-Greg Resz B Noelene Hardy-Sue Ritschel-Dee Gemmel-Jean Roach B2. Tom Lang David Luzzatto - Betsy Goldsmith-N Tripode C1/3 Robert Clarke - Alma Farley-J Scott Etchison - Judy Etchison C1/3 Chris Anderson - Carol Casey - Joseph Anderson - Philippa Anderson C1/3 Susan Flick-Connie Van Patter-Renee Levy - Andi Gordon
Sunday A/X Swiss Teams - 20 Tables / Based on 58 Tables A1. James Bauer - James Thurtell - S KohanMarcus Poe Jr A2. Mark Bumgard-ner-Bill Staats-Greg Resz-Nagy Kamel X1. Michael Hout - John Schwartz-Gerry McKim-Michael Murphy X2. Pawel Hanus-Bogumil Knypinski-William Garrard Jr Donna Garrard
Sunday B/C Swiss Teams - 38 Tables B1. Eric Diamond - Jeffrey Dia mond-Edward Yetter - Bonnie Kay Yetter B2. Fonse Ragland - Patricia Rose - Sally Lancaster-Bonnie Shea C1. Letty Garek-Bobbie BensonSheri Wolkenstein - Jon Wolkenstein C2. Carolyn Wenk - Jean Hoffman Jo Ann Truitt - Susie Summers

# Big Time in Big D 

New Sectional Schedule Dallas, TX March 5-8, 2015

World Class Lectures at 9:30am \& 2pm Section Top Pins \& Trophies - 299ers/49ers Pictures - All Winners * Registration Gifts Teams \& Pairs All Sessions * Snacks * Silver Points
 1499er Pairs (Single Session) 299er Pairs (Single Session)
49er Pairs (Single Session)
Bracketed KO ( $1^{\text {st }}$ of 3 )

| Open Pairs (Single Session) | $2: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ |
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| 1499er Pairs (Single Session) | $2: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ |
| 299er Pairs (Single Session) | $2: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ |
| 49er Pairs (Single Session) | $2: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ |
| Bracketed Swiss Teams $\left(1^{\text {st }}\right.$ of 2$)$ | $2: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ |
| Bracketed KO Teams $\left(2^{\text {nd }}\right.$ of 3$)$ | $2: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ |


| Open Pairs (Single Session) | 7 pm |
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| 1499er Pairs (Single Session) | 7 pm |
| 299er Pairs (Single Session) | 7 pm |
| Stratified Swiss Teams (Single Session) | 7 pm |
| Bracketed Swiss Teams $\left(2^{\text {nd }}\right.$ of 2$)$ | 7 pm |
| Bracketed KO Teams $\left(3^{\text {rd }}\right.$ of 3$)$ | 7 pm |

Friday, March 6th
Open Pairs (Single Session)
1499er Pairs (Single Session)
299er Pairs (Single Session)
49er Pairs (Single Session)
Bracketed KO Teams ( $1^{\text {st }}$ of 3)
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| 299er Pairs (Single Session) | $2: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ |
| 49er Pairs (Single Session) | $2: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ |
| Bracketed Swiss Teams (14t of 2 ) | $2: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ |
| Bracket KO Teams $\left(2^{\text {nd }}\right.$ of 3 ) | $2: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ |

Open Pairs (Single Session) 7pm
1499er Pairs (Single Session) 7pm
299er Pairs (Single Session) 7pm

Stratified Swiss Teams (Single Session) 7pm Bracketed Swiss Teams ( $2^{\text {nd }}$ of 2) $\quad 7 \mathrm{pm}$ Bracketed KO Teams ( $\mathbf{3}^{\text {rd }}$ of 3 )7pm

Saturday, March 7th

| Open Pairs (Single Session) | 10am |
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| 1499er Pairs (Single Session) | 10am |
| 299er Pairs (Single Session) | 10am |
| 49er Pairs (Single Session) | 10am |
| Bracketed KO Teams ( $1^{\text {st }}$ of 3) | 10 am |
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| Open Pairs (Single Session) | $2: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ |
| 1499er Pairs (Single Session) | $2: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ |
| 299er Pairs (Single Session) | $2: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ |
| 49er Pairs (Single Session) | $2: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ |
| Bracketed Swiss Teams (1 ${ }^{\text {st }}$ of 2 ) | $2: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ |
| Bracketed KO Teams $\left(2^{\text {nd }}\right.$ of 3$)$ | $2: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ |

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| 2:30pm | 1499er Pairs (Single Session) |
| 2:30pm | 299er Pairs (Single Session) |
| 2:30pm | Stratified Swiss Teams (Single Session) |
| 2:30pm | Bracketed Swiss Teams ( $\mathbf{2}^{\text {nd }}$ of 2) |
| 2:30pm | Bracketed KO Teams ( ${ }^{\text {rd }}$ of 3 ) |
| 7pm | Sunday, March $\boldsymbol{8}^{\text {th }}$ (Box Lunch for 2 session p Sunday Box Lunch Sponsored by the Unit 176 |
| 7pm | Bracketed Swiss Teams (Play-through) |
|  | Open \& 49er Pairs (Single Session) |
| 7pm | Open \& 49er Pairs (Single Session) |

Teams Bracketed into Groups by Total MPS. Teams will play within their bracket. Stratified Swiss Teams
$A: 2000+B: 500-2000 \mathrm{C}: 0-500$ Open Stratified Pairs $\mathrm{A}: 4000+\mathrm{B}: 2000-4000 \mathrm{C}: 0-2000$ 1499 Stratified Pairs
A:750-1500 B:500-750 C:0-500 299er Stratified Pairs A:200-300 B: 100-200 C:0-100 49er Stratified Pairs -20-50 B.5-20 C.0-5 Pair or Team Average Masterpoints used for stratification in all stratified events. KO Events may be Handicapped
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Here we are at the end of another bridge year. I turned the page from Thanksgiving and Christmas is now a distant memory. We have played lots of bridge and accomplished a lot ending 2014. Happy New Year!

September and October found us playing a number of Club Appreciation Games. Arlington hosted Club Appreciation pairs in September with Tom and Dorothy Moore winners N/ S, followed by Michael and Barbara Estep. First E/W and 1st O/A wer Greg Resz and Donna Englehart. Steve and Nancy Kornegay were 2 O A E/W. October 25 a Club Apprecia tion Swiss Team game was held in Fort Worth. Nineteen teams played and the winners were Gary Neisler, Nancy Peterson, Carol Keller and Becky Koenigseder.
I know there were lots more winners and at one time I knew who you were...but it's like the Watergate Tapes....So sorry....I'll do better next year....promise.

Once again our unit continues to grow. New members are Patricia L. Desmond, Eddie E. Godfrey, Bob Paul, Bunny Perry, Rena Seiden and Jimmie Sue Tracy. We welcome Helen Kirby, Judy Shotwell and Anne Spitzler who have transferred into our unit. Let's help them find games and partners and make them feel welcome. Thanks to Mary Jane Orock and Jacqueline Montgomery for a Seminary they presented on October 26. Also thanks to each and every on of you who continue teaching and recruiting....you are the lifeblood of our unit.

Thanks again to Tom Moore for out Veterans Day Multi-Site Unit Championship games. It is no little feat for him to get us all organized for this outstanding day when we recognize the brave men and women who have served to keep out country free Games ran in Arlington and For Worth, with a side-game of 4 one-half tables in Denton. There were 32 tables in play. Congratulations to the winners: First O/A NS were Hugh Hillaker and Michael Penick; $2^{\text {nd }}$ O/A

Linda Spangler and Mary Jane Orock and 3 OAA B. J. Yates and Vesta Snider. Winners in Arlington were N/S Dee Berg and Sam Long with Sue Key Reeder and Ben Benjamin winning E/W. Fort Worth Winners were Linda Spangler and Mary Jane Orock N/S and B. J. Yates and Vesta Snider E/W. Thanks to all of you who played.

Our players have worked hard to reach new achievements: Congratulations to LaQuitta Talbot who reached 5,000 MPs. We celebrated with her on October 16 at a fabulous fiesta luncheon in her honor hosted by her husband, Terry and partner, Herb Fallin. Parties were held in Arlington for Carol Bice, Jenny Oswald and Diane Segel, new Life Masters. Jim Harp celebrated attaining Gold Life Master at a party in Arlington. Jerry Brown is a new Bronze Life Master and Greg Resz is a new Diamond Life Master. The Unit is proud of each of these achievements by our members.

Members of the $70 \%$ club this time are: Bill Ream - Jim Chaffee; Ginger Smith and T. John Alexander and Steve Shirey and Donna Rosz. Miss you? Call me.

This column wouldn't be complete without thanking each and every one of you who attended the Unit 183 Regional at the airport. Janet Jordan assembled a team of workers second to none. The Hospitality Desk was always manned with happy, helpful members...prizes, partnerships, photos, caddies...the entire team was outstanding. The table count was amazing! 1442 tables in play. The hotel was fabulous and the staff more than helpful. We have the best volunteers ever! Couldn't have done it without you.

On a personal side...My caddy career was short-lived. I enjoyed it while it was going great, but when I messed things up, I looked with new appreciation on those who are our caddies Most of them are kids doing a great job, and I for one, will have area appreciation for the next time I raise board and call, "Caddie Please". Be kind and say thank you.

We have a lost a very special friend
with the death of Billie McMahon.

She was the friend of all, the champion of many, and it will be impossible to fill her shoes. I never saw her without a smile on her face and a kind word for all. Billie, dear, you will be deeply missed.
Play well and be kind

## Fort Western Regional

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Ashworth-Dana Hastings, Baton Adrianne X4. Jon Browne, Plano; Adrianne Feuer, McKinney 51.68\% X5. David Ticen, Victoria ; Kim Brinkman, Highland Villge Knock Out 1, BRKT A-13 Tables 1 Barry Schaffer-Kimmel Jones-Bill Staats-Mark Bumgardner-Nancy Kornegay-Stephen Kornegay 2. V nita Gupta-Billy Miller-Leo BellRoger McNay-Hugh Hillaker-Jerry Derby 3/4 Nancy Phillips-Virginia Noelke-Venkatrao Koneru-Valentin Kovachev 3/4 Carolyn Lynch-Mike Passell-Cezary Balicki-Adam Zmudz anski-Marc Jacobus-Garey Hayden Knock Out 1, BRKT B-9 Tables 1. Barbara Baker-Jane Larimore-Susan Patt-Jacqueline Montgonery Prat-Jacqu Rentgomery 2, Hahn-Margaret Porter-Paula Edwards 3/4 John Burgoin-Alan Godes3/4 John Burgoin-Alan Godes-
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Wednesday Open Pairs-16.0 Tables / Based on 50 Tables A1. Stephen Reichek-Eddie Wold, Houston A2. Michael Heymann, Fort Worth ; Billy Leeper, Ft Worth A3X1. Jeff Dater, Dallas ; Rich Brandenburg, Coppell A4. Juanita Chambers, Garland ; Barbara Ferm, Dallas A5. James Bauer, Dallas ; Tomi FitzGerald, Frisco X2. Bob McNeill, Frisco ; Joseph Gill, Richardson X3. Preston Morrow, Dallas ; David Robinson, Granbury X4. Kate Hopkinsynn Cooper, Dallas X5. Edward shworth-Dana Hastings, Baton Rouge LA
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Friday Gold Rush Pairs-31.0 Tables B1. Will Anthony-Howard Huynh, Lubbock B2. Dolline Burton-Robert Burton, Georgetown B3. Mike Peiffer, Colleyville ; Finlay Higgins Arlington B4. John Burgoin, Browns ville ; Alan Godes, Needham MA B5C1. Ruth Viola, Irving ; Patricia C Bozeman, Carrollton C2. Stan HsuWilliam Layman, Denton C3. Tom McCraw, Fort Worth ; Stan Carr, Ft Worth C4. Rosalind Smith-Carol Murray, Dallas C5. Eugene GoldgarDebbie Goldgar, Houston Steve Shirey KO4 Bkt 1-14 Tables 1. John Hurd, New York NY; Joel Wooldridge, Astoria NY; Vincent Demuy, Palm Bch Gdns FL; John Kranyak, Las Vegas NV; Mary Chilcote, Cleveland OH 2. Loretta Rivers, Monroe LA; Mike Cappelletti, Winter Park FL; Thomas Peters-Carolyn Peters, Grapeland ; Nell Cahn, Shreveport LA; Ron Ashbacher, Lea
Hill AR $3 / 4$ Greg Hinze, San Anto-
nio ; Anita Cokins, Austin ; Stephen Kennedy, Oakland CA; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI 3/4 Herbert Fallin Jr-L Quitta Talbot Keller • Michael Diesel-Stephanie Hamilton-Diesel, Saugus MA
Steve Shirey KO4 Bkt 2-10 Tables 1. Robert Bever, Flower Mound Mark Zeitlin, Denton ; David Ticen, Victoria ; Kim Brinkman, Highland Villge 2. Milton Birmingham-Rosalie Manuel, Fort Worth ; Donald Pigg, Burleson ; Lorraine Little, Benbrook 3/4 Rosalee Hacker, Southlake ; Virginia Farley-Charles Raines, Arlington ; Mary Ellen Stanton, Grand Prai rie 3/4 Joseph Gill, Richardson Mark Hatkoff, Rowlett ; R Randal Smith, Rockwall ; Adrianne Feuer McKinney
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-Michele Abriol, Austin ; Jo Anne -Michele Abriol, Austin ; Jo Anne Knodel, Pearland ; Gail Wood, Hous ton 3/4 Walter Merritt, Coleman ; M Howard, La Quinta CA; Janet Walke -William Walker, Fort Worth 3/4 Jim Goza-Kay Bickham, Edmond OK; Ernest Diamond-Betsy Braver, Oklahoma City OK
Saturday Afternoon Open-18.0 Tables / Based on 17 Tables A1. John Schwartz-Gerry McKim A2B1. Don Reynolds-Robert Buchanan A3 Jacob Morgan-Stephen Kennedy A4 William Garrard-Donna Garrard A5 Nancy Passell-Norman Beck B2. Nancy Passell-Norman Beck B2. B3C1 Beverly Strauss-Randy Earle B4C2. Dana Pickett-Michael Tiemle B5C3. Troy Emigh Rich Bownan B5C3. Troy Emigh-Richard Bowma C4 Ruth Viola-Patricia C Bozeman Sat Compact KO Bkt 2-9 Tables 1 Tiger King, Houston ; Hua Yang-Yan Song, Plano ; James Zhan, Sugar Land 2. Bill Ream, Burleson ; Shelba Parmley-H Wendell WilliamsCarolyn Bryan, Oklahoma City OK 3 Beth Bromberg-John Bromberg, Dallas ; Tom Edwards, Austin ; Bryan Storey, US 4. Claybourne Waldrop Jr Fort Worth ; Melody Gann, Arlington ; Molan Chan, Grand Prairie William Chan, Van Buren ME Sat Compact KO Bkt 3-9 Tables 1 Jerrold Albom-James RichmanKathleen Carr Dallas : Suvabrata Biswas, Katy 2. Bruce Mann, Aledo Biswas Kang Kathy Colem, Aledo Francis Chang-Kal Wor , Jearerert Scantar Arling Ned Nolte-Robert Scanland, Arling ton ; Gary Modgling, Saginaw James Atteberry, Ft Worth 4. Frank Durante, Addison ; Nancy Latner Dallas ; Charles Brown-Sue Gilbreath, Arlington
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Schmidt, Murphy 2. Richard David son-Wayne Williams, Fort Worth Ersi Georgopoulou-Gool Castleberry, Irving 3. Lauren Brown-Jim Brown, Mansfield ; Jo Anne Knodel, Pearland ; Gail Wood, Houston 4. Thomas Miyake-James Hammond Jr-Lori McCline-Nancy Estes, Denton Sat Compact KO Bkt 5-16 Tables 1. Gayle Orvis-Robert Orvis, Burleson ; Alan Robson-Bonnie Jan Robson, Denton 2. David Luzzatto-Betsy Goldsmith-Christopher Barthold, Dallas ; Louise LeRoux, Lavon 3 Jeff Newman-Melba Clark-Sue Kay Reeder, Arlington ; Jo Ann Slaten, Colleyville 4. Nancy Fellman-Laura Onsgard-Carolyn Wenk, Dallas Kristen Onsgard, Galveston Friday Sat KO5 Bkt 1-14 Tables 1 Hemant Lall-Peggy Sutherlin-Petra Hamman, Dallas ; Reese Milner, Samman, Dal
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Frisco ; Bob Wilkin, Highland VI Frisco ; Bob Wilkin, Highland Vlg ; Harry Elliott, Houston 3/4 Mickey Tryon-Penny Mixon-Stephen Hibbard, Arlington ; Marlene Round, Bedford
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Sun 0-2000 Bkt Swiss 1-7 Tables Based on 40 Tables 1. Rich Brandenburg, Coppell ; Bob McNeill, Frisco eff Dater-Scott Nason, Dallas 2. Mickey Tryon-Stephen HibbardPenny Mixon, Arlington ; Marlene Round, Bedford. Susan O'Neil-Jim Chaffee, Fort Worth ; Joe HarbourJoy Harbour, Burleson
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Sun 0-2000 Bkt Swiss 7-7 Tables / Based on 13 Tables 1. Chris MyersBelinda Stuart-Constance VecellioCarol Adamek, Dallas 2. Craig Briney-Mary Ann Briney, N RichInd Hls ; Cathy Tolliver, N Richland Hill ; Marguerite Lavender, Colleyville
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## FORT WORTH FALL REGIONAL WINNERS



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Tuesday Open Pairs Flt X Raghunathan Sreekrishan


Tuesday Open Pairs Flt A Jack Borenstein, Murray Berger


Bruce Brown, J R Wiegmann


Friday Open Pairs Flt A
Rene Wallace, Steve Shirey


Sunday Swiss Team Flt A Jo Smigh, Jimmy Breihan, TonyHaddad, Steve Shirey


Wednesday KO Bkt 2 Pawel Hanus - Harry Elliott


Steve Shirey KO Bkt 3 Dwight Hill, John Robbin Dorothy \& Tom Moore


Wednesday Compact KO Bkt 5 Alan Robson - Bob Orvis
Jan Robson - Gayle Orvis


Sunday BCD Swiss
Larry Waddell, Wayne Campbell,


Friday Open Pairs Flt B Sue Gilbreath- Charles Brown


Sunday BCD Swiss
Mike Pfeiffer, Finlay Higgins,


Wednesday Gold Rush
Margie Deutsch - Lynn Trentham


Saturday Compact KO Bkt 4 arie-Anne Johnson,Andi Gor


Sunday BCD Swiss Mel Sharp, NJ Tripped,
Virgina \& Don Hixon


Wednesday Gold Rush Pairs
Patsy Rainwater-Maddux, Connie Van Patter


Compact KO Bkt 2 Tiger King, James Zhan, Hua Yand, Yan Song


Sunday BCD Swiss Jo Basel, Beth Castleberry


Sunday BCD Swiss Jeff Dater, Bob McNeill

| Unit 187 <br> Corpus Christi |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Dee Schade |  | Thanks to all the bridge players that attended our Spooktacular Regional Since we only have a regional once every three years we are always excited about it \& glad to see everyone. If you have any comments you would like to pass along please feel free to do so at the email address listed at the bottom of the column. Congratula tions to Kay Mrazek. Kay made life Life Master during the tournament. Also congrats also to our highest point winner, Bob Gerberich \& to our 199er winning the most points, Barbara Layton.

Webmaster, Ron Francey, has added a link to the Victoria bridge club on our website. Check it out- lots of good info on Victoria with game mes, special games for 2015, a map \& pictures. Dave Ticen is the club manager. In addition, there are lots of new pictures of the South Texas bridge club. Remember our website has info on all special games. Pleas refer to it on a regular basis.

Back on October 12, at the Live Oak Bridge Club, the winners were Mary Kay Lyne \& Marie King with a whopping $84 \%$ game. Way to go ladies!

The unit Christmas Party was held on December 7 at the Corpus Christi Yacht Club. Gray day but a beautiful setting as always. There were $14 \frac{1}{2}$ ables in play with Dee Schade direct ing. Flight A winners were Bill \& Marilyn MacDonald. Lina Crumpler \& Mahesh Maruvuda were second \& first in B. Second in B \& first in C were Marilyn Bein \& Judy Schrupp Second in C were Karla Custer \& Nina Shannon. Following the game several guests joined us for libations \& dinner. Congratulations to all the winners \& thanks to the people that worked to make this happen, especially Martha DeCou \& Mabel Byrnes.
lease get to know Pauletta Myers Pauletta was born in Chicago. She grew up there until after her junior year in high school. At that time her parents \& close friends of theirs took a trip to the Rio Grande Valley. While they were there, her parents purchased a citrus orchard \& then made a move to Mission. What culture shock for a Chicago girl! Th

Valley was a pretty small place back then \& Mission was a very small town to someone from the big city. It was (and is) a friendly town. She watended Mission High School for her senior year \& made many life long friends. After high school, Pauletta friends. After high schoo, Pauletta attended Texas A\&I at Kingsville Not only did she meet her future husband, Ray, there, that is where she learned to play bridge. After classes several students would rush back to the dorm \& the first four that hit a bed would start a bridge game. She says their interpretation of the game was a bit "iffy" because none of them knew much about the rules. They would just "mention" a bid meaning it was a bit weak or say "I bid" if it was a normal or pretty good call. They did not intend this as cheating, just their way of bidding! After college Ray \& Pauletta were married \& Ray pursued his coaching career. They moved to several small towns They moved to several small towns before con lived fore to Mission, where two brad two sons both graduated high school at Mission. Their daughter was also born in Mission, just two years before they moved. Although a little one gave Pauletta a little less time for bridge, she says Ray was a good sitter, so she still got to play in the evening. When the second son graduated, Ray \& Pauletta made their last career move. Ray became principal at Premont High School. This is where Pauletta became acquainted with "duplicate". A local doctor \& his wife ran a duplicate game in their home \& Pauletta became very involved. She also played in Kingsville. She says she became much interested in the intricacies of the interes \& improve incacies of the 10 years in Premont Ray \& Pauletta 10 years in Premont, Ray \& Pauletta retired to Corpus Christi. Unfortunately, Ray passed away in 2011. Pauletta joined unit 187 almost immediately when she moved here. Jack \& Phyllis Mehrens owned the club at that time. They were very inspirational \& became good friends. Pauletta says she loves bridge \& enjoys working with our local tournaments, as well as playing in them. Pauletta always encourages newcomers \& is a real asset to unit 187

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Halloween Spooktacular Regional
Corpus Christi

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## ROCKPORT BEACH

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Friday, February 13
SPECIAL GOODIES DAY Stratified Open Pairs (single session)....1:15 P.M. Stratified Open Pairs (single session)....7:15 P.M. New Life Ministries Charity Game \$1 MORE BEACH BALL NEWCOMER 0-299er GAMES

## Saturday, February 14

Stratified Open Pairs.
10:00 A. M. \& 3:00 P.M. (2 separate games)
BEACH BALL NEWCOMER 0-299er GAMES Friday \& Saturday Strats A 1500+, B-500-1500, C-0-500 Sunday, February 15
DELICIOUS BAR-B-Q DAY
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## CORPUS CHRISTI OCTOBER REGIONAL CHAMPS



Wednesday Open Pairs Flt A H. Robert Gerberich, Janise Saul


KO I Bkt 1
Saturday Compact KO Bkt 1 Terry Riely, Jo Smith, Babu Koneru, Carolyn Riely, Virginia Noelke


Dave Wilson Gold Rush Pairs BC Lisa Zummo, Cheryl Mathias


Saturday Open Pairs Flt A Audley Karrasch, Bridgette Sandifer


Wed/Thurs Swiss Flt A Betty Ann Kennedy, Ellen Hessel, Dan Morse, Ira Hessel


Friday Open Pairs B\&C
Rhonda Bryant,Cheryl Mathias


Thursday Choice Pairs Flt A Ed Rawlinson, Donna Swarthout


Thursday KO Bkt 1 Virginia Noelke, Babu Koneru, Carolyn \& Terry Riely


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Julie Harrell, Joanne Graham, Diane O'Neill, Geri Noel


Wednesday Open Pairs Flt X Jerrold Harrington, Susan Young


Ann Crumpler Choice Pairs A Mildred Breed Carolyn Fox


Fri/Sat Swiss Flt A Carolyne Fox, Gary King, David Mitchell, (NP) Hank Eng


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Ann Sinclair, Laura Wrenn


Ann Crumple Rebecca Landon, Jason Kiker


Sunday Swiss Flt
Dave Goldfarb, Eleanor Sherwyn, Don Varvel, Harry Elliott


Sunday BCD Swiss Karen Caton, Richard Langland
Karen Peck, Chuck Burke


Hola from Unit 205! For those wh don't know us, our name is Amistad which means "friendship," and we are located in Western Mexico. The unit consists of five clubs: Lake Chapala Mazatlan, Puerto Vallarta, Rosarito and Los Cabos. The Lake Chapala Duplicate Bridge Club, our largest and most active club, offers bridge five days a week for all levels of play. The clubs at Mazatlan, Puerto Vallarta, and Los Cabos are seasonal, offering bridge during the winter months for players living or vac
ing in those beach communities.

Unit 205 hosted the Mexican Resor Regional in Puerto Vallarta from November 3-9. The annual event was held at the Westin Resort \& Spa for the third consecutive year. Nes-
tled near the Puerto Vallarta Marina tled near the Puerto Vallarta Marina with its many dining options, and boasting first-class accommodations provides an opportunity to combine a relaxing beach vacation with stimulating bridge competition. Sun, sand and slams---what could be better?

Overall tournament winners, amassing 98.6 points each, were the team of Jonathan Steinberg (Toronto, ON), Daniel Korbel (Waterloo, ON),
Gonzalo Herrera (Naucalpan, MX), and Gerry Marshall (Las Varas, MX) They won the Flight A Cancun and Vallarta KO events and performed well throughout the tournament. Tough to beat! With four KO event throughout the week, there were plenty of other teams knocking out their opponents for the gold.

The Cord team, consisting of Nancy Cord (Sun Valley, ID), Peter Gelfand (Corralitos, CA), Brenda Keller and Bruce Ferguson (Palm Springs, CA) owned the Flight A Swiss Teams They won the 2 -session Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday events, as
well as the big Sunday Swiss. That's well as the $b$
consistency!

The tournament added Gold Rush Pairs this year. The top point-earner over the three Gold Rush events were Steven and Beth Raymond (East Hampton, NY) with 7.54 points. Open pairs were also popular, with the pair of Miguel Reygadas (Tlelpan, MX) and Ninfa Sada (Mexico City, MX) earning top honors with 15.75 gold. Individual winners in the Side Game Series included Marjorie Michelin (Laguna Woods, CA) for the morning side games, Marjorie Blunt (Federal Way, WA) for the afternoon side games, and Edgar L'Heureux
(White Rock, BC) for the evening side games. Nice job!

Several players achieved milestones at the tournament, including new Life Masters Charleen Lee (Gold River CA) and Mary Payne (Laredo, TX); new Bronze Life Masters Patricia
Herrera (Mexico City, MX) and David Dickey (Reno, NV); and new Silver Life Masters Jake Jacobson (Santa Fe, NM), Mark Sanders (Austin, TX), and Mary Ann White (Laredo, TX). Way to go!

This year's tournament featured a Monarch butterfly theme. Daily day's events and also provided infor day's events and also provided infor-
mative articles on the annual Monmative articles on the annual Monarch migration and efforts to preserv the Monarch butterfly, whose populaUnit 205 and Lake Charala Duplicat Unit 205 and Lake Chapala Duplicate Bridge Club member Nancy Segall has a passion for preserving and pro-
tecting the Monarch butterfly. She tecting the Monarch butterfly. Sh prepared packets of seeds for the milkweed plant, on which the butterflies feed, which were made available to tournament participants to scatter on their journey home or to start butterfly garden. For more informa tion, visit Nancy's "Save the Monarchs" Facebook page at

LakeChapal
Tournament chairpersons were Lew Crippen and Steve Penning. Other committee members included Trudy Crippen (Registration and Prizes), Janet Mitchell (Partnership and Hospitality), and Mary Ann White (Photographer). Many thanks to Lew Crippen for staying up until the wee hours of the morning to publish the daily newsletter! Thanks also to Mary Seggerman for purchasing the candy and to all the other volunteers who helped along the way. We couldn't have done it without you! The 2015 event is scheduled for November 2-8 at the same location-the Westin Resort \& Spa. Won't you plan to join us?

Lake Chapala Duplicate Bridge Club News. There were three 70\% games at the Club during October and November. Norinne and Dick Nelson cored $70.49 \%$ and $73.24 \%$ on October 24 ( $5 \frac{1}{2}$ tables) and November (13 tables), respectively. Also, Mary Anderson and Ed Lewis joined the $70 \%$ club with a nice $72.42 \%$ game on October 21 ( $11 \frac{1}{2}$ tables).

The ACBL-Wide Instant Matchpoint Pairs on October 16 was won by Mary Anderson and Stephen Segall with a stellar $63.52 \%$. They were $5^{\text {th }}$ overall in the District

Congratulations to LCDBC members who performed well at the Puerto Vallarta tournament. Donna McElroy won the Tuesday Afternoon Side Game playing with Maxine Webb. Jimmy Reynolds and Mary Ann White won the Tuesday Flight X Open Pairs, while

Van Brocklin and David Hoogenberg won the Saturday Flight X Pairs. The team of Gaylord Brockway, Dagmar Rettberg, Pat Mitchell and Mary Anderson won the Tuesday Swiss Teams in Flight B, while Jimmy Reynolds, Mary Ann White, Mary Payne and Mike Roney won the Flight B Swiss on Thursday. Trudy and Lew Crippen, playing with Patricia Crippen, playing with Patricia
Herrera and Dafna Bass, won the Saturday Swiss in Flight C.

The Club hosted its Annual General Meeting on December 2. Lunch for the meeting was catered by Mom's Deli \& Restaurant. The following Club officers were elected for 2-year
terms: Jimmy Reynolds, President; terms: Jimmy Reynolds, President; Mike Roney, Club Manager; and Frank (Paco) Jordan, Member at Large. Elected for one-year terms were Julie Davidson, Vice President, and Skip Johnson, Facility Manager. Stephen Segall, Secretary, and Jeane Treloar, Treasurer, will also continue as Club officers. Thank you for serving!

The Club's Christmas Dinner Dance will be held on December 11 at the Old Posada, while the Unit Game at the Club on December 13 will also be a Christmas affair. Also on the horizon are the Valentine Sectional, scheduled for February 12-15 at the Real de Chapala Hotel in Ajijic, and the Club's Non-Life Master Tournaments, which are set for February 27March 1 and March 20-22 at the Club.

## Mexican Resort Regional <br> Povember 3-9, 2014

## 304 players. 710 tables

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656.22 Richard Potter, Black Mountain 755.05 John Potter, Panama City FL 54.99 Peter Gelfand, Corralitos CA 954.99 Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs 20 48.23 Nancy Cord, Sun Vly ID 21 48.23 Brenda Keller, Palm Springs 242.90 Vicki Lerner, San Francisco 2342.90 Bruce Blakely, San Rafael CA 24 35.95 Claudia Tinajero, Mexico DF 534.74 Stefan Reich, Mexico DF 26 34.74 Mark Sanders, Austin TX 2734.74 B J Sanders, Austin TX

Tues A/X Pairs-10.0 Tables / Based on 18 Tables A1. John Potter, Panama City FL; Richard Potter, Black Mountain NC A2. Margery Gould, Los Angeles CA; Jeanette Deverian, Pasadena CA X1. Jimmy ReynoldsMary Ann White, Laredo TX A4X2 Kenneth Lee, Elliot Lake ON; Myrlen Kenneth Lee, Elliot Lake ON; Myrl
Ann Knafelc, Reno NV X3 Sherri Morgan-Don Marsh, Eugene OR X Charles Grimes, Midland TX; Helen Charles Grimes, Midland
Malcolm, Jalisco Mexico
Tues Gold Rush Pairs-9.0 Tables B1. Max Chauvet, Naucalpan Mex ico; Gilles Aubin, Cuernavaca Mex ico B2C1. Marilyn Vallario-Carrie Thomas, Georgetown TX B3C2. Linda Hanson, US; Janet Tainty, Santa Cruz CA B4C3. John ZohrabKerin Zohrab, West Vancouver BC C4. Sue Rosenwasser-Jackie Bogin, Los Angeles CA
Tuesday Swiss Teams-15 Tables A1. Nancy Cord, Sun Vly ID; Peter Gelfand, Corralitos CA; Brenda KellerBruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA A2. Martin Blain, Sherman Oaks CA; Bruce Blakely, San Rafael CA; Susan Somogyi, Encino CA; Vicki Lerner, San Francisco CA A3. Marcie Musser Marisa Silverman, Aspen CO; Tom Breed, Kingwood TX; Huub Bertens Jeanne Van Den Meirack, Bend OR Jeanne Van Den Meirack, Bend OR
A4. Thomas Hyde, Willimantic CT; Ed Lewis, Falls Church VA; Edwin Lewis III, Bolton CT; Connie Marfell, Milwaukie OR A5.B1. Gaylord Brockway, Phoenix AZ; Dagmar Rettberg-Patricia Mitchell-Mary Anderson, Chapala Mexico B2. David Hoogenberg-Trudy CrippenLewis Crippen, Ajijic Mexico; Diane Van Brocklin, Chapala Mexico B3. Patricia Herrera-Adriana Salinas, Mexico Mexico; Dafna Bass, Mexico City Mexico; Miriam Rosenberg, Huixquilucan Mexico A4B1. David McCarron-Mary McCarron-Flora Mettit-Barbara Vervenne, Austin TX Pettit-Barbara Vervenne, Austin TX
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Vallarta KO Bkt 2-9 Tables 1. David Dickey-Donald Parsons-John Swanson, Reno NV; John Doyal, Tuscaloosa AL 2. Richard Peacock, Grosse Pnte Sho MI; Lucy Peacock Fred Batten-Penelope Rudolph Grosse Pointe MI 3/4 Mike Roney, Ajijic Mexico; Mary Payne-Frank Paco Jordan, Laredo TX; Cynthia Thomson, Victoria BC 3/4 Lily Lister -Lamya Abougoush-Frances McDon-ald-Nancy Engbloom, Calgary AB Wed Open Pairs-11.0 Tables A1. Charles Grimes, Midland TX; Connie Marfell, Milwaukie OR A2. Susan Ledford, San Ramon CA; Freddie Straus, Encino CA A3B1. Max Chauvet, Naucalpan Mexico; Stefan Reich, Mexico Mexico A4. Ninfa Sada, Mexico City Mexico; Miguel ReyMexico Clity Mexico; Miguel Rey-
gadas, Tlalpan Mexico A5. Mauricio Smid-Claudia Tinajero, Mexico Mexico B2. Kenneth Lee, Elliot Lake ON; ico B2. Kenneth Lee, Eliot Lake
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Mexico; Marta Rendon, Guadalajar Mexico; Marta Rendon, Guadalajara
Mexico B4. Deborah Steffen-Ronald Mexico B4. Deborah Steffen-Ronald Morris, Santa Barbara CA B5. Cliff
Goodrich, Long Beach CA; Rick Goodrich, Long Beach CA, Rick weiss, Reno NV C2. Evelyn Alma Morelos Mexico
Acapulco KO Bracket A-9 Tables 1 John Jacobson-Dolores Brenner,

Santa Fe NM; Cameron Doner, Richmond BC; Bruce Wick-Susan Stubinki, Houston TX 2. Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Daniel Korbel, Waterloo ON; Gonzalo Herrera, Naucalpan Mexico; Gerry Marshall, Las Varas Mexico 3/4 Howard Parker III, Clements CA; John Onstott, New Orleans LA; John Grantham, Bentonville AR; Marjorie Michelin-Ellis Feigenbaum, Laguna Woods CA; Rebecca Rogers, Las Vegas NV 3/4 Marisa Silverman Marcie Musser, Aspen CO; Huub Bertens, Bend OR; Tom Breed, Kingwood TX
Acapulco KO Bracket B-9 Tables 1.
Mark Sanders-B J Sanders, Austin TX; John Taylor, Lago Vista TX; Sue Gerard, Mexico 12. Dafna Bass, Mexico City Mexico; Patricia HerreraAdriana Salinas, Mexico Mexico; Miriam Rosenberg, Huixquilucan Mexico 3/4 Lawton Hutchison, US Joanna Cadden-Barbara HutchisonKimi Lambert, Austin TX 3/4 Jack Meng-Judy Keilin, Danville CA; Winnie Jasper-Jerry Chamberlain, Moraga CA
Acapulco KO Bracket C-9 Tables Lily Lister-Lamya Abougoush-Nancy Engbloom-Frances McDonald, Calary AB 2. John Jonas-Linda Jonas, Dana Point CA; Mary Heiney-Bob Albert, Laguna Beach CA 3/4 Michael Hupka-Jean Hupka, Boulder CO; Grace Sokolik-Brian Sokolik, Ft Collins CO 3/4 David Dickey-Donald Parsons-John Swanson, Reno NV; John Doyal, Tuscaloosa AL Thursday Swiss Teams-19 Tables A1. Nancy Cord, Sun Vly ID; Peter Gelfand, Corralitos CA; Brenda Kel-ler-Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA A2. Jason Feldman, San Diego CA; Bruce Blakely, San Rafael CA; Vicki Lerner, San Francisco CA; Carlyn Steiner, Seattle A3. Edwin Lewis III, Bolton CT; Ed Lewis, Falls Church VA; Connie Marfell, Milwaukie OR; Charles Grimes, Midland TX A4. Edgar L'Heureux, White Rock BC; Freddie Straus, Encino CA Alain Fleurot, Manhattan Beach CA; Susan Ledford, San Ramon CA A5B1. Jimmy Reynolds-Mary Ann White-Mary Payne, Laredo TX; Mike Roney, Ajijic Mexico B2/3 Margery Gould, Los Angeles CA; Jeanette Deverian, Pasadena CA; Deborah Steffen-Ronald Morris, Santa Barbar CA B2/3 David Hoogenberg-Trudy Crippen-Lewis Crippen, Ajijic Mex co; Diane Van Brocklin, Chapala Mexico B4C1.. Jo Hammett, Plano TX; Virginia Boudreau, Flower Mound TX; Donna Gibbs, Corinth TX; Kim Brinkman, Highland Villge TX C2.. Ralph Wilhelmi-Debra Wil-helmi-Janet Larson-Douglas Larson, Olympia WA
Thu Gold Rush Pairs-8.0 Tables B1 Monica Schapira-Alicia ReyesRetana, Mexico Mexico B2. Steven Raymond-Beth Raymond, East Hampton NY B3C2. John Cosman Dan Branscum, Oak Harbor WA B4C3. Nancy Raiche-Gerry Gaste lum, Manhattan Beach CA B5. Ellen Hutt, Georgetown ON; Donna-Faye Madhosingh, Vancouver BC C4 Cynthia Thomson, Victoria BC; Frank Paco Jordan, Laredo TX

Mexico; Diane Van Brocklin, Cha pala Mexico B3/4 Donna Gibbs, Cor pala Mexico B3/4 Donna Gibbs, Cor-
inth TX; Virginia Boudreau, Flower Mound TX; Kim Brinkman, Highland Mound TX, Kin Brikn, Highand Villge TX; Henrietta Morris, Arling Rock BC; Alain Fleurot, Manhattan

Beach CA; Debra Wilhelmi-Ralph Wilhelmi, Olympia WA C1/2 Rober Kromm-Richard Smith-Darlene Smith, St Clair Shrs MI; Mary Fromm, Grosse Pointe MI C1/2 Nicole Abadi-S Kaufer-Luis Kaufer Mexico Mexico; Arnold Silberstein,

Delegacion Mig Mexico C3. Richard Peacock, Grosse Pnte Sho MI; Lucy Peacock-Fred Batten-Penelope Rudolph, Grosse Pointe MI C4. Charles Odle-Sharon Odle, Nashville TN; Hardev Bains, Pickering ON; Mary Seggerman, Houston TX

Linda Shallit, Belfair WA; Carolyn unday Open Pairs-4.0 Tables A Ray Boehne, Oceanside CA; Betty Jackson, Pebble Beach CA a2. Jeanette Deverian, Pasaden.a CA; Margery Gould, Los Angeles CA A3B1. Paul Obrien, Vancouver WA Ouida McCullough, Victoria BC B2.

PUERTO VALLARTA WINNERS


Vallarta KO Flt A
Cancun KO Flt A
Daniel Korbel, Jonathan Steinberg, Gonzalo Herrera, Daniel Korbel



Acaupulco KO Flt B
BJ \& Mark Sanders,
Sue Gerard, John Taylor


Acaupulco KO Flt A
Bruce Wick, Susan Stubinski, Delores Brenner, John Jacobson, Cameron Doner


Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday Swiss Teams Flt A Nancy Cord, Bruce Ferguson, Brenda Keller, Peter Gelfand


Tuesday Open Pairs Flt A Richard Potter, John Potter


Saturday Swiss Flt B Cecil Croson, Nancy Massey, Barbara Tysdahl, Dennis Ryan

Wednesday Open Pairs Flt A
Connie Marfell, Charles Grimes


Vallarta KO Flt B
John Doyal, John Swanson,
Donald Parsons, David Dickey


Thursday Swiss Flt B Mary Ann White, Jimmy Reynolds


Acapulco KO Flt C
Lily Lister, Lamya Abougoush


Tuesday Swiss Flt C
Barbara Vervene, Flora Pettit, David \& Mary McCarron


Tuesday Gold Rush Pairs


Tuesday Gold Rush Pairs Marilyn Valario, Carrie Thomas


Tuesday Open Pairs Flt X Jimmy Reynolds, Mary Ann White


Tuesday Swiss Flt B
Mary Anderson, Pat Mitchell


Saturday Swiss Flt C Lew Crippen, Dafna Bass, Trudy Crippen, Patricia Herrera


We are so lucky to be a part of a close knit bridge family. It is always sad when one of our members dies but it is especially sad when an unexpected death takes one of our active members. The recent passing of Rudy Williams, Mary Jo Nix, and Martha Bookman has certainly been hard for us. Our condolences go out to Helen and their families as well as to the Mary Jo and Martha's families . These special people will both be missed by their families and many friends.

Our fall sectional tournament was a big success, thanks to the team of hard workers who willingly took charge of that task. Martha Oliver and Wayne Outlaw cer tainly did a fine job at the tables and took home the tourney trophy for their performance. Congratu-

## lations!!

The North American Pairs club final was held on Nov. 1 with a two session game and pot luck lunch. Betty Poindexter and Mary Johnson were the winners for the day. Beverly Hulsey and Lorena Strange were $2^{\text {nd }}$ with Wayne Outlaw and Martha Oliver placing $3^{\text {rd }}$. Others placing were Paul Keedy and Sandra Allison $2^{\text {nd }}$ with Courtney Coffman and David Morris placing $3^{\text {rd }}$ in Flight C.

Mentor Pairs game in October was won by Martha Oliver and Beverly Hulsey. Marilyn Adams and Tim Stelly were $2^{\text {nd }}$ with Sandra Allison and Anna Smith placing $3^{\text {rd }}$. Others placing were Susan Nimmo and Connor Smith $3^{\text {rd }}$ in B. Lynda Jones and Hugh Smith came in $2^{\text {nd }}$ in flight $C$. October Mentor Teams game was won by Martha Oliver, Beverly Broussard, Lorena Strange and Beverly Hulsey. Second place was taken by Janis Williams, Don Williams, Juinez

Moss and Don Moss, with Sarah Smith, E.W. Sweeney, Earl Johnson and Ann Montgomery finishing $3^{\text {rd }}$. The November Mentor Pairs game was won by Janis Williams and Linda Adamchik. Norma Crane and Patsy Pierce were $2^{\text {nd }}$ with Susan Nimmo and Connor Smith placing $3^{\text {rd }}$. The November Mentor Team game was won by Sandra Allison, Bill Frank, Liz Mackenzie and Tim Stelly. Placing $2^{\text {nd }}$ were Barney Hammer, Nixie Lynch, Paul Keedy and Jack Evans.

Once again, our club was invited to join the Country Club for lunch and a combined bridge game. Winners for the day were Carol McGill and Linda Adamchik in the N/S direction with Aiyanadar Bharathi and Loretta Gary taking $1^{\text {st }}$ in the E/W direction. Thanks to the Country Club Group for hosting this fun game.

Additions to the $\mathbf{7 0 \%}$ club are Nancy Smalley and Cynthia Stueber in an open game. Fred Rice and E.W. Sweeney as well as

Phyllis Mann and Mary Caskey scored a $70 \%$ in a game limited to less than 500 masterpoints. Well done !!

We have a variety of games during a week and the November Club Chanpionship series was well attended in all sessions. On Sunday afternoon, Aiyanader Bharathi and Ed Rasmussen placed $1^{\text {st }}$. John and Nancy Smalley were $2^{\text {nd }}$ with June Edingston and Mary Johnson finishing in $3^{\text {rd }}$ place. In Flights B and C, Bob and Parker Townley Smith placed $1^{\text {st }}$ with Carolyn and Zack Townley-Smith finishing $2^{\text {nd }}$. Paul Keedy and Sandra Allison placed $3^{\text {rd }}$. Monday after noon winners were Aiyanadar Bharathi and John Smalley. Arline Meyers and Flo Gillispie were were $2^{\text {nd }}$ with Carol McGill and Liz Mackenzie finishing $3^{\text {rd }}$ Monday evening winners were Betty and Ernest Schulter. Jerry and Susan Gore placed $2^{\text {nd }}$ with Jo Woody and Paul Aguillard pacing $3^{\text {rd }}$. Tuesday afternoon winners were Paul Aguillard and Susan

Nimmo. Jack Evans and Carolyn Worsham placed $2^{\text {nd }}$ with Ann Montgomery and Earl Johnson finishing in $3^{\text {rd }}$ palce. Wednesday morning found Jo Woody and Melva Kalkbrenner in a tie with Beverly Broussard and Lou Rising for $1^{\text {st }}$ and $2^{\text {nd }}$ place. Kris Cherry and Donna Mcferrin finished $3^{\text {rd }}$. Winners on Wednesday afternoon were Blanche Sibley and Cynthia Stueber. Ron Sanders and Jack Evans were $2^{\text {nd }}$ with Flo Gillispie and Loretta Gary in $3^{\text {rd }}$. Others placing were Sally Blewett and Patsy Pierce $2^{\text {nd }}$ in B with Anna Smith and Tim Stelley placing $3^{\text {rd }}$. In flight C, Don and Janice Williams won. Sylvia Street and Kay Hooper were $2^{\text {nd }}$ with Don and Juinex Moss took $3^{\text {rd }}$ place. Thursday afternoon game was won by Janis Williams and Linda Adamchik. Norma Crane and Patsy Pierce were $2^{\text {nd }}$ with Susan Nimmo and Connor Smith finishing $3^{\text {rd }}$. The Friday afternoon game was won by Tipton Golias and Aiyanadar Bharathi. John and Nancy Smalley were $2^{\text {nd }}$ with

Beverly Hulsey and Connor Smith finishing in $3^{\text {rd }}$ place There is a game for everyone, bring your friends and join in as many as you can.

Overheard in the elevator in Providence at the National Tournament: "Are you playing the bridge tournament?" Another replied, "Oh, is that what they're playing?" He went on to say that he had walked by the day before and looked in, then told his wife the group was playing a game called "Alert."

## Unit 204 Fort Concho Neal Perlman

204 The use of the dealing machine has been very successful over the last year. The core of individuals who work behind the scene in processing of boards includes Mary Jane McCord, Linda Cole, Barbara Wright, Jerre McAfee and Marifrances Watson. Thank you very much

Unit 204 November 8th North American Pairs game results (held in San Angelo):
A1. George Finley + Carl McGill and A 2 Norma Walker + Suzanne Dor-
ris;
B-1 MJ McCord + Mary Bloodworth and B2 John Osbourne + Linda Rei henau
C1 Karen Voight + Larry Hettick and C2 Sherrill Jackson + Kaye Marsh Congratulations to all.

The regional in Fort Worth was very well organized and there were ample opportunities to play against Texa and nationally recognized players.

Again I want to encourage y'all to trend the San An
nary $13,14+15$.

Marifrances Watson secured the Life Master by winning the outstanding gold points at the Corpus Christi regional in October. Congratulation Marifrances! Reflections and friend hip are planned for a celebration on December 13th

Best wishes to all in our fresh 2015

| Unit 207 |  |
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| Austin |  |
| Joyce Cooper |  |

As we come to the close of another year, I propose the following top 10 things we have to be grateful for in Unit 207: 1) The numerous clubs in our Unit, giving area bridge players the ability to play a couple of games a day if they so desire. 10 years ago this wasn't the case. 2) Great direc ors, both local and national: Kevin Perkins and Scott Humphries each represent the best that is Austin at the local and national level, while our local directors prove themselves conscientious and competent every day 3) An opportunity to take bridge lessons from some of the best talent in the country. Our own Laura Delfeld was selected Teacher of the Year in 2014 for the whole ACBL 4) Mark McAllister who runs the Bridge Center of Austin efficiently and faithfully every day, every week! Mark, what we do without you? 5) George Watkins who has been on the Unit 207 Board for the past 6 year Unit 207 Board for the past 6 years has led the Unit into financial sol vency by his organization and hard work. George knows how to cater tournament, how to set up for a tour nament, and how to run a bridge Unit. I keep asking myself if we wil be able to step up and manage once George leaves the Board. His leader ship has been invaluable over the past few years. 7) The vision displayed
by the founders of the Bridge Cente of Austin. they believed that Austin a major center for bridge in Tem a major center for bridge in Texa and their hard work has paid off. 8 Larry Davis who runs 4 local club and 5 or 6 games per week. Larry ha worked tirelessly for bridge in Austin, serving as the financial advisor for Unit 207 and negotiating our contracts. He has also been the Chai or Co-Chair for our Regional tournaments every other year. 9) Our zero tolerance policy that has resulted in civility and courtesy at the bridge table. I think we are all nice at heart, we just need to be reminded that bridge should be a civil experience every day, not just some days. 10) Most of all, many thanks goes out to the area bridge players who are friendly and capable and make coming to the bridge table at a local game or a local tournament a great experi ence. Thanking you all for sharin your talents and interest in bridge! !

Unit 207, in cooperation with the Fiesta Bridge Club in San Antonio and Temple, just completed a week of STaC games. Lots of points were won by lots of players and the games drew really nice turn outs. I may have missed a point of two, but it appear that Paul Tobias collected the most points in Unit 207: his total was 22.42 , and Joe Black ended in second place with 16.77 points. Altogether a great result for some nice local games! With the year drawing down, many local players have traved many local plast because its the tounans, just beca in the time of year and to get their yearly point count up. Tobi and David Soko low, along with Louis Sacher, Sam Dinkin, Mak Feldman, and Lynm Baker, competed in the latest nation als in Providence. Tobi and team won the MM Sternberg Women's BAM for 96.8 MPs, while Lynn Baker and her team were close behind in 4 position. Congratulations ladies Closer to home, Hutch and Barbara Hutchison, along with Sandy Potts, Ester Ellis and Mark and B.J. Sanders were at the recent Puerto Vallarta tournament where they all won at least one event and placed in others. Way to go Austin players!

## Milestones: Our newest life master

 is Robin Tucker! She's a great asset to Unit 207 and we all wish her a fun future with bridge. Silver Life Mas ter: Phillip Jaeger, Mark Sanders; Others: 100: Pritam Sooch, B.R. Tetzlaff; 200: Gloria Bennett, Lis Holzgrafe, Dwight Silver, Georg Steele; 750: Harvey Browning, M.J. Collins, Bonnie Dennis, Ken MacMorran, Sharon MacMorran, Carol Nelson, Glorainne Perrizo 1500: Doug Coppock, Becky Ellisor Richard Frankeny, Ellen Meyer, Pam Phillips; 2000: C.G. Bell, Nancy Joe, June Mengden, John Taylor; and 4000: Larry Davis.Future Austin Tournaments: Feb Future Austin Tournaments: FebBridge Center of Austin; February 26 -March 1: Austin Sectional at the Bridge Center, run by the Bridge Center; April 11-12: 0-200 Sectional at the Bridge Center; and April 30May 3: Unit 207 Sectional at the Bridge Center. Also on the calendar is the qualifying game for the Grand National Teams, flights B \& C. session event with lunch \& C: two on January 24 Planch at The upper limit for Flight $B$ is no 2500 points. Qualifying players will compete in Richardson over Memorial Day weekend for the chance to go to the Summer Nationals. For qualifying individuals, the Unit pay $\$ 500$ to each player who resents us at Nationals, while the District us atributes another \$2000 per tean contributes and $\$ 2000$ per team

The annual Unit 207 Meeting will be on February 7 @ 1:00, followed by a Unit rated free play for all Unit Mem bers attending the meeting. Put the date on your calendar!
Deceased: Matty Bergin

We began October with lots of Spe-
cial Games and winning either Club Appreciation games or Grass Roots Fund gave us lots of up-graded points.

October 10 the Midland Country Club hosted a party along with the Club Appreciation game. Great Snacks!

Several attended the Abilene Sectional tournament with Shirley Davenport and Paula Baggett "bagging a First" in the Friday night 199er game. Debra Jones and Mike a first on Saturday.

Bridge of the Permian Basin hosted a team game on October 13 and another team game on October 27. First Place team on the $13^{\text {th }}$ were Debra Jones, Mike Robinson, Mary Truex and Helen Davis; second Jean Pistole, Scott Vaughan, John Seymour and Les Neal. The team game was also Birthday Night along with Club Appreciation. Again Mike, Debra, Mary and Helen took First and Jean Scott, Amanda Shaw and Shirley Davenport Second.

The Instant ACBL Wide Instant Matchpoint game was held by Thursday Caprock Club. The Midland Thursday Club had an "Eight is Enough" team game on October 9 Halloween is always a fun time for our clubs. Belle and her group decorated for the party on the $30^{\text {th }}$. There were several in costumes and the décor was fabulous! Halloween was celebrated by the Odessa Friday night group with decorations and food galore. Scott Vaughan was winner of the costume competition dressed as Eloise; make-up, high heels and all. David Hudson came as a hound dog with perfect costume and Les Neal as a "beach bum."

The Unit 209 held a business meeting on November 9 with board members enjoying lunch. New officers were elected with Sandy Thomas, president, Sarana Savage, vice president; Belle Harris, treasurer and Dorothy Brenneman, secretary.

The November 11 game was held and celebrated Veterans Day. Don Troy came in his 1942 uniform; not many can still sport their uniforms!

The Odessa Duplicate Clubs elected new officers on November 15. President, Ann Smith, vice president, Jean Pistole; secretary, Debra Jones; treasurer Lena Nichols; along with Shirley Davenport as Club Manager. We sincerely thank those leaving office as Marilyn Matthews and her crew have done a wonderful job.

Belle has lessons going now and we have had several new players who seem to really take to the game.

Deborah is also giving lessons one night each week and is also running the Monday and Friday night games in Odessa. Some who are joining our ranks from her group are Terri Melton, Cindy Parks, Carol Hardwick, Peter Berzankis and Dr. Jan Maher. We welcome you all!

Debra Jones, Mike Robinson, Sarana Savage and Belle Harris were in Ft. Worth for the Sectional Tournament and added some red points.

Games have been rather slow lately what with sickness and travel but we appreciate those who go the "extra mile" to help. If you don't spend hours calling for players, you haven't lived!

Lena Nichols and Gloria Crites just returned from a Caribbean Cruise and they won 20 (or more) points.

We have several really under the weather. Shirley Glass returned from her Branson tour ill; luckily she had Shirley Davenport along to help her out. Les Neal had more foot surgery

Austin March Sectional
Feb. 26-Mar. 1, 2015 Bridge Center of Austin 6700 Middle Fiskville Rd., Austin

## Thursday Feb. 26

Swiss Teams, Single Session $10 \mathrm{am}, 2: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ \(\begin{array}{ll}Stratified Pairs, Single Sessions<br>299er Pairs, Single Sessions \& \begin{array}{l}10 \mathrm{am},<br>10 \mathrm{am}, 2: 30 \mathrm{pm}, 7: 30<br>2\end{array}<br>2\end{array}\) Friday Feb. 27

Swiss Teams, Single Sessions $10 \mathrm{am}, 2: 30 \mathrm{pm}$


Bracketed KO's
Saturday Feb. 28
 299er Pairs, Single Sessions
Single Session Swiss $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { 10 am, } 2: 3 \\ & 2: 30\end{aligned}$

Sunday Mar. 1
Stratiflighted Swiss Teams $\quad 10 \mathrm{am}$ \& TBA
Stratifications
(for all games based on average masterpoints) Open Pairs: A: 2000+, B: 750-2000, C: 0 -750 Sun Swiss : A: 3000+, X: 0-3000, B: 500-1500, C: 300-500, D: 0-300 Director has discretion on AX masterpoint break and between Sunday Sessions sion (\$14 non/unpaid members) \$100/Sun Swiss

| Chairs | Hotels |
| :---: | :---: |
| Laurene Jacob laurene.jacob@gmail.com | Comfort Inn Suites |
| $512-659-1486$ | 700 Delmar Ave., Austin TX 78752 |
| Mark McAllister | \$59 Weds/Thurs; \$101 Fri/Sat Hot Breakfast Included |
| markmc888@gmail.com 512-587-8524 | Booking Code "Bridge Tournamen |
| Partnerships | Midtown Holiday Inn 6000 Middle Fiskville Rd, Austin 78752 512-451-5757 |
| Rachell Jackson rachellann.tx@gmail.com 512-351-1060 | Booking Code "Bridge Center of Austin" |

and Jim Servatius (Ann's husband) is facing surgery on a broken arm. Ruby Woods is recovering from another bout of pneumonia and Jim Hawkins is in re-hab. We wish them Hawkins is in re-hab. We wish the them back soon!

Christmas parties are on tap; at least two per week so hide the scales and get ready for all the "goodies" coming our way!

So until next year (2015 already!) we wish you and yours the best!

## Jean



Fort Phantom Unit held there Sectional Tournament in October and were very happy with the 299 game attendance. Coleen Grisham, chairman and teacher prevailed upon her students to attend as well as our reguar C players, and was rewarded with good afternoon games both Friday and Saturday. I was partnership chairman and was able to pair 2 genleman who lived in the same town but did not know each other, They won and placed in several events and hat was a satisfying outcome. We had 109 tables and awarded 412.80 points to 90 players.

The Instant Matchpoint game was early this year and fell on Thursday afternoon before our tournament. Being that was Coleen's game,. she directed that as well. Winners of that event were:

N/S A1 Lera Lewis, Dee Stearns; A2 Robert Patton, Pat Ramsey; A3 Coleen Grisham, Bette Byrd; B1 Martha Murphy, Bobbie Grier; B2 Sue Patton, Bobbie Olson.

E/W A1 Betty Henderson, Peggy Ford; A2 B1 C1 Betty Duke, Robin Julian; A3 B2 Darla Mawson, Coyita Bowker.

Halloween was celebrated with a
Treats" and a nice crowd. 1st overall tied between Coleen Grisham and Bette Byrd and Pat Ramsey and Betty Henderson. Betty H. deserved to b noticed with her very PINK hair.

Looking at the District Wide Mini McKinney race Jo Smith is leading with 715.34 points. Robert Patton is in filter place 23 with 236.75 points Keep wining and stay ahead.

The Mini-McKinney awards are given for total points won during the year and the leaders on the Nov 6 posting for unit 224 were the following: 0-5 Linda Scarborough 11.26 5-20 Jeff Lewis 38.23, 20-50 Beverly Joosten 14.21, 50-100 Jim Alvis 39.93 100-200 Ann Jay 64.49, 200-
played regularly and won the "Rookie of the Year". award. Moving back to Houston, she did not pick up a game to play in. When she settled in Ste-
phenville in 1980, the nearest Dupliphenville in 1980, the nearest Dupli-
cate game was in Eastland, which was cate game was in Eastland, which was
part of Fort Phantom unit. Qualifying part of Fort Phantom unit. Qualifying
to play in unit games prompted Pat to move her membership to this unit. She was soon asked to serve on the Board of Directors by President Sam Wellhausen, whom she also partnered with. Pat continued to play in Abilene and served on the Board when Howard Wilkins became president as well. She served three terms and was Club Manager and Vice President during that time. Pat plays with Betty Henderson, and Jo Smith on a regular basis.

Her first tournament was in El Paso in 1984 and she continues to attend as many as possible which has earned her over 2500 points. She has won he Mini-McKinney award several times as she progressed through the rankings. Pat has been married to Jack Ramsey for fifty-five years. They have three children and six grand children all living near Stephenville. We all enjoy Pat at tournaments and club games as she always has a smile and something nice to say. Thanks Pat for choosing Unit 224.

At the Bridge Etc. game on December , with 6 tables, Glynda Groves and Jeff Lewis scored a 70.33 game. Ed Grant commented that when you have 69.25 game, you don't a all of you.

I hope everyone had a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New. Year Play more bridge in 2015

## Bette Byrd

Abilene Harvest Sectional
90 players : 109 tables.
1 16.37 Terry Riely
2 16.37 Carolyn Riely
3 14.53 Neal Perlman
5 13.53 Jo Smith
6 13.32 Tommy Splittgerber 811.63 Gene Gamm
811.63 Gene Gammill

9 11.63 Flo Curry
10 11.32 Suzanne Dorris
Friday Afternoon Open Prs-15.0 Tables / Based on 21 Tables A1. Norma Walker-Suzanne Dorris A2 Terry Riely-Carolyn Riely B1. John Gibson-Monte West B2. Vicky Fisher-Judy Wilde C1. Eugene LuxKendall Early C2. Ann Jay-James Jay Friday Afternoon 299r Prs-5.5 Tables AB1. Shirley Davenport-Paula Baggett AB2C1. Jackie BatjerTiffany Wagstaff C2. Barbara PayneClaude Payne
Friday Evening Open Pairs-12.0 Tables AB1. Pat Ramsey-Martha Murphy AB2. Carol Whitten-Betty Henderson C1, Sue Patton C2. Judy Henderson C1, Sue Patton
Saturday Morning Open Prs-7.0 Tables A1. Neal Perlman-Tommy Splittgerber A2. Norma Walker Suzanne Dorris B1. Eugene Lux Kendall Early B2. Gloria RowlandBetty Wilkinson
Fri/Sat KO-Bracket 1-5 Tables 1.
Terry Riely-Venkatrao KoneruCarolyn Riely-Jo Smith 2. Warren Haney-Anne Spitler-John GibsonMonte West
Saturday Aft Open Prs-13.5 Tables Based on 18 Tables AB1. Gloria Rowland-Betty Wilkinson AB2. Bett Byrd-Coleen Grisham Suzanne Dor is-Norma Walker C1. Judy Ma thews-Glynda Groves C2. Shyla McGill, Hobbs NM; Nancy Hollyfield
Saturday Aft 299r Prs-3.5 Tables AB1. Mike Robinson-Debra Jones AB2C1. Jackie Batjer-Tiffany Wagstaff C2. David Samuelson-Candace Samuelson
Saturday Evening Open Prs-12.5 Tables AB1. Nancy Jean Harris Brenda Chapman A2. Neal PerlmanTommy Splittgerber B2. Coyita Bowker-James Alvis C1. Nancy Hol-lyfield-Shyla McGill C2. Paula Baggett-Shirley Davenport

## PINEY WOODS SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

February 19- February 21, 2015
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS -NORTH LONGVIEW
300 Tuttle Circle (just off Loop 281 near Longview Mall) Longview, Texas 75605 903-663-6464

Thursday - February 19, 2015
Bracketed Knockouts Teams I, (1 \& 2 of 4) 9:30 2:00
Stratified 299er Pairs (single sessions) $\quad 9.30$
2.00
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Stratified Open Pairs (single sessions) } & \text { 9:30 } & \text { 2:00 }\end{array}$

## Friday - February 20, 2015

Bracketed Knockouts Teams I, (3 \& 4) 9:30 2:00 Compact KO's (1 \& 2)
$\begin{array}{ll}9: 30 & 2: 00 \\ 9: 30 & 2: 00\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Stratified 299er Pairs (single sessions) } & 9: 30 & \text { 2:00 } \\ 0: 30 & 2: 00\end{array}$
Stratifications (Based on average masterpoints of pair or team)
KO" s may be handicapped
Open Pairs: A:2000+, B:750-2000, C: 0-750 299er Pairs: A:200-300, B:100-200, C:0-100

Saturday - February 21, 2015
Bracketed Swiss Teams - 2 Sessions 10:00 TBA Stratifications (Based on average masterpoints of pair or team) KO" s may be handicapped
Teams: A:4000+ AX: 0-4000(A/AX play together), 0-2000 Bracketed
299 er Bracketed (if there are enough 299er teams)

## Tournament Chairpersons

Mike Graham 903-918-8642 babaloolop@yahoo.com
Shirley Shelton 903-245-9573 shirleyshelton@live.com

## Partnership Chairpersons

Diane Squyres 903-291-0268
Ginny Jones 903-758-3176
Refreshments Compliments of Longview Duplicate Bridge Club Members
 Saturday Swiss Teams \$108
Director in Charge • John Smalley
Host Hotel -Bridge Rate $\$ 85.00$ Holiday Inn Express-North Longview 300 Tuttle Circle Longview_, TX 75605
903-663-6464 (complimentary breakfast)
Additional Hotel-Candlewood Suites Bridge Rate $\$ 85.00$
2904Tuttle Circle Long-view, TX 75605 903-663-9751 (pet friendly)

Sunday Stratified Swiss-15 Tables A1. Neal Perlman-Tommy Splittger-ber-Gene Gammill-Flo Curry A2. Terry Riely-Carolyn Riely-Venkatrao Koneru-Jo Smith B1. Barbara Wright -Nancy Jean Harris-Brenda Chapman -Betty Horne B2. Pat Ramsey-Betty Henderson-Peggy Jean Ford-Martha Murphy C1. Sue Patton-Barbara Bridges-Norma Labarthe- Joan Paradeis C2. Shyla McGill-Nancy Hollyfield Gina Schultz-Walter Langendorf


It's not too early to start planning for the regional Tournament of Stars in Tyler, TX on November 9-15, 2015 There are lots of options to choose from and the information is on the ACBL website under tournaments.

## 70\% Games

On October the 21st, Peggy Wright/ Gay Roach had a $73.96 \%$ game at the Nacogdoches DBC_and they also had a $76.04 \%$ game on November
$11^{\text {th }}$. Unfortunately there were only 3.5 tables or that would have been in the Bridge Bulletin. Peggy Singer/ Edwyna Testerman had a $71.30 \%$ game on Oct. $15^{\text {th }}$ and Shirley Shelton/Shirley Matthews had a $70.24 \%$ game on Oct. $20^{\text {th }}$ at the Longview game on Oct. 20 at the Longview DBC. Doris Hoback/Heidi Bradsher had a $70.24 \%$ game on $17^{\text {th }}$ at the Sheila Bell DBC.

On October $27^{\text {th }}$ in the Swiss Teams Club Appreciation team game at the Longview DBC, the team of Paula Edwards/ Shreedhara Ramarathnam/ Margaret Porter/Joyce Hahn won $1^{\text {st }}$ OA, Beth Hankins/Beryl Cobb/Diane Squyres/Ginny Jones won $2^{\text {nd }}$, and Edwyna Testerman/Gayle Mauldin/ Harold Blair/Merriam Blair won $3^{\text {rd }}$. In the Swiss teams Club Appreciation team game on October $29^{\text {th }}$, the winning team was Kay Wright/E

Schovanec/Linda Harrison/Sandy Lansing. Edwyna Testerman/Billie Spain/Judy Kelly/Pat Cawley won Spain/Judy Kelly/Pat Cawley won
second. Shirley Shelton/Peggy Singer/Linda Tillery/Patricia Stracener and the team of Dorothy cener and the team of Dorothy
McCasland/Nelda Avent/Joan Cobb/ McCasland/Nelda Avent/Joan Cobb/ Sue Latham tied for $3^{\text {rd }} / 4^{\text {th }}$.

Longview DBC had a reception for Megan Porter and Paula Edwards for achieving Life Master status. Congratulations, Ladies! The beautiful and delicious cake was brought by Bernice Stolle.

I'm sorry this wasn't in on time, but Sandy Hilliard made Silver Life master on April 28, 2014. Great job, Sandy!

Unit Game
At the Unit 225 game on Nov. $8^{\text {th }}$, Chester Neel/Shirley Matthews ran off with $1^{\text {st }}$ N/S. Mary and Don Bartley strolled in for $2^{\text {nd }}$ while Richard and Mary Hinkle skipped away with $3^{\text {rd }}$. Sitting E/W, Cliff Dillard/ Wanda Allen strutted away with $1^{\text {st }}$ and $1^{\text {st }}$ OA. Emily Leake/Brenda Baker sashayed off with $2^{\text {nd }}$ and Beryl Cobb/Beth Hankins danced away with $3^{\text {rd }}$.

The schedule for Longview DBC will change in 2015. Games will be Mondays @ 12:30, Wednesdays @ 10:30 (new time), Thursdays @ 12:30 (new time) and once or twice monthly Saturdays @ 10:30. Check wrdays @ 10:30. Check out formation. (Ennis Dyess has done information. (Ennis Dyess has done an just keeps getting better and better!)

Jean Roach writes that, "On Halloween, Minnie Mouse (Carol Sossamon) transformed The Bridge Studio at Cedar Creek into a "House of Fright" with scary foods and scenes at every turn. The Black Widow (Gloria Rowland) directed the spooky game with most of the players in costumes. The scariest of all was the Ebola Virus (Deanna Drab), the most authentic was Pocahontas (Bonnie Magee) and the cutest was Thing


## Temple Sectional

February 20-22, 2015
Cultural Activities Center 3011 North $3^{\text {rd }}$ Street Temple, TX 76501

FRIDAY, February 20
Swiss Teams (single sessions) $\quad 10$ a.m., 2:30 p.m. Stratified Pairs (single sessions) $\quad 10$ a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.**299er Pair Game $\quad 10$ a.m., 2:30 p.m
(Masterpoints for pairs and teams are averaged)
SATURDAY, February 21
Bracketed KO Teams* (3 sessions) 10 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Swiss Teams (single session) 2:30 p.m. Stratified Pairs (single sessions) 10 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.** 299er Pair Game 10 a.m., 2:30 p.m.
*KO may be handicapped per director's discretion
(Masterpoints for pairs and teams are averaged)
SUNDAY, February 22
Stratified Swiss Teams 10:00 a.m. \& TBA
Meal provided between sessions
** Swiss format may be changed by agreement of Tournament
Chair and Director in Charge **
** Evening Pair games REGIONALLY RATED Grass Roots Fund Stratifications
Pairs: A: $2000+$ B: 750-2000 C: 0-750
Swiss: A: $2500+/ A X: 0-2500$ TBD by DIC (Play Together)
B: 750-2000 C: 100-750 D: 0-100 (BCD Play Together)

## Tournament Chair

Malissa Baugh 254.778.2918 / 254.217.2918 issab64@sbcglobal.net

## Partnerships

Helen Simonette 254.947.5790 hsimonette@embarqmail.com

## Tournament Hotel

Motel 6: Tournament Rate $\$ 50.84$
1610 W. Nugent Ave., Temple, TX 76504 254-770-1100 Entry Fees
ACBL Members: $\$ 11.00 /$ Session
Non-Members: $\$ 14.00 /$ Session Students: $\$ 6.00$ entry
Swiss Team: \$100.00/Team

Two (Dale Molander.) All proceeds went to the Mabank Area Good Samaritans food bank. The team of Jo Booth, Phillip Brantley, Deanna Drab and Carol Sossamon won first place in the Swiss Team Event.

Charity events continue through the emainder of the year. Our Christmas Party on Dec. $12^{\text {th }}$ is a "Toys for Tots" drive where the entry fee is a new toy or a $\$ 10$ contribution. "Santa's Kids" is our local charity in December and these proceeds along with additional individual contributions are presented to Sandy Hilliard in time to purchase Christmas gifts for the foster children of mas Zandt County We "Share Lunch" and exchange ornaments as Cunch and exchange ornaments as ing forward to the New Year and lots of duplicate bridge!"

Brenda Baker's husband, Clifford Charles "Pinky" Baker, has passed way. He was a leader in the community and very active in volunteer work. Please keep Brenda and her family and Terry Slater and Nona Clark in your prayers.


Caroline Baumann discontinued posting daily game results for the Unit bridge clubs as of Dec. 1. She will continue to keep the Unit 233 Home Page up-to-date by posting emails ournament dates, etc. Our special thanks to Caroline for all she ha done almost daily for ten years.

FYI, daily club game results are now posted at acbl.org and scroll down to club results." The ACBL website contains an awesome amount of information of all types-go!

Kudos to club manager Dale Allen who made the Oct. 29 Swiss team mentor game a club appreciation game which awarded $5 \%$ gold points to each of the eight teams all of whom won at least one round. Winners were: first, Wanda Carter, Malissa Baugh, Pat Johnson, Helen Levy second, Judy Mathews, Rowland Bartoo, Mike Bukala, Tom Corlett third, Rita Wiegenstein, Bill McIn doo, Trudi Lamendola, Melody Euler.

Congratulations to: (1) Rita Wiegenstein new Bronze Life Master. (2) $70 \%$ game winners at Monday Slammers BC, Pat Kelly and Darlene Reynolds, $70.02 \%$; Ronnie and Marcia Ives,
$70.33 \%$.
A hearty welcome to Hateva Horn, Temple, who transferred from Phoe nix Unit 354. Best wishes to Alva Blaine who moved to Corpus Christi in South Texas Unit 187.

2015 calendar:Temple sectional tournament Feb. 20-22, Temple CAC Unit GNT qualifying for Flts. B \& C (less than 2500 MP 's), 2 sessions, 10 a.m., March 29, CAC Strasburger Hall. Waco sectional tournament Aug 7-9, location TBA. Unit-final North American Pairs qualifying for Flts. A, B, \& C, 1 session, 1 p.m., Sept. 13, CAC Strasburger Hall. Mark your calendars and beready to participate in these great games.

Happy New Year!


Driving home last night, I observed how the full moon changed her apparel so quickly. First she shined alone in the vast darkness of the sky and then a cloud wrapped itself around her neck and she resembled a

TEXXAS INDEPENDENCE SFCTTOEALL
San Angelo, Texas
February 13, 14 \& 15, 2015
Suez Shrine Center
2915 Loop 306
Sanction \#S1502055
Friday, February 13, 2015

| Friday, February 13, 2015 |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | ---: |
| Stratified Pairs | Single Sessions | 10 am \& 3 pm |
| 0-300 Pairs (3 tables minimum) | Single Sessions | $10 \mathrm{am} \& 3 \mathrm{pm}$ |
| Bracketed KO Teams* | I of III | 3 pm |
| KO may be handicapped per director's discretion |  |  |

Saturday, February 14, 2015


This is a Non-Smoking, Non-Spittin', Non-Chewin' Toumament with Breaks Director: Two-Gun Scott Humphrey Entry Fees: $\$ 10.00 /$ SWISS $\$ 88.00$ per Team $\$ 3.00$ additional per session for non or unpaid ACBL members

Lunch between sessions on Sunday
Free coffee, iced tea \& the best doggone refreshments you ever



Other hotels:
Hampton Inn, 325-942-9622 LaQuinta, 325-949-0515, Microtel Inn \& Suites 325-277-4866
Call to reserve yer bunk early so you'll git them special rates at Best
em Rates good through February 5,2014 at Best Western (limite
Git Yerself a Pardner \& Have a TEXAS-SIZED Good Time!

# Mcallen Sectional <br> Mcallen Cammunity Center 

March 6-8, 2015
Echa Hatel d Canference Center
1903 South Clasner Blud.
Edinlurg, $\mathfrak{T X} 78539$
956-383-3823
Friday, March 6, and Saturday, March 7
Stratified Open Pairs (Single Session) 9:30am 11:45pm
Fees: $\$ 11.00$ per sessian
Sunday, March 8, Stratified Swiss Seams
(2 sessians)
9:30am/Jßa
Fees: $\$ 100.00$ per team
Stratification: A 1500+: $\operatorname{B100-1500}$ : © 0-500
Lunch $\$ 8$ Friday and Saturday

Tournament Chair
$\mathcal{P a r t n e r s h i p ~ C h a i r ~}$
Rene Wallace
Gretchen Chapa
956-682-0460
woman peaking over her new mink collar with remarkable poise. Suddenly her face was covered by that same dark collar she had peaked over so victoriously and I mused how bridge seemed to behave in the same manner for behave in the same manner for
me. Some days I am alone at the me. Some days I am alone at the
bridge table and all is well. Then a bridge table and all is well. Then a
challenge arises and I have all the challenge arises and I have all the
right answers in my brain and right answers in my brain and
there is the thrill of victory, but just there is the thrill of victory, but just
as suddenly the confusion of a as suddenly the confusion of a
misplayed or bid hand has me misplayed or bid hand has me
raving at my blunder. But it is always a new challenge and I love every moment of it.

We have said "goodby " to a great bridge player, Robert Lewis. He is missed so very much. He would have been 96 in one week from his death, but he had gone fishing in the Gulf, one of his favorite pastimes.

Khalifa Ahmed ran off to the Phoenix Regional and won 15.19 (GP) and $4.44(\mathrm{RD})$ points for a total of 19.63 Points, congratulaions Khalifa!! He also went to Abilene Sectional and won 3.49 Silver Points. Great work!!!!!

Our group honored Tuck Harvey for receiving her Master Point rating. Way to go gal!!!!

We are planning a big Christmas get together on the 12 of December. Spouses are invited for the dinner even if they don't play Bridge. We will be having standing rib roast and turkey. We are all looking forward to it and pray all looking forward to it and

Masterpoint Leaders for October are Carolyn Kay with 2.43, Suzanne Sosa with 2.17, Joan Paradeis with 2.17, Kathleen Brown with 1.63 and Nancy Purcell with 0.80 . High percentage games were Carolyn Kay and Nancy Purcell with 66.67 and Suzanne Sosa and Joan Paradeis with 65.00. October Unit Games Results were Rose Van Meter and Patty Hofer with 6369, Margaret Kirkland and Kathleen Brown with 59.52, Annetta Vaccarella and Nell Lister with 54.76, Leon Vaccarella and Wanda Gaynor with 53.57.

Bridge Center Point Leaders were

Dave Hertzog 7.84, Leon Vacarells with 7.73, Ray Renk with 7.58, Tomie Johnson with 4.81, Susan Brower with 4.79, Mike Terry with 4.79 and Margaret Kirkland with 4.64. High Percent Kirkland 4.66 . Yigh Percentage Gaike Tery with 66.67, Mer and Mirla 1 6.67, Margaret Kirland and Tomie Johnson with 65.9, Susan Brower and Mike Terry with 63.89 also Ray Renk and Dave hertzog with 63.19.

Vernon Duplicate Bridge Club Masterpoint Leaders were Susan Couch with 14.33, Ruth Streit with 11.47, Carole Tucker with 11.07, Ann Halsell with 10.75, and Donna Lorance with 5.73. High Percentage Games were Anne Halsell and Susan Couch with 75.00, Anne Halsell and Susan Couch with 71.00, Anne Halsell and Susan Couch with66.67 and Barbara Quinby and Susan Couch with 64.00 .

Bridge-A-Gap Master Point Leaders were Joan Paradeis with 7.11, Dee McKinley with 6.39, Jolene Brantly with 5.94, Nancy Purcell with 5.51 , Carolyn Kay with 5.47 , Wanda Hughes with 5.35, and Gladys Barley with5.10.

Bridge Club Unit Games were Tomie Johnson and Cave Hertzog with 68.00, Dee McKinley and Wanda Hughes with 67.71, Carolyn Kay and Joan Paradeis with 64.64, Pat Robinson and Dee McKinley with 64.58, Wanda Hughes and Dee McKinley with 64.58 , and Lois Roberson and Jolene Brantley with 63.02, and Marsha Mae and Martha Keller with 62.91 and they are our new players so I want to give them a big shout out!!!!!!!!
So much for our news. Thanks for the space.


## Hi Everybody!

Hope you had a wonderful holiday season. May the New Year be prosperous for you with lots of good Bridge. -

Many thanks to Wyne Bahr and the Monday Board for the wonderful Christmas party. Wayne and his wife, Maureen, did the ham, Paula Parks did the turkeys, and Walt Llangendorf's wife and Gina Schultz did the dressing. Julie Benson helped a lot with clean-up and set-up as she usually does. Wayne requests that anyone who has bills for reimbursement give them to Alice Alene Floyd. Bonta Thompson was a member of the winning pair.

I am sad to report that Glenna Esmond is in the hospital at Covenant. Her address is 208 Ventura, 3026 54th St. Lubbock, 79413. I know she would enjoy a card.
$70 \%$ games were won by Gary and Charlote Blaiss, by Billie Mitchell and Al Postar and by Howie Huynh and Elizabeth Mackey. Congratulations to all. Plan to play in our spring Sectional March 6, 7, and 8 at the Bridge March 6, 7, and 8 at the Bridge
Center. You will enjoy smoe of Center. You will enjoy smoe of
the best food around. Marsha the best food around. Marsha
Postar has agreed to chair the tournament for us

I don't have a lot of news since bad weather with cold and lots of snow and ice has forced us to cancel many Bridge games. Hopefuly the weather will improve soon so that we can continue to enjoy this game we love. Happy New Year!

Sandi Krahmer


Bridge is very active in The Magic Rio Grande Valley, with games in McAllen, Alamo, Harlingen, Brownsville, and Padre Island. New players to our group are Kris Mion, Patty Withington, Adriana Canales, Sonia Vaisman, Letty Nering, Caro Mayo, Susan Johnson, and Joe Ramirez. Congratulations to Joe Ramirez who will be teaching Bridge at STC College

# 60th Beaumont Spindletop Sectional 

 March 5-8, 2015Non-aеße Members
$\$ 1.00$ mare per sessian

## Tournament Location

Beaumont Bridge Studio 950 North Street Beaumont, TX 77701 409-838-2447
Host Hotels
Sleep Inn and Suites
2030 N. 11th Street, Beaumo
409-892-6700
$\$ 69$ per night (by
Free Internet and Continental Breakfast
Holiday Inn Express
7140 Eastex Freeway, Beaumont 77708 409-892-3600
Rate: $\$ 89$ per night (by Feb 10 - Code BSS) Free Internet and Full Breakfast

## Entry Fees

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

## Stratification*

Open: A (2000+), B (750-2000), C (0-750)
299er: A (200-300), B (100-200), C (0-100) ${ }^{*}$ Strats are based on team or pair average.

Schedule of Events Thursday, March 5, 2015
Stratified Open Pairs ................... 9:30a, 1:30p 299er Pairs .................................. 9:30a, 1:30p (Single Sessions)
Friday, March 6, 2015
Stratified Open Pairs ..................... 9:30a, 1:30p 299er Pairs ....................................
(Single Sessions)
Saturday, March 7, 2015
Stratified Open Pairs
. 9:30a, 1:30p
299er Pairs.
(Single.....................
Sunday, March 8, 2015
Stratified Swiss Teams................ 9:30a and TBA
Tournament Chairs
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Partnership Chair Martha Oliver
409-658-4628 or granmar45@hotmail.com

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

Thanks to Delores Jensen, Andrea Klein, Chuck Anderson and Johnny Johnson for directing and all the things they do for the rest of us. We love and appreciate all of you.

Lyle McNeil and Chuck Anderson $71.76 \%$ on Nov 17th. Lyle is one of our newest player and he was bringing in all partners for a few games. Nov 19th, first with Gleen Mabee $62.5 \%$ and 1st with Neta VanBebber on Nov 26th $68.52 \%$. Did I mention that Lyle is 92 and took up duplicate last year. He won the

Ace of Clubs in $0-5$ for 2013. Everyone loves Lyle. Lyle is a retired PGA golf professional A few weeks ago at the table he suggested to me that there should be a handicap like golf. He said he and his partners combined age was 184. Maybe subtract our combined ages (154) and make a few trip adjustment at the end of the round.

Winter Texans are starting to arrive for the winter and it is wonderful to have them back.

## Houston Unit 174 proudly presents the $\mathbf{5 4}^{\text {th }}$ annual

## Damuary 26-7ebruary 1. 2015



## Marriott Houston Westchase

2900 Briar Park Drive, Houston, TX 77042
Reservations: 713-978-7400, 1-888-236-2427 Room Rate: \$129
Cut-off date for room rates: January 9, 2015

## Intermediate-Newcomer Schedule

49'r \& 299'r pairs Monday @ 2:30 \& 7:00 and Tuesday-Saturday @ 10, 2:30 \& 7:30 9:30 \& TBA Sunday
0-5 Pairs at $10 \& 2: 30$ each day if attendance warrants
Session and overall awards will be red points.
At the end of the tournament, the I/N player amassing the most points will be awarded a special trophy.

## I/N Strats

299'r Events:
.A: 200-300 $\quad$ B: 100-200
C: 0-100
A: 20-50
B: 5-20
C: 0-5

## I/N CHAIR

Kathy Hughes; 281-437-1339; Ihughes39@att.net


## 0-750 WIN GOLD!

Six Bracketed Swiss Events
Top four teams in each Bracket win Gold!
Wednesday and Saturday Gold Rush Pairs (10 \& 2:30)
All who have Section Tops and/or place in the Overalls in Flight C win Gold!

## Lectures Tuesday-Saturday at 2:00 PM <br> Topics to be announced

Entry Fees<br>$\$ 13$ for all events<br>\$4 more for non and unpaid ACBL members

## Tournament Co-Chairs

Beverley Cheatham; 281-444-1300; Beverley_Cheatham@att.net Nancy Strohmer; 713-882-0626; nastrohmer@yahoo.com

Daily Open Pair Championships
Monday Charity Pairs (extra points)(2 sessions) 2:30 \& 7:30
Tuesday Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions) .......... 10 \& 2:30
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
8 Saturday
Sunday Ax, Mid-Flight, GR Pairs (2 sessions).... .10 \& 2:30 Stratified Open Pairs ( 2 sessions) .......... 10 \& 2:30 Stratified Open Pairs ( 2 sessions) .......... 10 \& 2:30 Ax, Mid-Flight, GR Pairs (2 sessions)....... 10 \& 2:30 Stratified Pairs (2 sessions)................. 9:30 \& TBA
$26+$ boards expected in all two session open pair games

## Three Side Game Series

Your best two games count toward the overalls

| Morning Series | Tuesday-Saturday.............................10:00 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Afternoon Series | Monday-Saturday................................2:30 |
| Evening Series | Monday-Saturday................................7:30 |

## Knockouts \& Swiss Every Day

KO 1......................... Monday @ 7 \& Tuesday-Thursday @ 7:30
KO 2..................................Tuesday \& Wednesday @ 10 \& 2:30
KO 3 $\qquad$ Wednesday \& Thursday @ 10 \& 2:30
KO 4. $\qquad$ Thursday \& Friday @ 10 \& 2:30 KO 5........................................Friday \& Saturday @ 10 \& 2:30 Compact KO 1 $\qquad$ Wednesday \& Thursday @ 7:30 Compact KO 2 ................................. Thursday \& Friday @ 7:30 Compact KO 3 .....................................Friday \& Saturday @ 7:30 Compact KO 4....................................... Saturday @ 10 \& 2:30 Bracketed Swiss (2 sessions).....Monday-Saturday @ 2:30 \& 7:30
13. Stratified Swiss (Single sessions) .........Tuesday-Saturday @ 2:30 Stratified Swiss (Single sessions) ............. Tues, Fri \& Sat @ 7:30 Late Night KO. $\qquad$ Sunday@ $9 \cdot 30$ @ 11
trati-Flighted Swiss (2 sessions).............. Sunday @ 9:30 \& TBA
KO's may be handicapped

## Stratification \& Flighting

| Stratified Events | A:2000+; B:750-2000; C:0-750 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Ax Pairs | A:5000+; Ax:0-5000 (A \& Ax play together) |
| Mid-Flight Pairs | B:1500-3000; Bx:0-1500 (B \& Bx play togethe |
| Gold Rush Pairs | C:300-750; Cx:0-300 (C \& Cx play together) |
| Strati-Flighted Swiss | A:4000+ Ax:0-4000 (A \& Ax play together) B:0-3000 Bracketed |
| Bracketed Swiss | Brackets of 7-9 teams by total MP holding |
| Team or pair and wit Strats $m$ | ir average used for all stratified events thin filights for strati-flighted events may vary at the Director's discretion. |

## Partnerships

For partnerships in advance of the tournament, please use www.unit174partnership.com
Bill Riley; 832-289-3833; partnershipu174@gmail.com会 (4)


## Monday, January 26

Charity Pairs (Extra Points!)............................ 2:30 \& 7:30
Side Pairs ..................................................... 2:30 \& 7:30
Bracketed Swiss Teams (double session).......... 2:30 \& 7:30
Evening KO \#1 (session 1 of 4) ................................. 7:30
49'r \& 299'r Pairs .......................................... 2:30 \& 7:30
0-5 Pairs....................................................... 2:30 \& 7:30
Tuesday, January 27
Open Pairs...................................................10:00 \& 2:30
Morning Side Game Series ........................................10:00
Tue-Wed KO \#2 (sessions 1 \& 2)....................10:00 \& 2:30
49'r \& 299'r Pairs ................................10:00, 2:30 \& 7:30
0-5 Pairs.
10:00 \& 2:30
Afternoon Side Game Series ...................................... 2:30
Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)........................ 2:30
Bracketed Swiss Teams (double session).......... 2:30 \& 7:30
Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)....................... 7:30
Evening KO \#1 (session 2 of 4) ................................. 7:30
Evening Side Game Series ........................................ 7:30

## Wednesday, January 28

Ax Pairs.........................................................10:00 \& 2:30
Mid-Flight Pairs ................................................10:00 \& 2:30
Gold Rush Pairs 10:00 \& 2:30
Morning Side Game Series..........................................10:00
Tue-Wed KO \#2 (sessions 3 \& 4).....................10:00 \& 2:30
Wed-Thu KO \#3 (sessions 1 \& 2).....................10:00 \& 2:30
49'r \& 299'r Pairs ................................... 10:00, 2:30 \& 7:30
0-5 Pairs.
$10: 00 \& 2: 30$
Afternoon Side Game Series ....................................... 2:30
Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)........................ 2:30
Bracketed Swiss Teams (double session)........... 2:30 \& 7:30
Evening KO \#1 (session 3 of 4) .................................. 7:30
Evening Compact KO \#1 (session 1 of 2)...................... 7:30
Evening Side Game Series .......................................... 7:30

## Thursday, January 29

Open Pairs.......................................................10:00 \& 2:30
Morning Side Game Series...........................................10:00
Wed-Thu KO \#3 (sessions 3 \& 4).....................10:00 \& 2:30
Thu-Fri KO \#4 (sessions 1 \& 2)........................10:00 \& 2:30
49'r \& 299'r Pairs ................................... 10:00, 2:30 \& 7:30
0-5 Pairs.........................................................10:00 \& 2:30
Afternoon Side Game Series ....................................... 2:30
Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)........................ 2:30
Bracketed Swiss Teams (double session).......... 2:30 \& 7:30
Evening Compact KO \#1 (session 2 of 2)...................... 7:30
Evening Compact KO \#2 (session 1 of 2)..................... 7:30
Evening KO \#1 (session 4 of 4) ................................... 7:30
Evening Side Game Series ........................................... 7:30

## Section Top Awards in Pairs and for First Place Teams in KO and Swiss <br> The Awards desk will be open 1 hour before each session.

Friday, January 30
Open Pairs. ..... $10: 00$ \& 2:30
Morning Side Game Series ..... 10:00
Thu-Fri KO \#4 (sessions 3 \& 4) ..... $10: 00$ \& 2:30
49'r \& 299'r Pairs ..... $10: 00,2: 30 \& 7: 30$
10:00 \& 2:30
Afternoon Side Game Series ..... 2:30
Stratified Swiss Teams (single session) ..... 2:30
Stratified Swiss Teams (single session) ..... 7:30
Evening Compact KO \#2 (session 2 of 2), ..... 7:30
Evening Compact KO \#3 (session 1 of 2) ..... 7:30
Late night KO ..... 11:00
Saturday, January 31
Ax Pairs ..... $10: 00$ \& 2:30
Mid-Flight Pairs ..... $10: 00$ \& 2:30
Gold Rush Pairs 10:00 \$ 2:30
Morning Side Game Series ..... 10:00
Fri-Sat KO \#5 (sessions 3 \& 4). ..... $10: 00$ \& 2:30
Compact KO \#4 (two sessions) ..... $10: 00$ \& 2:30
49'r \& 299'r Pairs ..... $10: 00,2: 30 \& 7: 30$
0-5 Pairs. ..... 10:00 \& 2:30
Stratified Afternoon Side Game Series ..... 2:30
Stratified Swiss Teams (single session) ..... 2:30
Bracketed Swiss Teams(double session) ..... 2:30 \& 7:30
Evening Compact KO \#3 (session 2 of 2) ..... 7:30
Stratified Swiss Teams (single session). ..... 7:30
Stratified Evening Side Game Series ..... 7:30
Sunday, February 1
Open Pairs ..... 9:30 \& TBA
Strati-flighted Swiss Teams. ..... 9:30 \& TBA
49'r \& 299'r Pairs ..... 9:30 \& TBA
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