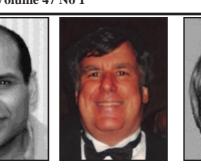
# American Contract Bridge League District 16 **SCORECA** Bridge News Bulletin for The Texas Regional Conference January/February 2015

San Antonio, Texas

Jim Thurtell

**District 16** 

President









Babu Koneru

complished in a year and so there are things I hope will happen that

will have to be done in another

president's term. I would like to see the ACBL set up an actual rating system for the players. The

masterpoint system we have now

is actually a rewards system, not a rating system and should therefore

not be the primary method for

stratifying players. We all know

players that have accumulated

5000 points, but are no longer

competitive in a flight A field.

Likewise we all have seen the

brilliant twenty-something year

old that shouldn't be playing in

flight C even though he only has

250 points. We need an actual

rating system if we are going to

attempt (which the ACBL seems

to be doing) to increase compati-

ble group play. Simply grouping

players together because of their

accumulated masterpoints does

not work. We need a system that

ranks your current play, like ten-

On a district level, I would like to

see District 16 set up a program

where you could buy advanced

entries at a tournament using your

credit card. It should be able for a

player to come to the opening day

of a tournament and purchase

four, six or ten entries. We could

charge his/her credit card and give

them entry certificates that they

could use at that tournament. If

might well cut down on the entry

line time, because the line will

move much faster if you don't

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nis, golf or chess.

Mike Passell

Tobi Sokolow

Justin Lall

Bart Bramley

# 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**

Given that Texas is a community prop-

erty state, that's nine wins for her and

Senior NABC Correspondent

nine for me! Seriously, I'm very proud of Tobi's accomplishments. Nice going, honey! San Antonio's Babu Koneru won the Nail Life Master Pairs, named for the late, great Houston player, Bobby Nail.

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's 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 Chris Compton, Dallas, and Mark Feldman, Austin, ran eighth. Shawn also finished tenth in the Life Master Women's Pairs, playing with Juanita Chambers, Garland. Finally, a personal 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 Pairs (playing with Mrs. S). Take it from me, the "Card Turner" could have learned a thing or two watching him play.

164.19 Tobi Sokolow, Austin 139.53 Ira Hessel, San Antonio 133.75 Joe Quinn, Sugar Land 130.52 Dan Morse, Houston 129.87 John Sutherlin, Dallas 124.64 Bob Hamman, Dallas 98.04 Shawn Quinn, Sugar Land 96.38 Nancy Kornegay, N Richlnd Hls 96.38 Stephen Kornegay, N Richlnd Hls 92.87 Sam Dinkin, Austin 86.77 Hemant Lall, Dallas 82.36 Chris Compton, Dallas 78.91 Eddie Wold, Houston 77.80 Steve Shirey, Fort Worth 56.47 Mark Feldman, Austin 54.54 Joan Jackson, Dallas 54.54 Nancy Passell, Plano 52.65 John Burgoin, Brownsville 50.10 Louis Sachar, Austin 34.10 Greg Hinze, San Antonio 29.74 Peggy Sutherlin, Dallas Smith Life Mast Womens Pr 11 Mildred Breed, Tomball; Claudette Hartman, Austin 12 Juanita Chambers, Garland ; Shawn Quinn, Sugar Land Life Master Pairs 1 Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio 13 Bob Hamman, Dallas 16 Joe Quinn, Sugar Land ; Ira Hessel, San Antonio 42. Greg Hinze, San Antonio 47 Justin Lall, Plano **Super Senior Pairs** 8; Dave Swarthout, San Antonio **Mitchell Open BAM** 5 Bob Hamman, Dallas 12 Justin Lall, 21 Chris Compton, Dallas Tom Breed, Kingwood 24 Venkatrao Koneru - Greg Hinze, San Antonio MM Sternberg Womens BAM 1 Tobi Sokolow, Austin 10 Petra Hamman-Peggy Sutherlin, Dallas Baze Senior Knockouts 1 Bart Bramley, Dallas 2 Mike Passell, Plano

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I have enjoyed my year as president of District 16. As it comes to a close I would like to thank the district board members who have participated and worked hard to promote bridge. And I would like to remind them that it is a never ending job, the recruitment of new members for the ACBL must continue if the game is going to survive. And the job is not just for the district board, the unit boards and the club owners. It is the job of every player because without new members and new players the game goes away, and the hours you spend playing and socializing with friends will cease and a great source of happiness will disappear.

I would like to thank Su Doe, as she moves toward retirement, for her twenty years of directing and making this game we love more enjoyable. We will all miss her, sometimes smiling and sometimes business, face at the director's table. Always a voice of reason and knowledge, we all hope we don't stop seeing her just because she is tired of working. I would also like to congratulate Tom Marsh on his promotion to National Director. He has always done a great job and I know that will continue.

It is hard to get everything ac



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.

Grand National Teams 2015



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's own Bob Hamman, who won the Platinum Pairs with Justin in 2012. Justin also happens to be the youngest Grand Life Master (10,000 masterpoints and an NABC win) in ACBL 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 gold medal performance!

The 'Open' and flight 'B' will be held in Dallas at the May sectional Saturday 23rd and continue Sunday 24th and Monday 25th 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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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 nominated to the ACBL Hall of Fame, as has Eddie Wold. If you have a ballot (only 375 people get to vote), vote for Bart and Eddie early and often (as they say in Chicago). We need more 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 aweinspiring 20 boards out of 26 to put the event away (in BAM scoring, you either win, lose, or tie the board; the 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.

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). I am sure I don't have to explain to Texans why. Talk about fun! And great food! The muffulettas and mint juleps are on me (no, I'm not paying; I mean on the front of my shirt!).

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#### **Blue Ribbon Pairs**

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# 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:

AX PairsA:5000+; Ax: 0-5000 (A & Ax play together)Mid-Flight PairsB:1500-3000; Bx:0-1500 (B & Bx play together)Gold Rush PairsC:300-750; Cx:0-300 (C & Cx play together)

The changes were just approved at the ACBL Board of Directors meeting in Providence, Rhode Island this Fall. Please see our updated flyer at: <u>http://www.acblunit174.org/Flyers/2015%20LSR.pdf</u>

Also note that the Monday evening schedule will begin at 7:30pm.

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Dallas 99er	20-22
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Wichita Falls 199er	28-29
STaC 173	23-29
APRIL	
Houston 299er	9-12
Austin 199er	11-12
Fort Worth	10-12
Athens	16-18
San Antonio	16-19
Houston	24-26
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Spring 499er	14-17
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Houston 299er	25-28
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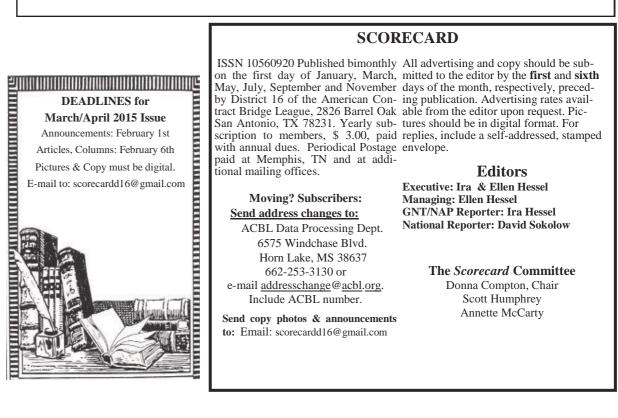
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We look forward to seeing you at the Lone Star Regional!!!

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# **Becoming a Tougher Opponent Part 1** "The Weak 2 Bid"



to partner. So, you have opened a

weak 2 and partner inquires about your

hand with 2NT. The most frequently

The weak 2 bid is perhaps the most under-rated offensive and defensive bid in bridge. Using the weak 2 bid as an offensive

By Mike Passell

weapon, we must use good methods to describe our hand

Ogust" have too many flaws to really be effective. As an example, holding AQJxxx Qxx xxx x and playing "Feature", are we really comfortable showing no feature, the very same response we would make with KQ10xxx xxx Jx? This seems like a bad idea. "Ogust" asks opener to show whether he has a good hand, a good suit, neither, 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 re-

sponse shows the best possible weak 2

bid for both game and slam pur-

used methods such as "Features" and "

great suit, great shape, and if partner is interested in a slam you are A 3 diamonds response happy. shows a good hand for game purposes but not for slam, such as a hand with KJ10xxx x QJ10x xx. 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 KQxxxx Kxxx xx x. Opening 2 spades certainly describes this hand much better

poses. Here's a good example -

AQJxxx x Qxxx xx. You have a

than passing and partner could have **xx** AQJx Axxx Axx and we belong in hearts rather than spades. Finally, we come to the 3nt response. This would be a hand that looks like it belongs in 3nt if partner has a balanced hand. An example is AQxxxx Qx xxx Qx 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 KJx and 3NT 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.

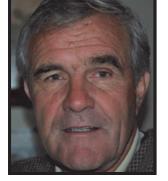
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Thank you, Mike, for your willingness to share your expertise with District 16!





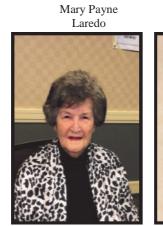
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Joe Fletcher Dallas



Sandy Fedro

Richardson



Jon Wolkenstein Dallas

Marguerite Lavender Collleyville



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. Our thanks go to outgoing members Ira Hessel and Gary Anziani, each of whom continue to serve the Unit in other ways and garner more than their fair shares of masterpoints at the table! You should really consider coming to some of our meetings; you would then have an appreciation of how much hard work folks like Ira and Gary do on our behalf. 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, Treasurer. 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 masterpoint winners. They really knocked it out of the park!

On November 8, Debbie Schweiss, as Mistress in Chief of the Mentor-Mentee program, brought together 9 tables at Fiesta Bridge Club for an excellent and fun game. Proud winners were Kenyon Daniel and Doris Salley, first in A,B and C! As if they couldn't get enough, novice players participated in two NLM sectionals in October and November (21.5, and 26 tables 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 Mentor-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

- 2 Boxes frozen chopped spinach
- Mayo
   Sour cream
- 1 Package Ranch Dip Mix
- 3 Green onions, chopped
- 1 Can water chestnuts, drained

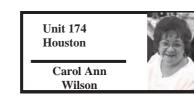
in Library and Information Sciences and worked as a systems and reference librarian in the N.Y. Public Library system. She met and married a Texan (happens to the best of us!) and moved to San Antonio where she quickly immersed herself in civic activities, including serving on the board of the American 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

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.

than her fair share of BBQ ... a real

Upcoming events: Fiesta Winter Sectional (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 earlier 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 me, is that Eddie could be so cool in the first place to even play on that level 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 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, downto-Earth, and continues to help others improve their game. I do wish some of the other big stars in the game of professional bridge would take a hint.

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 Mildred Breed had a 70.52% game. At Livingston DBC, Lerline Cowart and Ginni Mayhew had a 72% game. One that was NOT previously reported to me occurred on 8/7 at Spring Branch Duplicate Club on 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 StaC game, Judith Hoffing and Paul Nimmons had a 74.07% game. On 11/3, at Apple DBC, Tracy Gee Community Center, Randall Lake and Jack Balter had a HUGE 74.54% game (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 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 if it works for you. (1) Write down the number of masterpoints you own; (2) Multiply that by the number of suits in a standard bridge deck. (3) Add to your answer the number of cards in a bridge deck. (4) Now multiply your last answer by one less 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.

# **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 Stratified Swiss Teams 10 am 2:30 pm

#### Friday, March 27

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

#### Saturday, March 28

Stratified Pairs	10 am & 2:30 pi	m
Mesquite Knockout Teams	10 am, 2:30 pm a	& 7:30 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

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**Partnership Chair** Richard Hamm 830-895-2085 Director in Charge: Tom Marsh

4 34.22 Buddy Hanby
5 27.32 Thomas Peters
6 27.32 John Zilic
7 26.75 Carolyne Fox
8 24.33 Phillip Grothus
9 21.33 Mildred Breed
10 21.33 Gary King
11 20.22 Birendra BK Singh
12 19.24 George Fox
13 18.46 William Brending
14 18.46 Linda Brending
15 18.46 Carolyn Labouliere

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

John Knox-Mark Nemitz-Anik Waters-Maureen Viaclovsky 2. Bill Frank-Lisa Zummo - Jane Boozalis-Pam Barksdale Saturday Morn 299er Pairs - 12.0 Tables ABC1. Penny Lietz-Wanda Rogers ABC2/3 Shirley Kingsley -Elizabeth Grubb ABC2/3 Kimberly Sunderland - Stacy Lodden Saturday Open Pairs - 11.0 Tables / Based on 22 Tables A1. Richard Wilson - John Lindsey A2. Pat Levy - Mary Pat Gentry B1. Steve Vaughn -Rick Stell B2C1. Gary See-Stephen Bickel C2. Alick Einav-Daniel Leightman Saturday Aft 299er Pairs - 8.0 Ta-

bles ABC1. Stacy Lodden - Kimberly Sunderland ABC2. Frederick Gregory -Sam Khayatt

Saturday Swiss Bracket 1 - 9 Tables / Based on 52 Tables 1. Thomas Peters - Carolyn Peters-John Erickson - Gil Micheletti, Md - John Zilic 2. Gary King-Carolyne Fox-Mildred Breed-Phillip Grothus Saturday Swiss Bracket 2 - 7 Tables / Based on 34 Tables 1. Duane Friedrich-Michael Miedema-Mark Wallet-Philip Duterme 2. David Glandorf-James Frick-Charles Ensor -Birendra BK Singh Saturday Swiss Bracket 3 - 7 Tables / Based on 19 Tables 1. Kenneth McAllister - Phyllis Kuchta-Alfred Fortier III-Paul Cuneo 2. Janelle Frusha - Karla Riddick-Ann McDougal-Laura Jones Saturday Swiss Bracket 4 - 7 Tables / Based on 16 Tables 1. William Kibikas-Suvabrata Biswas-Dale Grady - Val Grady 2. Richard Burkhart - Bonnie Burkhart-Jo Ann Pierce - Tomi Porterfield Saturday Swiss Bracket 5 - 7 Tables / Based on 14 Tables 1. Evelyn James - Geri McKallip - Elisabeth Cabiness - Susan McLaurin 2. Robert Armstrong - Debra Bellan -Phil Bellan-Rhonda Bryant Saturday Swiss Bracket 6 - 7 Tables / Based on 12 Tables 1. Errol LeCesne - James Mays-James Morgan-Joseph Ford 2.85 2 James Ochsner - Allison Ochsner - Bonnie Boyd - Donald

- and chopped
- 8 Slices bacon, cooked & crumbled10 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 overnight. 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 won by a female and a male at Unit 172 open sectionals.

Table Tidbits: Among the recent arrivals to the addiction of bridge is Janina 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 a literary editor. During a period of great political unrest in Poland, Janina had an opportunity to come to the US, which she took, though reluctant to leave her family. Arriving in New York, she pursued a Masters degree

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 partners and teams lined up now and prepare to make that Tournament Masterpoint List!

Success Stories from Unit 174: Our

*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 City Nov 07-09, 2014 397 players. 394 tables.

1 34.22 Tom Clarke
 2 34.22 Sally Wheeler

3 34.22 Joe Quinn

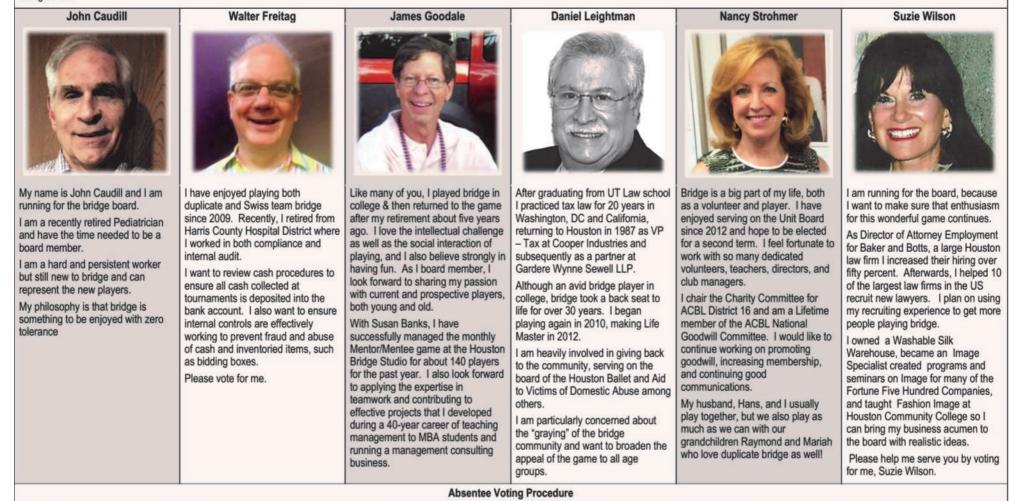
Lodden AB2. Mary Ellen Vail C2. Jade Ngai - Aubang Hu Fri Open Pairs - 10.0 Tables / Based on 23 Tables AB1. Harry Elliott -David Goldfarb A2/3 Vinh Tran-Georgiana Gates A2/3B2. James Frick-Birendra BK Singh Friday Swiss Bracket 1 - 7 Tables / Based on 34 Tables 1. Thomas Peters - Carolyn Peters-John Zilic - Daniel Suty - Gil Micheletti, Md 2. Sally Wheeler - Buddy Hanby-Tom Clarke-Joe Quinn

Friday Swiss Bracket 2 - 7 Tables / Based on 27 Tables 1. Bob Dowlen, -Linda Brending - William Brending-Carolyn Labouliere 2. Victoria Ornowski - Connie Robichaux - Jessie Schoppe-Mary Lou Fowler Friday Swiss Bracket 3 - 7 Tables / Based on 11 Tables 1. William Kibikas-William Houck-Dale Grady - Val Grady 2. Lily Andre - James Andre-Jim Andre-Roger Andre Friday Swiss Bracket 4 - 7 Tables / Based on 9 Tables 1. Walter Freitag -Lynne Andress-Kathy Hughes-Sheryl Thomas 2. James Ochsner - Allison Ochsner - Bonnie Boyd - Donald Boyd

Friday Swiss Bracket 5 - 6 Tables 1.

# 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 Nancy Strohmer to complete the full nine-member board. Jane Armstrong, Chairman of this year's Nominating Committee, consisting of Bob Dowlen, Dianna Gittelman, Patti Mullendore and Betty Starzec, urges all Unit 174 members to vote, either in person, early online, or by absentee ballot. To vote in person, you should plan to be at the tournament site during the hour before each session on Friday and Saturday or one hour before the Sunday morning session. To vote early on-line, go to www.acblunit174.org, place your mouse over 'MyUnit174' on the right side of the menu bar, click on "BOD Election", and follow instructions. To vote absentee, follow the procedure outlined below. Winners will be announced prior to the second session on Sunday, April 6. In order for your vote to be counted, you must vote for exactly three candidates. The candidates have been given an opportunity to introduce themselves and say a few words about their philosophies, goals and backgrounds.



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.

#### Boyd

Saturday Swiss Bracket 7 - 7 Tables / Based on 9 Tables 1. John Hurwitz-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 Towner-Wanda Durham-Helen Burton 2. Dennis Beckman-Richard Labouliere-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 Wheeler-Tom 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 Singh-Kailash 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 Tables / 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 Havden - Betty Jean Reeves - Norma Becker-Betty Schell 2. Thomas Martinsen - Linda Martinsen-Jo Ann

Pierce - Tomi Porterfield Sunday B Swiss Bracket 5 - 7 Tables / Based on 9 Tables 1. Bill Frank -Glenda Faragher - Marsha Sachs-Rosalind Kokolis 2. Jeffery Parker-John 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



Friday Open Pairs Flt A David Goldfarb, Harry Elliott

# **LEAGUE CITY LEADERS**



Sunday Swiss Team Flt A Buddy Hanby, Sally Wheeler,



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



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

#### Saturday Swiss Team Bkt I Tom & Carolyn Peters John Zilic, (NP) Gil Micheletti

Friday Swiss Team Bkt 1

Joe Quinn, Tom Clarke



Friday Swiss Team Bkt 2 William Brending, Bob Dowlen, Linda Brending, Carolyn Labouliere



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



Friday Swiss Team Bkt 4 Sheryl Thomas, Lynne Andress, Kathy Hughes, Walter Freitag



Saturday Swiss Team Bkt 3 Paul Cuneo, Phyllis Kuchta, Alfred Fortier III, Kenneth McAllister



Saturday Swiss Team Bkt 4 Suvabrata Biswas, Val Grady, William Kibikas, Dale Grady



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



Saturday Swiss Team Bkt 6 James Morgan, Joseph Ford, Errol LeCesne, James Mays



Sunday BCD Swiss Carolyn Labouliere, Linda Brending, Mike Goldberg, William Brending



Sunday BCD Swiss Liliana Ciccarelli, Judy Gibson, David Russell, Jeffrey Kroll



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



Friday Eve 299ers Saturday Aft 299ers Stacy Lodden, Kimberly Sunderland



Happy New Year! Here's hoping that 2015 exceeds your wildest expectations, 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 potluck dishes, descended on the event in droves. In all, there were 44 and a half tables in play. The food was delicious and plentiful, the door 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 players with fewer than 100 points. The Level Two (100 to 200 points) winner was John Elllis, who won the Level 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 topped the field in the Level Five (1000-2500) competition. Michael Hout bested the competition in Level Six (2500-4000) for the second time in three years, and Stan Kohan won the Level Seven (4000 up) award for the second year in a row. Well done!

This competition runs from October to September, but if you didn't play in the fourth quarter of 2014, you can still compete for next year's prizes 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 three board members during this sectional. Candidates are Cheryl Clark (incumbent), Randy Earle, Vi Ganeles, Eileen Smith, and Martha Young. Their pictures and bios can be found in the Nov-Dec issue of the Scorecard, as well as on our website. I think this is an excellent slate of candidates, so please take a look at their qualifications and vote for your

#### choices.

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 Chocklev (Tuesdav 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 Spangler KO 2 Bracket 2); J R Wiegmann (Thursday Open Pairs Flight A); Mike Passell (Wed Thur KO 3 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 Swiss 3); N Tripode and Melvin 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); Josephine Basel, Beth and 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 perseverance and skill. Congratulations to all of you!

#### Dallas Sectional Richardson, TX Oct 30-Nov 02, 2014

461 players. 489 tables.

57.29 Nagy Kamel
 50.79 Mark Bumgardner
 31.36 S Kohan
 31.23 Greg Resz
 30.83 Tomi FitzGerald
 30.47 Bill Staats
 29.82 James Bauer
 27.57 Stephen Kornegay
 27.57 Nancy Kornegay
 25.39 Michael Murphy

**Thursday Morn 499er Pairs** - 12.5 Tables ABC1. Judith Idom - Susan FordAB2.. Connie Van Patter - Patsy Rainwater-Maddu C2. Carla Joiner-Martha 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 - Carolyn New C2. Nancy Jipp - Liane Tsai B2. James Cothran-Lynda Bradley

**Thursday Aft 49er Pairs** - 2.5 Tables 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 Genovesi-Rosalind Smith C2. Liz Jacobson-Lois 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 Murphy - S Kohan B1. Kevin Cline-Eric 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 Pearlman-Milton 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 A2. Michael Murphy - S Kohan B1. Scott Nason-Milton Neher B2. Preston Morrow-A Morganstern C1. Randy Earle-Richard Wittrup C2. Rebecca Page - Richard Page Friday Morn 499er Pairs - 12.0 Tables D1. Betty Meyer-Nolan-Lewis Brescoll D2F1. Louise Shanley-Mary Lynn Trentham, E2F1. Judy Bouska, ; DeAnn Cummings F2. Mary Lynn Genovesi-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 1. Judy Nixon - Jeanette McDonald 2. Freda Gail Stern - Joyce Schiff Friday Eve Open Pairs - 10.0 Tables / 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 Remmers-Deborah 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 -James Richman C1. Glenda Cooper-David Clegg-Jan Welsh-Mimi Lempert C2. David Luzzatto - James Willson - Corinne Roberts - Ann Parker Saturday Morn 499er Pairs - 17.0 Tables A1. Robert Orvis - Gayle Orvis A2. Jack Lavine - Sue Thompson BC1. Michael Chockley-Carla Joiner B2. Gayle Lewis-Donna Rainey C2. Freda Gail Stern - Joyce

Saturday Morn Open Pairs - 19.5

Tables / Based on 37 Tables A1. 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 Armstrong-Sharon 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 Adams-Marion Gebhardt-Roy Baughman A2. Tomi FitzGerald-Jeff Dater-Jeff McKee-Greg Resz B1. 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 Kohan-Marcus Poe Jr A2. Mark Bumgardner-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 Diamond-Edward Yetter - Bonnie Kay Yetter B2. Fonse Ragland - Patricia Rose - Sally Lancaster-Bonnie Shea C1. Letty Garek-Bobbie Benson-Sheri Wolkenstein - Jon Wolkenstein C2. Carolyn Wenk - Jean Hoffman -Jo Ann Truitt - Susie Summers

# DALLAS FALL SECTIONAL WINNERS





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

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



Nagy Kamel, Mark Bumgardner Thursday Morn Open Pairs Flt A



Tomi Fitzgerald, Jim Bauer Thursday Aft Open Pairs Flt A



Nancy & Steve Kornegay Thursday Eve Open Pairs A



Tomi Fitzgerald, Nagy Kamel Friday Morn Open Pairs Flt A



Tomi Fitzgerald, Jeff McKee Friday Aft Open Pairs Flt A



Gail Wells, Suresh Agrawal, Friday Eve Open Pairs Flt A



Nancy Kornegay, Nagey Kamel, Steve Kornegay, Mark Bumgardner Friday Compact KO Bkt 1



Jeff Dater, Rich Brandeburg, Joe Gill and Adrienne Feuer Friday Eve Swiss Team

# New Sectional Schedule Big Time in Big D New Bracketed Swiss Teams Nearby Hotel: Courtyard By Marriot 1000 S. Sherman Street, Richards 972-235-5000 Mention BAND S64 rate: Cut-off date 02/11/15 Nearby Hotel: Courtyard By Marriott 1000 S. Sherman Street, Richardson, TX 972.235.5000 Mention BAND \$64 rate! Cut-off date 02/11/15

Section Top Pins & Trophies - 299ers/49ers Pictures - All Winners \* Registration Gifts

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<b>Open Pairs</b> (Single Session)	7pm
1499er Pairs (Single Session)	7pm
299er Pairs (Single Session)	7pm
Stratified Swiss Teams (Single Sessi	ion) 7pm
Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 <sup>nd</sup> of 2)	7pm
Bracketed KO Teams (3rd of 3)	7pm

Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> (Box Lunch for 2 session players) Sunday Box Lunch Sponsored by the Unit 176 Board! Bracketed Swiss Teams (Play-through) 10am Open & 49er Pairs (Single Session) 10am Open & 49er Pairs (Single Session) 2pm

	Bracketed Swiss Teams
Teams	Bracketed into Groups by Total MPS
Te	ams will play within their bracket.
	Stratified Swiss Teams
	A:2000+ B:500-2000 C:0-500
	<b>Open Stratified Pairs</b>
	A:4000+ B:2000-4000 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
	<b>49er Stratified Pairs</b>
	A:20-50 B:5-20 C:0-5
Pai	r or Team Average Masterpoints used
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Thursday, March 5th		<b>Open Pairs</b> (Single Session)	2:30pm
<b>Open Pairs</b> (Single Session)	10am	1499er Pairs (Single Session)	2:30pm
1499er Pairs (Single Session)	10am	299er Pairs (Single Session)	2:30pm
299er Pairs (Single Session)	10am	49er Pairs (Single Session)	2:30pm
49er Pairs (Single Session)	10am	Bracketed Swiss Teams (1 <sup>st</sup> of 2)	2:30pm
Bracketed KO (1 <sup>st</sup> of 3)	10am	Bracket KO Teams (2 <sup>nd</sup> of 3)	2:30pm
<b>Open Pairs</b> (Single Session)	2:30pm	<b>Open Pairs</b> (Single Session)	7pm
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Bracketed KO Teams (2 <sup>nd</sup> of 3)	2:30pm	Bracketed KO Teams (3rd of 3)	7pm
<b>Open Pairs</b> (Single Session)	7pm	Saturday, March 7th	
1499er Pairs (Single Session)	7pm	<b>Open Pairs</b> (Single Session)	10am
299er Pairs (Single Session)	7pm	1499er Pairs (Single Session)	10am
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Bracketed Swiss Teams (2nd of 2)	7pm	49er Pairs (Single Session)	10am
Bracketed KO Teams (3rd of 3)	7pm	Bracketed KO Teams (1st of 3)	10am
Friday, March 6th		<b>Open Pairs</b> (Single Session)	2:30pm
<b>Open Pairs</b> (Single Session)	10am	1499er Pairs (Single Session)	2:30pm
1499er Pairs (Single Session)	10am	299er Pairs (Single Session)	2:30pm
299er Pairs (Single Session)	10am	49er Pairs (Single Session)	2:30pm
49er Pairs (Single Session)	10am	Bracketed Swiss Teams (1 <sup>st</sup> of 2)	2:30pm
Bracketed KO Teams (1st of 3)	10am	Bracketed KO Teams (2 <sup>nd</sup> of 3)	2:30pm

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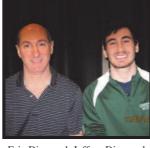
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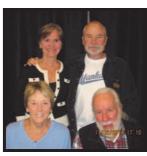
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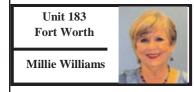
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Friday 499ers



Sharon Ward, Deborah Armstrong Saturday Aft 499ers



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 in 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 lst O/A were Greg Resz and Donna Englehart. Steve and Nancy Kornegay were 2 O/ A E/W. October 25 a Club Appreciation 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.

Linda Spangler and Mary Jane Orock and 3rd O/A B. J. Yates and Vesta Snider. Winners in Arlington were 1 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.

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

Irving Nov 9-16, 2014 802 players 1349 tables.

1 113.27 Cezary Balicki, Smolec 2 113.27 Adam Zmudzinski, Katowice 3 111.22 Mike Passell, Plano 4 108.21 Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas NV 5 108.21 Garey Hayden, Tucson AZ 6 103.86 Carolyn Lynch, Scottsdale AZ 7 100.28 Vincent Demuy FL 8 88.20 John Kranyak, Las Vegas NV 9 85.62 Mary Chilcote, Cleveland OH 1081.22 Joel Wooldridge, Astoria NY 11 75.45 Steve Shirey, Fort Worth 12 70.98 Roger McNay, Beaverton OR 13 70.98 Leo Bell, Long Beach CA 14 70.98 Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV 15 69.56 Stephen Kornegay, N Richlnd 16 69.56 Nancy Kornegay, N Richlnd 17 67.91 John Hurd, New York NY 18 65.20 Virginia Noelke, San Angelo 19 65.20 Babu Koneru, San Antonio 20 63.86 Mark Bumgardner, N Richlnd 21 63.59 Ira Hessel, San Antonio 22 63.59 Ellen Hessel, San Antonio 23 62.97 Jo Smith, Abilene 24 62.97 James Breihan, Houston 25 62.97 Anton (Tony) Haddad, Houston Tuesday Gold Rush Pairs-32.0 Tables C1. Terry Tankersley, Prosper; Ramon Nelson II, Plano C2, Eloise Meachum-Leslie Conant, Dallas C3D1. Beverly Strauss, Dallas ; Michael Chockley, Plano C4. Bob Frink, Plano; Bob Dingle, Addison C5. Laura Lowe-George Lowe, Arlington D2. Carol Murray-Rosalind Smith, Dallas C3. Jeanne Wyatt-Anne Curry, Dallas C4. Nancy Love, Dallas; Robert Stewart, Garland C5. Nancy Young-Jack Schober, Dallas Tuesday Open Pairs-13.0 Tables / Based on 45 Tables A1. Jack Borenstein-Murray Berger, Dallas A2. Steve Shirey-Millie Williams, Fort Worth A3X1. Gool Castleberry-Sreekrishnan Raghunathan, Irving A4X2. Chris Kelly, Waxahachie ; Jerrold Albom, Dallas A5. Bryan Storey-Nancy Passell X3. Edward

Ashworth-Dana Hastings, Baton Rouge LA 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. Vinita Gupta-Billy Miller-Leo Bell-Roger McNay-Hugh Hillaker-Jerry Derby 3/4 Nancy Phillips-Virginia Noelke-Venkatrao Koneru-Valentin Kovachev 3/4 Carolyn Lynch-Mike Passell-Cezary Balicki-Adam Zmudzinski-Marc Jacobus-Garey Hayden Knock Out 1, BRKT B-9 Tables 1. Barbara Baker-Jane Larimore-Susan Pratt-Jacqueline Montgomery 2. Shreedhara Ramarathnam-Joyce Hahn-Margaret Porter-Paula Edwards 3/4 John Burgoin-Alan Godes-Barbara Clinkscales-Max Jackson 3/4 Kathleen Carr-James Richman-Ari Sippola-Robert Schmidt Wednesday Gold Rush Pairs-34.0 Tables C1. Peter Hylak, Mc Kinney ; Richard Wittrup C2D1. Connie Van Patter-Patsy Rainwater-Maddu, McKinney C3. Frank Morgan-Sissy Toney, Hot Sprgs Vlg AR C4. Robert Orvis-Gayle Orvis, Burleson C5. John Crittenden-Ann Gruidel, Boulder CO D2. Jo Anne Knodel, Pearland : Lvnn Gamblin, Houston D4. Pat Berry, Bossier City LA; Billy Jean Reasor, Shreveport LA D3/4 Gary Anderson-Gerald Barrett, Austin D5. Jill Hartel-Jack Hartel, McKinney 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 Fitz-Gerald, Frisco X2. Bob McNeill, Frisco ; Joseph Gill, Richardson X3. Preston Morrow, Dallas ; David Robinson, Granbury X4. Kate Hopkins-Lynn Cooper, Dallas X5. Edward Ashworth-Dana Hastings, Baton Rouge LA Linda Spangler KO2 BKT 1-9 Tables 1. Joyce Hill, Blythewood SC; Kevin Dwyer, Melbourne FL; Steve Weinstein, Andes NY; Krzysztof Buras, Warszawa Poland; Grzegorz Narkiewicz, Bielsk 09-230 Poland; Jacek Pszczola, Chapel Hill NC 2. Robert Adams-Joe Hill, Oklahoma City OK; Marion Gebhardt, Richardson; Roy Baughman, Pantego 3/4 John Kranyak, Las Vegas NV; Vincent Demuy, Palm Bch Gdns FL; John Hurd, New York NY; Joel Wooldridge, Astoria NY; Mary Chilcote, Cleveland OH 3/4 Margot Hirsch, Arlington ; Edwina Corn, Hurst ; William Chan, Van Buren ME; Molan Chan, Grand Prairie Linda Spangler KO2 Bkt 2-9 Tables 1. Pawel Hanus, Carrollton ; Bogumil Knypinski, N Richlnd Hls ; Bob Wilkin, Highland Vlg ; Harry Elliott, Houston 2. Eric Diamond-Jeffrey Diamond, Plano ; Judith Lotridge, Carrollton ; Elda Kay Hampton, Dallas 3/4 Elinor Fries, Coppell ; J Fletcher-William Olds-Sharon Tomnitz, Dallas 3/4 Walter Merritt, Coleman; M Howard, La Quinta CA; Nora Oliver, Florham Park NJ; Katye Kowierschke, Fort Worth Linda Spangler KO2 Bkt 3-9 Tables 1. Mickey Tryon-Finlay Higgins, Arlington ; Letty Garek, Bedford ; Mike Peiffer, Colleyville 2. Robert Clarke-Alma Farley, Richardson; Judy Etchison-J Scott Etchison, Dallas 3/4 William Higgins-Jean Higgins -Sue Alter, Dallas ; Ellen Heck, Allen 3/4 Tonya McNabb, Houston ; B J Renshaw, Tomball ; James Meade-Carol Meade, The Woodlands Thu Open Pairs-29.0 Tables AB1. Bruce Brown, Denton ; J R Wiegmann, Lewisville A2. Mike Albert-Kathleen Owen, Omaha NE A3.. Robert Morris, Houston ; Carolyn Labouliere, Seabrook A4. Michael Hout, Plano ; Michael Murphy, Dallas B2. Bonnie Kay Yetter-Edward Yetter, Garland B3. T Jean Kidd, Lantana ; Gary Carey, Coppell B4. Nancy Anderson, Fort Worth ; Connie Martin, Dallas B5. Chris Kelly, Waxahachie : Jerrold Albom, Dallas C1. Alan Godes, Needham MA; John Burgoin, Brownsville C2, Daniel Leightman, Houston ; Robert Armstrong, Sugar Land C3. Karen Young -Janie Funk, Tulsa OK C4. Bob Dingle, Addison ; Bob Frink, Plano C5. Elizabeth Donner, The Colony ; Lynell Pinion, Frisco Wed Thur KO 3 Bkt 1-9 Tables 1. Carolyn Lynch, Scottsdale AZ; Mike Passell, Plano ; Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas NV; Garey Hayden, Tucson AZ; Cezary Balicki, Smolec Poland; Adam Zmudzinski, Katowice Poland 2. Vinita Gupta, Woodside CA; Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV; Leo Bell, Long Beach CA; Roger McNay, Beaverton OR 3/4 Ellen Hessel-Ira Hessel, San Antonio ; Dan Morse, Hous-

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 one of you who continue teaching and recruiting....you are the lifeblood of our unit.

Thanks again to Tom Moore for our 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 Fort 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<sup>nd</sup> O/A

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 a new appreciation for the next time I raise a 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.

ton ; John Sutherlin, Dallas ; Nagy Kamel, Plano 3/4 Cameron Doner, Richmond BC; Brenda Jacobus-Rebecca Rogers, Las Vegas NV; John Grantham, Bentonville AR Wed Thur KO3 Bkt 2-9 Tables 1. Jo Smith, Abilene ; Alan Copeland, Merkel ; Anton (Tony) Haddad-James Breihan, Houston 2. David Pearlman, Southlake ; Milton Neher, Richardson ; Michael Bossert-Sara Bossert, Cypress 3/4 Jane Hopkins, Ft Worth ; Joyce Stone-Mary Lou Collins, Denton ; Martin Hester, Aubrey 3/4 Gary Neisler, N Richland Hls; Carol Keller, Arlington; Nancy Peterson, Euless ; Becky Koenigseder, Alvarado

Wed Thur KO3 Bkt 3-11 Tables 1. Renee Levy-Jennifer Rao, Dallas ; Robert Schmidt, Murphy ; Ari Sippola, Irving 2. Carolyn Marks, Fort Worth ; Annie Mason, Ft Worth ; Diane Washabaugh-Janet Jordan, Aledo 3/4 Ned Nolte-Robert Scanland, Arlington ; Gary Modgling, Saginaw ; James Atteberry, Ft Worth 3/4 Brian Gelles-Janet Gelles, Fairview ; Donald Hixson-Virginia Hixson, Rapid City SD

Friday Afternoon Open Prs-16.0 Tables / Based on 47 Tables A1. Steve Shirey, Fort Worth ; Rene Wallace, Mission A2./3B1. Charles Brown-Sue Gilbreath, Arlington A2/3 Bart Bramley-Norman Beck, Dallas B4/5 Gerry McKim, Garland ; Michael Hout, Plano B4/5 Neal Perlman, San Angelo ; Gene Gammill, Mason C2. Don Reynolds, Fort Worth ; Robert Buchanan, Arlington C3/4 R Grebner, Brea CA; Jon Browne, Plano C3/4 Chris Kelly-Jimmy Justice, Waxahachie C5. Bob McNeill, Frisco ; Rich Brandenburg, Coppell

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, Brownsville ; Alan Godes, Needham MA B5C1. Ruth Viola, Irving ; Patricia C Bozeman, Carrollton C2. Stan Hsu-William Layman, Denton C3. Tom McCraw, Fort Worth ; Stan Carr, Ft Worth C4. Rosalind Smith-Carol Murray, Dallas C5. Eugene Goldgar-Debbie 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, Lead Hill AR 3/4 Greg Hinze, San Antonio ; Anita Cokins, Austin ; Stephen Kennedy, Oakland CA; Jacob Morgan, Madison WI 3/4 Herbert Fallin Jr-La 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 Prairie 3/4 Joseph Gill, Richardson ; Mark Hatkoff, Rowlett ; R Randall Smith, Rockwall ; Adrianne Feuer, McKinney

Steve Shirey KO4 Bkt3-10 Tables1. Tom Moore-Dorothy Moore, Keller ; Dwight Hill, Grand Prairie ; John Robbins, Fort Worth 2. Robin Tucker -Michele Abriol, Austin ; Jo Anne Knodel, Pearland ; Gail Wood, Houston 3/4 Walter Merritt, Coleman ; M Howard, La Quinta CA; Janet Walker -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. Eileen Smith-James McCommons B3C1. Beverly Strauss-Randy Earle B4C2. Dana Pickett-Michael Tiernan B5C3. Troy Emigh-Richard Bowman 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 Williams-Carolyn 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 Richman-Kathleen Carr, Dallas ; Suvabrata Biswas, Katy 2. Bruce Mann, Aledo; Francis Chang-Kathy Coleman, Fort Worth ; Jean Helmers, Stephenville 3. Ned Nolte-Robert Scanland, Arlington; Gary Modgling, Saginaw; James Atteberry, Ft Worth 4. Frank Durante, Addison : Nancy Latner, Dallas ; Charles Brown-Sue Gil-

breath, Arlington Sat CKO Bkt 4-10 Tables 1. Andi Gordon-Marie-Anne Johnson, Dallas ; Ari Sippola, Irving ; Robert

Schmidt, Murphy 2. Richard Davidson-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, Sarasota FL

37.11 2. Bill Harlan-Phyllis Harlan, Oklahoma City OK; Ellen Hessel-Ira Hessel, San Antonio ; Dan Morse, Houston ; Joe Quinn, Sugar Land 3/4 Carolyn Lynch, Scottsdale AZ; Mike Passell, Plano ; Cezary Balicki, Smolec Poland; Garey Hayden, Tucson AZ; Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas NV; Adam Zmudzinski, Katowice Poland 3/4 Valentin Kovachev, US; Nancy Phillips, Tulsa OK; Virginia Noelke, San Angelo ; Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio

Friday Sat KO5 Bkt 2-9 Tables 1. David Pearlman, Southlake ; Milton Neher, Richardson ; Michael Bossert-Sara Bossert, Cypress 2. Gary Neisler, N Richland Hls ; Becky Koenigseder, Alvarado ; Cathy Tolliver, N Richland Hill ; Marguerite Lavender, Colleyville 3/4 John Spessard, Dallas ; Bill Osborn, Frisco ; Bob Wilkin, Highland Vlg ; Harry Elliott, Houston 3/4 Mickey Tryon-Penny Mixon-Stephen Hibbard, Arlington ; Marlene Round, Bedford

Friday Sat KO5 Bkt 3-10 Tables 1. Rebecca Brown, US; Fran Vanecko, San Antonio ; Donald Hixson-Virginia Hixson, Rapid City SD 2. Sam Shah-Jo Shah, Irving ; Patsy Walters, Fort Worth ; Janet Jordan, Aledo 3/4 Janet Folmar-Jean Hoffman-Jo Ann Truitt-Susie Summers, Dallas 3/4 Jim Harp-Chris Myers, Dallas ; Larz Smith, Colleyville ; Cary Jennings, Fort Worth Sat Compact KO Bkt 1-9 Tables 1. Joel Wooldridge, Astoria NY; Vincent Demuy, Palm Bch Gdns FL; John Kranyak, Las Vegas NV; Mary Chilcote, Cleveland OH 2, Jovce Hill, Blythewood SC; Krzysztof Buras, Warszawa Poland; Grzegorz Narkiewicz, Bielsk 09-230 Poland; Kevin Dwyer, Melbourne FL 3. Jo Smith, Abilene ; Anton (Tony)

Haddad-James Breihan, Houston; Steve Shirey. Fort Worth 4. Jeff McKee, Nevada ; Greg Resz, Weatherford ; Kevin Cline, Dallas ; Nagy Kamel, Plano Sunday A/X Swiss-34 Tables / Based on 101 Tables A1. Jo Smith, Abilene ; James Breihan-Anton (Tony) Haddad, Houston ; Steve Shirey, Fort Worth 2. Carolyn Lynch, Scottsdale AZ; Mike Passell, Plano ; Garey Hayden, Tucson AZ; Adam Zmudzinski, Katowice Poland; Cezary Balicki, Smolec Poland; Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas NV 3/4 Stefanie Scott, Plano : Allison Howard, Cookeville TN; Bart Bramley, Dallas ; Vincent Demuy, Palm Bch Gdns FL; Greg Hinze, San Antonio

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17.07 6 2 Brady Allen-Mark Hupert M.D.-Mark Lombard, Dallas; Bob Friz, Leonard 9/11 3/4 Stephanie Hamilton-Diesel-Michael Diesel, Saugus MA; La Quitta Talbot-Herbert Fallin Jr, Keller 9/11 Joyce Hill, Blythewood SC; Kevin Dwyer, Melbourne FL; Steve Weinstein, Andes NY; Jacek Pszczola, Chapel Hill NC; Krzysztof Buras, Warszawa Poland: Grzegorz Narkiewicz, Bielsk 09-230 Poland 3/4 Jay Gibson, Richardson; Martha Young, Dallas; Judith Lotridge, Carrollton ; Eric Diamond, Plano 5/6 Bill Riley-Nancy Riley, Kingwood ; Gene Gammill, Mason ; Neal Perlman, San Angelo 5/6 Peter Hudson, Coppell ; J R Wiegmann, Lewisville ; Sandra Campbell, Kaufman ; Jonathan Ernest, Lindale

Sun 0-2000 Bkt Swiss 1-7 Tables / Based on 40 Tables 1. Rich Brandenburg, Coppell ; Bob McNeill, Frisco ; Jeff Dater-Scott Nason, Dallas 2. Mickey Tryon-Stephen Hibbard-Penny Mixon, Arlington ; Marlene Round, Bedford. Susan O'Neil-Jim Chaffee, Fort Worth ; Joe Harbour-Joy Harbour, Burleson

Sun 0-2000 Bkt Swiss 2-7 Tables / Based on 25 Tables 1. Charles Burke-Caron Peck-Karen Caton, Arlington ; Richard Langland, Irving 2. Frank Durante, Addison ; Nancy Latner, Dallas ; Charles Brown-Sue Gilbreath, Arlington 3. Jon Wolkenstein-Sheri Wolkenstein, Dallas ; Joyce Gautier-Norman Gautier, The Woodlands

Sun 0-2000 Bkt Swiss-7 Tables / Based on 22 Tables 1. Sam Shah-Jo Shah, Irving ; George Burcham, Dallas ; Bruce Mann, Aledo 2. Kim Brinkman, Highland Villge ; David Ticen, Victoria ; Judy Nixon-Jeanette McDonald, Flower Mound 3. Tom Moore-Dorothy Moore, Keller ; Dwight Hill, Grand Prairie ; John Robbins, Fort Worth **Sun 0-2000 Bkt Swiss 4-**8 Tables /

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Based on 21 Tables 1. Donald Hixson -Virginia Hixson, Rapid City SD; N Tripode, Frisco ; Melvin Sharp, Dallas 2. Robert Schmidt, Murphy ; Ari Sippola, Irving ; Janet Folmar-Susie Summers, Dallas 3. Jo Booth, Eustae ; Barbara Williams-Beverly Battle, Malakoff ; Carol Sossamon, Kemp

Sun 0-2000 Bkt Swiss 5-7 Tables / Based on 17 Tables 1. Kristen Onsgard, Galveston ; Nancy Fellman-Carolyn Wenk-Laura Onsgard, Dallas 2. Howard Huynh-Wayne Bahr-Walter Langendorf-Will Anthony, Lubbock

3. Rosalee Hacker, Southlake ; Roma Allison-Alan Robson-Bonnie Jan Robson, Denton 68.00

Sun 0-2000 Bkt Swiss 6-7 Tables / Based on 15 Tables 1. Gayle Orvis-Robert Orvis, Burleson ; Mike Peiffer, Colleyville ; Finlay Higgins, Arlington 2. Robert Clarke-Alma Farley, Richardson ; Judy Etchison-J Scott Etchison, Dallas 3. Bonnie Burch-Jo Ann Parten, Emory ; Frances Sanders, Mabank ; Sue Wright, Kemp

Sun 0-2000 Bkt Swiss 7-7 Tables / Based on 13 Tables 1. Chris Myers-Belinda Stuart-Constance Vecellio-Carol Adamek, Dallas 2. Craig Briney-Mary Ann Briney, N Richlnd Hls ; Cathy Tolliver, N Richland Hill ; Marguerite Lavender, Colleyville

3. Ann Curry-Don Farrell-Joyce Armstrong-Birdie Taylor, Arlington **Sun 0-2000 Bkt Swiss 8-**7 Tables / Based on 10 Tables 1. Josephine Basel, Dallas ; Beth Castleberry, Richardson ; George Steele, Austin ; Dale Remmers, Plano 2. Jill Hartel-Jack Hartel, McKinney ; Leah Margerison-Rick Margerison, Dallas 3. Dan Woodward-Betty Woodward, Fairview ; Karen Roland-Judy Thompson, McKinney

Sun 0-2000 Bkt Swiss 9-10 Tables 1. G Wayne Campbell-Barbara Barrett-Larry Waddell-Lou Ann Waddell, Granbury 2. Pamela Williams, Albuquerque NM; Maureen Hull, Livingston MT; Kenneth McDowell-Patricia McDowell, Granbury 3. Martha Ward, Plano ; Barbara Ching-Linda Lindley-Susan Kroney, Dallas 4. William Layman-James Summers-Jan Wallace, Denton ; Carey Cole, Corinth

# FORT WORTH FALL REGIONAL WINNERS











KO I Bkt 1 Steve & Nancy Kornegay, Mark Bumgardner, Bill Statts, (NP) Barry Schaffer, Kimmel Jones

Tuesday Open Pairs Flt A Jack Borenstein, Murray Berger

Bruce Brown, J R Wiegmann Thursday Open Pairs A & B

Friday Open Pairs Flt A Rene Wallace, Steve Shirey

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



Tuesday Open Pairs Flt X Raghunathan Sreekrishan



Tuesday KO Bkt S.V. Ramarathnam, Paula Edwards Joyce Hahn, Megan Porter



Linda Spangler KO's Bracket 3 Finlay Higgins - Mickey Tryon Letty Garek - Mike Pfeiffer



Wednesday Open Pairs Flt X Rich Brandenburg - Jeff Dater



Wednesday Thursday KO Bkt 3 Jennifer Rao, Robert Schmidt Renee Levee, Ari Sippola



Tuesday KO Bkt 2 Susan Black, Barbara Baker, Jacque Montgomery, Jane Larimore



Wednesday KO Bkt 2 Pawel Hanus - Harry Elliott Bogumil Knypinski - Bob Wilkins



Sunday BCD Swiss Dale Tenets, George Steele Jo Basel, Beth Castleberry



Sunday BCD Swiss Rich Brandenburg, Scott Nason, Jeff Dater, Bob McNeill

**Unit 187** 

**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 ex-

cited 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, Bar-

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

times, 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. Please

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

bara Layton.



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



Sunday BCD Swiss George Burcham, Jo Shah, Sam Shah



Tuesday Gold Rush Pairs

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 attended Mission High School for her senior year & made many life long friends. After high school, 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 before coming back to Mission, where they lived for 20 years. Their 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 more interested in the intricacies of the game & improved as a player. After 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.



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



Friday Open Pairs Flt B Sue Gilbreath- Charles Brown



Sunday BCD Swiss Mike Pfeiffer, Finlay Higgins, Gayle & Bob Orvis



Wednesday Gold Rush Margie Deutsch - Lynn Trentham

286 players. 610 tables.

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Saturday Compact KO Bkt 4 Marie-Anne Johnson, Andi Gordon Bob Schmidt, Ari Sippola



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



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

Disanza, Austin ; Patricia Webb, US; Barbara Rodriguez, Volente Van Shellberg Swiss-B1-11 Tables / Based on 25 Tables A1. Ellen Hessel-Ira Hessel, San Antonio ; John Sutherlin-Peggy Sutherlin, Dallas ; Dan Morse, Houston ; Betty Ann Kennedy, Shreveport LA A2. Madhusudan Patel-Sheila Harrison-Harry Elliott, Houston ; H Robert Gerberich Jr, Corpus Christi A3. David Ticen,



Compact KO Bkt 2 Sunday Swiss Flt X Tiger King, James Zhan, Hua Yand, Yan Song



Sunday BCD Swiss Carolyn Wenk, Laura Onsgard Krisan Onsgard, Nancy Fellman



Friday Gold Rush Pairs Howard Huynh, Will Anthony

Victoria ; Kim Brinkman, Highland Villge ; Bob Steidel-C David Mitchell, San Antonio A4 Eleanor Sherwyn-Donald Varvel, Corpus Christi ; Nancy Strohmer-Hans Strohmer, Houston X1. Cynthia Struve-Kay Mrazek-Diana Afflerbach -Clemens Struve, Corpus Christi X2/3 Jill Spence, The Woodlands; Toni Roesler, The Wodlands ; Joseph Volanski, Spring ; Jerry McNeely,

# **ROCKPORT BEACH** SECTIONAL

February 13-15, 2015

#### 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-O DAY Mahesh Maruvada Swiss Teams 10:00 A.M. & TBA (stratified by average masterpoints) Strat A 1500+ Strat B- 500-1500 Strat C- 0-500

This is a non-smoking tournament with smoking breaks scheduled





Terry Tankersley, Ramon Nelson II

ladies!

refer to it on a regular basis.

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 1/2 tables in play with Dee Schade directing. 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.

Please 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 a culture shock for a Chicago girl! The Please send your club news to me at cdeoro@aol.com Web site at southtexasbridgeunit187.com.

# Halloween **Spooktacular** Regional

Corpus Christi October 20-26, 2014 San Antonio

#### **Ann Crumpler Choice Pairs**-9.0

Tables A1. Carolyne Fox, Manvel; Mildred Breed, Tomball A2B1. Jason Kiker, Corpus Christi ; Rebecca Landon, Corp Christi A3. John Erickson-Ralda St Pierre, Houston A4. Mary Ross-Martha De Cou, Corpus Christi A5. Phyllis Pruet, Corpus Christi ; Betty Marriett, Port Aransas B2. Jerrold Harrington, Helotes ; Susan Young, LA B3C1. Joan Ritter-Keith Ritter, Katy B4. Dianne Ebert, Austin ; Darlene Gilmore, La Grange C2. Sandy Lansing, Mt Vernon; Linda Harrison, Pittsburg Van Shellberg Swiss-B2-7 Tables / 1. Gayle Orvis-Robert Orvis, Burleson ; Ann Sinclair-Laura Wrenn, Houston 2. Marilyn Bein-Frances Smith, Rockport ; Betty Mengle, Corpus Christi ; Janet Daniel, Corp Christi 3. Beverley Linskey-Jean Moritz, Houston ; Kathleen Hurst, Katy ; Ben Ball, Sugar Land Van Shellberg Swiss-B3-7 Tables 1. Julie Harrell-Joanne Graham-Diane O Neill-Geri Noel, Houston 2/3 Jane Boozalis-Lisa Zummo, Houston; Pam Barksdale, US; Cheryl Mathias, Sugarland 2/3 Laurene Jacob-Sally

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Houston X/3 David McCarron-Mary McCarron-Vivian Collins, Austin ; Gloria Bennett, Lakeway Wednesday Gold Rush Pairs-21 Tables BC1. Lisa Zummo-Cheryl Mathias B2. Barbara Layton, Corpus Christi ; Tiny Beckham, Rockport B3. Robert Burton-Dolline Burton B4C3. Julie Harrell-Joanne Graham B5C4. Barbara Rodriguez, Volente ; Sally Disanza

Wednesday A/X Pairs-6.0 Tables / Based on 27 Tables A1. H Robert Gerberich Jr,-Janise Saul A2. Marilyn German-Penny Snow A3B1. Jerrold Harrington-Susan Young A4. Mary Ross-Dee Schade X2. Phyllis Pruet-Betty Marriett X3/4 Lily Chew -Jason Kiker X3/4 Margo Traeumer-Clemens Struve

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Ray Myers Open Pairs-19.0 Tables A1. Nancy Stanton, Lewisville; Lynne Wood, Richardson A2. Marilyn German, Corpus Christi; Janise Saul, San Antonio A3. Suz-

anne La Brecque-Larry La Brecque, Victoria A4. Dorthy Rippstein, Karnes City ; Ralph Sturgis, San Antonio A5. Eric Snow-Toni Snow. Houston BC1. Cheryl Mathias, Sugarland ; Rhonda Bryant, Houston BC2. Carol Ellis-Andrea Williams, San Antonio B3. James Fisk, Los Lunas NM; Orpha Sears, San Antonio B4. Jason Kiker-Pauletta Myers, Corpus Christi C3/4 Rachell Jackson-Diane Davis, Austin C3/4 Robert Orvis-Gayle Orvis, Burleson Rose Mary Reeves Gold Rush-13.0 Tables B1. Ian Remson, Spring ; Beth Watson, San Antonio B2. Robert Orvis-Gayle Orvis, Burleson B3. David Watson-Marifrances Watson, San Angelo B4C2. Jim McMullan-Ann McMullan, San Antonio B5. Frances Smith-Marilvn Bein, Rockport C3. Joan Ritter-Keith Ritter, Katy C4/5 George Steele, Austin ; Margaret Kennedy, Corpus Christi C4/5 Sandy Lansing, Mt Vernon; Linda Harrison, Pittsburg Donna McGee A/X Pairs-7.0 Tables / Based on 20 Tables A1. Audley Karrasch, Houston ; Brigitte Sandifer, Sugar Land A2/3X1. Penny Snow, Beeville ; Terry Peterson, Victoria A2/3 Wayne Rauschuber-Catherine Rauschuber, San Antonio A4X2. Dorthy Rippstein, Karnes City ; Ralph Sturgis, San Antonio A5. Kim Cox, Crp Christi ; Marilyn German, Corpus Christi X3. Brian Cummins, Cordova TN; Linda Thompson, Memphis TN Dee Schade KO-Bracket 1-9 Tables 1. Chris Compton, Dallas ; Clement Jackson, Albuquerque NM; David Grainger, Roseville CA; Marc Levine, Lubbock 2. Betty Ann Kennedy, Shreveport LA; Dan Morse,

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Mitchell, San Antonio Jack Mehrens B Swiss-B1-7 Tables / Based on 15 Tables 1. Anita Albert-Martha Norman-J Bank, Austin ; Judy Bagley, US 2. Jason Kiker-Martha De Cou-Diana Afflerbach-Pauletta Myers, Corpus Christi 3. Carol Wilson-Diane Jobin-Julie Connor-Charles Dalton. Houston Jack Mehrens B Swiss-B2-8 Tables 1. Gayle Orvis-Robert Orvis, Burleson ; Pam Barksdale, US; Jane Boozalis, Houston 2. Lenna Landers-Ben Landers, Spring ; Ann Sinclair-Laura Wrenn, Houston 3/4 Janet Daniel, Corp Christi ; Mary Driesbock-Cornelia Freeman-Betty Mengle, Corpus Christi 3/4 Mabel Byrnes, Corpus Christi ; Darlene Kinstley-Joyce Eveld, Houston ; George Steele, Austin

-Karen Fillis-Hank Eng-C David

# **CORPUS CHRISTI OCTOBER REGIONAL CHAMPS**



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



KO I Bkt 1 Saturday Compact KO Bkt 1



Saturday Open Pairs Flt A Audley Karrasch, Bridgette Sandifer



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



Thursday Choice Pairs Flt A Ed Rawlinson, Donna Swarthout



Thursday KO Bkt 1 Virginia Noelke, Babu Koneru,



Ann Crumpler Choice Pairs A Mildred Breed Carolyn Fox



Fri/Sat Swiss Flt A Carolyne Fox, Gary King,

#### Terry Riely, Jo Smith, Babu Koneru, Carolyn Riely, Virginia Noelke

Dan Morse, Ira Hessel

#### Carolyn & Terry Riely

#### David Mitchell, (NP) Hank Eng



Dave Wilson Gold Rush Pairs BC Lisa Zummo, Chervl Mathias



Friday Open Pairs B&C Rhonda Bryant, Cheryl Mathias



Ven Shellberg Bracketd Swiss Bracket 3 Julie Harrell, Joanne Graham, Diane O'Neill Geri Noel



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



Tuesday Swiss Bkt 2 Robert Orvis, Gail Orvis, Ann Sinclair, Laura Wrenn



Ann Crumpler Choice Pairs B Rebecca Landon, Jason Kiker



Wednesday Open Pairs Flt X Jerrold Harrington, Susan Young



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

Unit 205 Amistad Western Mexico Mary Ann White

Hola from Unit 205! For those who 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 vacationing in those beach communities.

Unit 205 hosted the Mexican Resort Regional in Puerto Vallarta from November 3–9. The annual event was held at the Westin Resort & Spa for the third consecutive year. Nestled near the Puerto Vallarta Marina with its many dining options, and boasting first-class accommodations and a secluded beachfront, the venue 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 events 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 consistency!

The tournament added Gold Rush Pairs this year. The top point-earners 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,

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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 (5½ tables) and November 4 (13 tables), respectively. Also, Mary Anderson and Ed Lewis joined the 70% club with a nice 72.42% game on October 21 (11½ 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<sup>th</sup> 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 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; 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, 16 56.22 Richard Potter, Black Mountain 17 55.05 John Potter, Panama City FL 18 54.99 Peter Gelfand, Corralitos CA 19 54.99 Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs 20 48.23 Nancy Cord, Sun Vly ID 21 48.23 Brenda Keller, Palm Springs 22 42.90 Vicki Lerner, San Francisco 23 42.90 Bruce Blakely, San Rafael CA 24 35.95 Claudia Tinajero, Mexico DF 25 34.74 Stefan Reich, Mexico DF 26 34.74 Mark Sanders, Austin TX 27 34.74 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 Reynolds-Mary Ann White, Laredo TX A4X2. Kenneth Lee, Elliot Lake ON; Myrlen Ann Knafelc, Reno NV X3 Sherri Morgan-Don Marsh, Eugene OR X4. Charles Grimes, Midland TX; Helen Malcolm, Jalisco Mexico Tues Gold Rush Pairs-9.0 Tables B1. Max Chauvet, Naucalpan Mexico; Gilles Aubin, Cuernavaca Mexico B2C1. Marilyn Vallario-Carrie Thomas, Georgetown TX B3C2. Linda Hanson, US; Janet Tainty, Santa Cruz CA B4C3. John Zohrab-Kerin 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 Keller-Bruce 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 A4. Thomas Hyde, Willimantic CT; Ed Lewis, Falls Church VA: Edwin Lewis III, Bolton CT; Connie Marfell, Milwaukie OR A5.B1, Gavlord Brockway, Phoenix AZ; Dagmar Rettberg-Patricia Mitchell-Mary Anderson, Chapala Mexico B2. David Hoogenberg-Trudy Crippen-Lewis 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 Pettit-Barbara Vervenne, Austin TX Vallarta KO Bkt 1-11 Tables 1. Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Gerry Marshall, Las Varas Mexico; Gonzalo Herrera, Naucalpan Mexico; Daniel Korbel, Waterloo ON 2. John Onstott, New Orleans LA; Ellis Feigenbaum-Marjorie Michelin, Laguna Woods CA; John Grantham, Bentonville AR; Rebecca Rogers, Las Vegas NV; Howard Parker III, Clements CA 3/4 John Jacobson-Dolores Brenner, Santa Fe NM; Cameron Doner, Richmond BC; Bruce Wick-Susan Stubinski, Houston TX 3/4 John Taylor, Lago Vista TX: Sue Gerard, Mexico: Mark Sanders-B J Sanders, Austin TX

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 McDonald-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 Reygadas, Tlalpan Mexico A5. Mauricio Smid-Claudia Tinajero, Mexico Mexico B2. Kenneth Lee, Elliot Lake ON; Myrlen Ann Knafelc, Reno NV B3C1. Gilles Aubin. Cuernavaca Mexico; Marta Rendon, Guadalajara Mexico B4. Deborah Steffen-Ronald Morris, Santa Barbara CA B5. Cliff Goodrich, Long Beach CA; Rick Weiss, Reno NV C2. Evelyn Almeleh, Sparks NV; Cecil Crowson Jr, Morelos Mexico Acapulco KO Bracket A-9 Tables 1. John Jacobson-Dolores Brenner,

Santa Fe NM; Cameron Doner, Richmond BC; Bruce Wick-Susan Stubinski, 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 \2. Dafna Bass, Mexico City Mexico; Patricia Herrera-Adriana Salinas, Mexico Mexico; Miriam Rosenberg, Huixquilucan Mexico 3/4 Lawton Hutchison, US; Joanna Cadden-Barbara Hutchison-Kimi Lambert, Austin TX 3/4 Jack Meng-Judy Keilin, Danville CA; Winnie Jasper-Jerry Chamberlain, Moraga CA

Acapulco KO Bracket C-9 Tables 1. Lily Lister-Lamya Abougoush-Nancy Engbloom-Frances McDonald, Calgary 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 Keller-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 Barbara CA B2/3 David Hoogenberg-Trudy Crippen-Lewis Crippen, Ajijic Mexico; 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 Wilhelmi-Janet Larson-Douglas Larson, Olympia WA

Thu Gold Rush Pairs-8.0 Tables B1. Monica Schapira-Alicia Reyes-Retana, Mexico Mexico B2. Steven Raymond-Beth Raymond, East Hampton NY B3C2. John Cosman-Dan Branscum, Oak Harbor WA B4C3. Nancy Raiche-Gerry Gastelum, Manhattan Beach CA B5. Ellen Hutt, Georgetown ON; Donna-Faye Madhosingh, Vancouver BC C4. Cynthia Thomson, Victoria BC; Frank Paco Jordan, Laredo TX Friday Open Pairs-16.0 Tables / Based on 15 Tables ABC1 Margarita Dolera-Claudia Tinajero, Mexico Mexico AB2. Robert Gerend, Auburn WA; Jean McCullough, S.cottsdale AZ AB3C2. Jean Hupka-Michael Hupka, Boulder CO A4. Ninfa Sada, Mexico City Mexico; Miguel Reygadas, Tlalpan Mexico A5. Martin Blain, Sherman Oaks CA; Susan Somogyi, Encino CA B4C3. Marilyn Vallario-Carrie Thomas, Georgetown TX B5C4. Sheilah Fish-Harry Fish, Moraga CA C5. Luis Kaufer-S Kaufer, Mexico Mexico Sat Open Pairs-9.0 Tables / Based on 15 Tables A1. Miguel Reygadas, Tlalpan Mexico; Ninfa Sada, Mexico City Mexico A2B1. Diane Van Brocklin, Chapala Mexico; David Hoogenberg, Ajijic Mexico A3. Jason Feldman, San Diego CA; Carlyn Steiner, Seattle WA A4. Charles Grimes, Midland TX; Connie Marfell, Milwaukie OR A5. Adela Naftali, Mexico Mexico; Flora Bery, Mexico D F Z P Mexico X2. Cliff

lain-Winnie Jasper, Moraga CA X4. Katherine Keeler-Dorothea Waxler, Toronto ON Sat Gold Rush Pairs-7.0 Tables B1. Steven Raymond-Beth Raymond, East Hampton NY B2C1. Kerin Zohrab-John Zohrab, West Vancouver BC B3C2. Enaid Savage, Ocala FL; Gilles Aubin, Cuernavaca Mexico B4. Miriam Pagani-Dolores Eychenne, Mexico Mexico B5C3. Linda Hanson, US; Janet Tainty, Santa Cruz CA C4. Harry Fish-Sheilah Fish, Moraga CA Cancun KO Bracket 1-9 Tables 1. Daniel Korbel, Waterloo ON; Gonzalo Herrera, Naucalpan Mexico; Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON; Gerry Marshall, Las Varas Mexico 2. John Grantham, Bentonville AR; Rebecca Rogers, Las Vegas NV; John Onstott, New Orleans LA; Howard Parker III, Clements CA; Marjorie Michelin-Ellis Feigenbaum, Laguna Woods CA 3/4 Edwin Lewis III. Bolton CT; Ed Lewis, Falls Church VA; Richard Potter, Black Mountain NC; John Potter, Panama City FL 3/4 John Jacobson-Dolores Brenner, Santa Fe NM; Cameron Doner, Richmond BC; Bruce Wick-Susan Stubinski

**Cancun KO Bracket B**-14 Tables 1. Lawton Hutchison, US; Barbara Hutchison-Sandy Potts, Austin TX; Esther Ellis, Kingsland TX 2. Judy Keilin-Jack Meng, Danville CA; Ronnie Frank, Saint Louis MO; Judith Inker, Wellesley Hls MA 3/4 Flora Pettit-Barbara Vervenne-Mary McCarron-David McCarron, Austin TX Edwin Glickman-Han Sarah Glickman, Snowmass CO; Jack Paulus, Detroit MI; Mary Seggerman, Houston TX

Saturday Swiss Teams-16 Tables A1. Nancy Cord, Sun Vly ID; Peter Gelfand, Corralitos CA; Brenda Keller-Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA A2B1. Dennis Ryan-Barbara Tysdahl, Menomonie WI; Cecil Crowson Jr-Nancy Massey, Morelos Mexico A3. Susan Somogyi, Encino CA; Martin Blain, Sherman Oaks CA; Bruce Blakely, San Rafael CA; Vicki Lerner, San Francisco CA A4/5B2./3 Margery Gould, Los Angeles CA; Jeanette Deverian, Pasadena CA; Ronald Morris-Deborah Steffen, Santa Barbara CA A4/5B2/3 Mark Sanders-B J Sanders, Austin TX; Sue Gerard, Mexico; John Taylor, Lago Vista TX B4C1. Dafna Bass, Mexico City Mexico; Patricia Herrera, Mexico Mexico; Trudy Crippen-Lewis Crippen, Ajijic Mexico

Los Cabos KO Bracket A-8 Tables 1. Eleanor Onstott, New Orleans LA; Richard Potter, Black Mountain NC; Jeffrey Taylor, Eugene OR; John Potter, Panama City FL 2. Mauricio Smid-Stefan Reich-Claudia Tinajero, Mexico Mexico; Max Chauvet, Naucalpan Mexico

Los Cabos KO Bracket B-9 Tables 1. David Dickey-Donald Parsons-John Swanson, Reno NV; John Doval, Tuscaloosa AL

2. Edwin Glickman-Han Sarah Glickman. Snowmass CO: Anne Bergman. Houlton WI; Mary Seggerman, Houston TX 3/4 Cynthia Thomson, Victoria BC; Helen Malcolm, Jalisco Mexico; Marguerite Brown, Cowansville QC; Bernita Cooper, Laredo TX 3/4 Stephen Penning, Laredo TX; Gaylord Brockway, Phoenix AZ; Patricia Mitchell-Dagmar Rettberg, Chapala Mexico Sunday Swiss Teams-35 Tables A1. Nancy Cord, Sun Vly ID; Brenda Keller-Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA; Peter Gelfand, Corralitos CA A2. Susan Somogyi, Encino CA; Martin Blain, Sherman Oaks CA; Bruce Blakely, San Rafael CA; Vicki Lerner, San Francisco CA A3. Marisa Silverman-Marcie Musser, Aspen CO; Tom Breed, Kingwood TX; Huub Bertens-Jeanne Van Den Meirack, Bend OR A4. John Jacobson-Dolores Brenner, Santa Fe NM; Cameron Doner, Richmond BC; Bruce Wick-Susan Stubinski, Houston TX A5B1. Dennis Rvan-Barbara Tvsdahl, Menomonie WI; Cecil Crowson Jr-Nancy Massey, Morelos Mexico; Gilles Aubin, Cuernavaca Mexico; Bruce Thiher, Lady Lake FL B2. Jimmy Reynolds-Mary Ann White, Laredo TX; Patricia Herrera, Mexico Mexico; Dafna Bass, Mexico City Mexico B3/4 David Hoogenberg-Trudy Crippen-Lewis Crippen, Ajijic

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 newsletters highlighted the previous day's events and also provided informative articles on the annual Monarch migration and efforts to preserve the Monarch butterfly, whose population is declining due to loss of habitat. Unit 205 and Lake Chapala Duplicate Bridge Club member Nancy Segall has a passion for preserving and protecting the Monarch butterfly. She 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 a butterfly garden. For more information, visit Nancy's "Save the Monarchs" Facebook page at w w w . f a c e b o o k . c o m /

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 27– March 1 and March 20–22 at the Club.

# Mexican Resort Regional

Puerto Vallarta November 3-9, 2014

304 players. 710 tables.

1 98.60 Jonathan Steinberg, Toronto ON 2 98.60 Gonzalo Herrera, MX 3 98.60 Gerry Marshall, Las Varas NA 4 98.60 Daniel Korbel, Waterloo ON 5 75.85 Cameron Doner, Richmond BC 6 72.91 Susan Stubinski, Houston TX 7 72.91 Bruce Wick, Houston TX 8 72.53 Dolores Brenner, Santa Fe NM 9 72.32 Marjorie Michelin, CA 10 68.62 Ellis Feigenbaum, CA 11 68.28 John Jacobson, Santa Fe NM 12 68.15 John Onstott, New Orleans LA 13 68.15 Howard Parker III, CA 14 67.71 John Grantham, AR 15 65.32 Rebecca Rogers, Las Vegas

Goodrich, Long Beach CA; Rick Weiss, Reno NV X3. Jerry ChamberMexico; Diane Van Brocklin, Chapala Mexico B3/4 Donna Gibbs, Corinth TX; Virginia Boudreau, Flower Mound TX; Kim Brinkman, Highland Villge TX; Henrietta Morris, Arlington TX B5. Edgar L'Heureux, White Rock BC; Alain Fleurot, Manhattan

Beach CA; Debra Wilhelmi-Ralph Wilhelmi, Olympia WA C1/2 Robert 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

Sunday Open Pairs-4.0 Tables A1. 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.

Linda Shallit, Belfair WA; Carolyn McClurkan, Bremerton WA

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# **PUERTO VALLARTA WINNERS**



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



Wednesday Open Pairs Flt A Connie Marfell, Charles Grimes



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



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



Cancun KO Flt B Lawton & Barbara Hutchinson. Sandy Potts, Esther Ellis



Tuesday Open Pairs Flt X Jimmy Reynolds, Mary Ann White



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



Tuesday Swiss Flt B Dagmar Rettberg, Gaylord Brockway, Mary Anderson, Pat Mitchell



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



Thursday Swiss Flt B Mike Roney, Mary Payne, Mary Ann White, Jimmy Reynolds



Acapulco KO Flt C Lily Lister, Lamya Abougoush Nancy Engbloom, Frances McDonald



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



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



Tuesday Gold Rush Pairs Max Chauvet, Gilles Aubin



Tuesday Gold Rush Pairs Marilyn Valario, Carrie Thomas



Thursday Gold Rush Pairs Alicia Reves-Revtana, Monica Schapira

**Unit 201** Sabine Neches

#### lations!!

The North American Pairs club final was held on Nov.1 with a

Moss and Don Moss, with Sarah Smith, E.W. Sweeney, Earl Johnson and Ann Montgomery finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>. The November Mentor

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

Nimmo. Jack Evans and Carolyn Worsham placed 2<sup>nd</sup> with Ann Montgomery and Earl Johnson finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> palce. Wednes-





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 certainly did a fine job at the tables and took home the tourney trophy for their performance. Congratu-

two session game and pot luck Betty Poindexter and lunch. Mary Johnson were the winners for the day. Beverly Hulsey and Lorena Strange were 2<sup>nd</sup> with Wayne Outlaw and Martha Oliver placing 3<sup>rd</sup>. Others placing were Paul Keedy and Sandra Allison 2<sup>nd</sup> with Courtney Coffman and David Morris placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in Flight C.

Mentor Pairs game in October was won by Martha Oliver and Beverly Hulsey. Marilyn Adams and Tim Stelly were 2<sup>nd</sup> with Sandra Allison and Anna Smith placing  $3^{rd}$ . Others placing were Susan Nimmo and Connor Smith 3<sup>rd</sup> in B. Lynda Jones and Hugh Smith came in 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**Pairs** game was won by Janis Williams and Linda Adamchik. Norma Crane and Patsy Pierce were 2<sup>nd</sup> with Susan Nimmo and Connor Smith placing 3<sup>rd</sup>. The November Mentor Team game was won by Sandra Allison, Bill Frank, Liz Mackenzie and Tim Stelly. Placing 2<sup>nd</sup> 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<sup>st</sup> in the E/W direction. Thanks to the Country Club Group for hosting this fun game.

Additions to the 70% club are Nancy Smalley and Cynthia Stueber in an open game. Fred Rice and E.W. Sweeney as well as

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<sup>st</sup>. John and Nancy Smalley were 2<sup>nd</sup> with June Edingston and Mary Johnson finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. In Flights B and C, Bob and Parker Townley-Smith placed 1<sup>st</sup> with Carolyn and Zack Townley-Smith finishing 2<sup>nd</sup>. Paul Keedy and Sandra Allison placed 3rd. Monday afternoon winners were Aiyanadar Bharathi and John Smalley. Arline Meyers and Flo Gillispie were were 2<sup>nd</sup> with Carol McGill and Liz Mackenzie finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>. Monday evening winners were Betty and Ernest Schulter. Jerry and Susan Gore placed 2<sup>nd</sup> with Jo Woody and Paul Aguillard pacing 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tuesday afternoon winners were Paul Aguillard and Susan

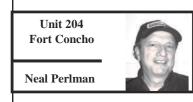
day morning found Jo Woody and Melva Kalkbrenner in a tie with Beverly Broussard and Lou Rising for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Kris Cherry and Donna Mcferrin finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. Winners on Wednesdav afternoon were Blanche Sibley and Cynthia Stueber. Ron Sanders and Jack Evans were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

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Beverly Hulsey and Connor Smith finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> 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."

See you at the game!!



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 Dorris:

B-1 MJ McCord + Mary Bloodworth and B2 John Osbourne + Linda Reichenau:

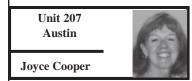
C1 Karen Voight + Larry Hettick and C2 Sherrill Jackson + Kaye Marsh. Congratulations to all.

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

Again I want to encourage y'all to attend the San Angelo sectional February 13, 14 + 15.

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

Best wishes to all in our fresh 2015.



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

by the founders of the Bridge Center of Austin: they believed that Austin had the talent and interest to become a major center for bridge in Texas and their hard work has paid off. 8) Larry Davis who runs 4 local clubs and 5 or 6 games per week. Larry has worked tirelessly for bridge in Austin, serving as the financial advisor for Unit 207 and negotiating our contracts. He has also been the Chair 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 experience. Thanking you all for sharing 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 appears 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 traveled to tournaments, just because its that time of year and to get their yearly point count up. Tobi and David Sokolow, along with Louis Sacher, Sam Dinkin, Mark Feldman, and Lynn Baker, competed in the latest nationals 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 4th 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 Master: Phillip Jaeger, Mark Sanders; Others: 100: Pritam Sooch, B.R. Tetzlaff; 200: Gloria Bennett, Lisa Holzgrafe, Dwight Silver, George 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: February 14-15: NLM Sectional at the Bridge 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 30-May 3: Unit 207 Sectional at the Bridge Center. Also on the calendar is the qualifying game for the Grand National Teams, flights B & C: two session event with lunch at the BCA on January 24. Players take notice: The upper limit for Flight B is now 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 pays \$500 to each player who represents us at Nationals, while the District contributes another \$2000 per team. This is the chance to play for pay!



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<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup>. 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.



#### Thursday Feb. 26

Swiss Teams, Single Session10 am, 2:30 pmStratified Pairs, Single Sessions10 am, 2:30 pm, 7:30 pm299er Pairs, Single Sessions10 am, 2:30 pm, 7:30 pm Swiss Teams, Single Session

Friday Feb. 27

Swiss Teams, Single Sessions Stratified Pairs, Single Sessions 299er Pairs, Single Sessions

10 am, 2:30 pm 10 am, 2:30 pm, 7:30 pm 10 am, 2:30 pm, 7:30 pm

#### Saturday Feb. 28

**Bracketed KO's** Stratified Pairs, Single Sessions 299er Pairs, Single Sessions Single Session Swiss

10 am, 2:30 pm, 7:30 pm 10 am, 2:30 pm, 7:30 pm 10 am, 2:30 pm, 7:30 pm 2:30 pm

10 am & TBA

#### Sunday Mar. 1

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams

<u>Stratifications</u> (for all games based on average masterpoints)

Open Pairs: A: 2000+, B: 750-2000, C: 0-750 299er Pairs: A: 200-300, B: 100-200, C: 0-100 (adjustable) Sun Swiss : A: 3000+, X: 0-3000, B: 500-1500, C: 300-500, D: 0-300 Director has discretion on A/X masterpoint break Meal Served Between Morn/Aft Sessions Thurs-Sat and between Sunday Sessions Entries: \$11/session (\$14 non/unpaid members) \$100/ Sun Swiss





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 all a speedy recovery and hope to see 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 regular C players, and was rewarded with good afternoon games both Friday and Saturday. I was partnership chairman and was able to pair 2 gentleman who lived in the same town but did not know each other, They won and placed in several events and that was a satisfying outcome. We had 109 tables and awarded 412.80 points to 90 players.

Treats" and a nice crowd. 1st overall tied between Coleen Grisham and Bette Byrd and Pat Ramsey and Betty Henderson. Betty H. deserved to be 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, 200-300 Sue Patton 92.81, 300-500 Carol Whitten 115.15, 500-1000 Glynda Groves 144.42, 1000-2500 Robert Patton 236.75, 2500-5000 Coleen 5000-7500 Jo Smith Grisham 715.34.

The Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs award is given for points won in Club games only and the leaders on the Nov 6 posting for unit 224 were the following: 0-5 Linda Scarborough 10.44, 5-20 Jeff Lewis 34.12. 20-50 Beverly Joosten 9.94, 50-100 Jim Alvis 28.85, 100-200 Helen Cartee 18.53, 200-300 Sue Patton 42.43, 300 -500 Carol Whitten 75.98, 500-1000 Glynda Groves 77.08, 1000-2500 Bette Bvrd 78.44, 2500-5000 Coleen Grisham 73.80, 5000-7500 Betsy Duncan 47.22.

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 directors, 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 years has led the Unit into financial solvency by his organization and hard work. George knows how to cater a tournament, how to set up for a tournament, and how to run a bridge Unit. I keep asking myself if we will be able to step up and manage once George leaves the Board. His leadership has been invaluable over the past few years. 7) The vision displayed

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

Deceased: Matty Bergin

We began October with lots of Spe-

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

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 game and party with "Tricks or

We have 2 months for this to change so we will compare who holds on to the lead and wins!.

We have one member of our Unit that is an exceptionally dedicated player. Pat Ramsey lives in Stephenville and drives 200 miles round trip to play in Abilene. She usually plays from 2 to 3 games a week.

Pat started playing "kitchen" bridge in 1967 at a neighbors house. That was all until she and Jack moved to Singapore where she took up duplicate. The first time she played in a 16 table Novice Charity game, she won 3.33 points and she was hooked. For the tIme that they lived there, she 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 Stephenville in 1980, the nearest Duplicate game was in Eastland, which was 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 the 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 4, with 6 tables, Glynda Groves and Jeff Lewis scored a 70.33 game. Ed Grant commented that when you have a 69.25 game, you don't expect to come in second. Congratulations to 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 4 13.53 Venkatrao Koneru
- 5 13.53 Jo Smith
- 6 13.32 Tommy Splittgerber
- 7 11.74 Pat Ramsey
- 8 11.63 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 Lux-Kendall Early C2. Ann Jay-James Jay Friday Afternoon 299r Prs-5.5 Tables AB1. Shirley Davenport-Paula Baggett AB2C1. Jackie Batjer-

Baggett AB2C1. Jackie Batjer-Tiffany Wagstaff C2. Barbara Payne-Claude Payne

Friday Evening Open Pairs-12.0 Tables AB1. Pat Ramsey-Martha Murphy AB2. Carol Whitten-Betty Henderson C1, Sue Patton C2. Judy Matthews-Glynda Groves

Saturday Morning Open Prs-7.0 Tables A1. Neal Perlman-Tommy Splittgerber A2. Norma Walker-Suzanne Dorris B1. Eugene Lux-Kendall Early B2. Gloria Rowland-Betty Wilkinson

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) Stratified 299er Pairs (single sessions)	9:30	2:00
Stratified 299er Pairs (single sessions)	9:30	2:00
Stratified Open Pairs (single sessions)	9:30	2:00

# Friday - February 20, 2015Bracketed Knockouts Teams I, (3 & 4)9:302:00Compact KO's (1 & 2)9:302:00Stratified 299er Pairs (single sessions)9:302:00Stratified Open Pairs (single sessions)9:302:00

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

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

#### Saturday - February 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 299er Bracketed (if there are enough 299er teams)

#### **Tournament Chairpersons**

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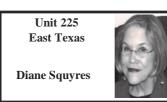
Diane Squyres 903-291-0268 Ginny Jones 903-758-3176

Ginny Jones 903-758-3176 Refreshments Compliments of Longview Duplicate Bridge Club Members Entry Fees: \$12/ACBL members - \$15Non/unpaid ACBL members Saturday Swiss Teams \$108 Director in Charge • John Smalley

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

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

Sunday Stratified Swiss-15 Tables A1. Neal Perlman-Tommy Splittgerber-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. Schovanec/Linda Harrison/Sandy Lansing. Edwyna Testerman/Billie Spain/Judy Kelly/Pat Cawley won second. Shirley Shelton/Peggy Singer/Linda Tillery/Patricia Stracener and the team of Dorothy McCasland/Nelda Avent/Joan Cobb/ Sue Latham tied for 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>.

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<sup>th</sup>, Chester Neel/Shirley Matthews ran off with 1<sup>st</sup> N/S. Mary and Don Bartley strolled in for 2<sup>nd</sup> while Richard and Mary Hinkle skipped away with 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sitting E/W, Cliff Dillard/ Wanda Allen strutted away with 1<sup>st</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> OA. Emily Leake/Brenda Baker sashayed off with 2<sup>nd</sup> and Beryl Cobb/Beth Hankins danced away with 3<sup>rd</sup>.



February 20-22, 2015

Temple

**Sectional** 

Cultural Activities Center

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

#### FRIDAY, February 20

Swiss Teams (single sessions)10 a.m., 2:30Stratified Pairs (single sessions)10 a.m., 2:30p.m.\*\*299er Pair Game10 a.m., 2:30(Masterpoints for pairs and teams are averaged)

10 a.m., 2:30 p.m. 10 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7 10 a.m., 2:30 p.m.

#### **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 Game10 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+/AX:0-2500 TBD by DIC (Play Together) B: 750-2000 C: 100-750 D: 0-100 (BCD Play Together)

**Tournament Chair** 

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#### **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 remainder of the year. Our Christmas Party on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> 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 Van Zandt County. We "Share a Lunch" and exchange ornaments as Christmas draws near. We are looking forward to the New Year and lots of duplicate bridge!"

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 McIndoo, 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 Phoenix Unit 354. Best wishes to Alva

Fri/Sat KO-Bracket 1-5 Tables 1. Terry Riely-Venkatrao Koneru-Carolyn Riely-Jo Smith 2. Warren Haney-Anne Spitler-John Gibson-Monte West

Saturday Aft Open Prs-13.5 Tables / Based on 18 Tables AB1. Gloria Rowland-Betty Wilkinson AB2. Bette Byrd-Coleen Grisham Suzanne Dorris-Norma Walker C1. Judy Matthews-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 Perlman-Tommy Splittgerber B2. Coyita Bowker-James Alvis C1. Nancy Hollyfield-Shyla McGill C2. Paula Baggett-Shirley Davenport

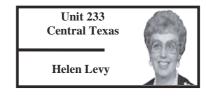
#### 70% Games

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<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately there were only 3.5 tables or that would have been in the <u>Bridge Bulletin</u>. Peggy Singer/ Edwyna Testerman had a 71.30% game on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> and Shirley Shelton/Shirley Matthews had a 70.24% game on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> at the Longview DBC. Doris Hoback/Heidi Bradsher had a 70.24% game on November 17<sup>th</sup> at the Sheila Bell DBC.

On October 27<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>st</sup> OA, Beth Hankins/Beryl Cobb/Diane Squyres/Ginny Jones won 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Edwyna Testerman/Gayle Mauldin/ Harold Blair/Merriam Blair won 3<sup>rd</sup>. In the Swiss teams Club Appreciation team game on October 29<sup>th</sup>, the winning team was Kay Wright/E 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 out www.acblunit225.com for more information. (Ennis Dyess has done an incredible job on the website and it 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 Brenda Baker's husband, Clifford Charles "Pinky" Baker, has passed away. 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, tournament dates, etc. Our special thanks to Caroline for all she has 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! 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



# McAllen Sectional Mcallen Community Center March 6 - 8, 2015

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

Friday, March 6, and Saturday, March 7 Stratified Open Pairs (Single Session) 9:30am/1:45pm Fees: \$11.00 per session

Sunday, March 8, Stratified Swiss Teams 9:30am/TBA (2 sessions) Fees: \$100.00 per team Stratification: A 1500+: B 500-1500: C 0-500

Lunch \$8 Friday and Saturday

Tournament Chair Rene Wallace 956-793-3992

**Partnership Chair** Gretchen Chapa 956-682-0460

Non-ACBL Members \$1.00 more per session

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 me. Some days I am alone at the bridge table and all is well. Then a challenge arises and I have all the right answers in my brain and there is the thrill of victory, but just as suddenly the confusion of a 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(RD) points for a total of 19.63 Points, congratulations Khalifa!! He also went to Abilene Sectional and won 3.49 Silver Points. Great work!!!!!

Our group honored Tuck Harvey

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 Percentage Games were Susan Brower and Mike Terry with 66.67, Margaret Kirkland and Tomie Johnson with 65.97, 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 with 5.10. 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.

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.

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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 Charlotte 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 Center. You will enjoy smoe of the best food around. Marsha Postar has agreed to chair the tournament for us

I don't have a lot of news since bad

# 60th Beaumont Spindletop Sectional March 5-8, 2015

#### **Tournament Location**

Beaumont Bridge Studio 950 North Street Beaumont, TX 77701 409-838-2447

#### Host Hotels

**Sleep Inn and Suites** 2030 N. 11th Street, Beaumont 77701 409-892-6700 Rate: \$69 per night (by Mar 1) 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

#### Schedule of Events

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#### Thursday, March 5, 2015

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

(Single Sessions)

Friday, March 6, 2015 Stratified Open Pairs ..... .... 9:30a, 1:30p 299er Pairs .... ..... 9:30a, 1:30p (Single Sessions)

#### Saturday, March 7, 2015

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

#### Sunday, March 8, 2015

Stratified Swiss Teams...... 9:30a and TBA

#### **Tournament Chairs**

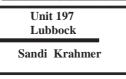
Liz Mackenzie 409-833-6069 or emackenzie@gt.rr.com

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 the weather will cooperate.

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



Hi Everybody!

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

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

Unit 237

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.

#### 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.

**Dolores Belton** 409-860-9340 or doloresbelton@att.net

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.

Magic Valley **Rene Wallace** 

### Houston Unit 174 proudly presents the 54th annual



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## 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**

B: 5-20

299'r Events: ..... A: 200-300 49'r Events: ...... A: 20-50

B: 100-200 C: 0-100 C: 0-5

## **I/N CHAIR**

Kathy Hughes; 281-437-1339; lhughes39@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

## **DAILY OPEN PAIR CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Monday Charity Pairs (extra points)(2 session	ns) 2:30 & 7:30
Tuesday Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions)	10 & 2:30
Wednesday Ax, Mid-Flight, GR Pairs (2 sessions)	10 & 2:30
Thursday Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions)	10 & 2:30
Friday Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions)	10 & 2:30
Saturday Ax, Mid-Flight, GR Pairs (2 sessions)	10 & 2:30
Sunday 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-Saturday10:00
Afternoon Series	Monday-Saturday2:30
Evening Series	Monday-Saturday7:30

## **KNOCKOUTS & SWISS EVERY DAY**

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

## **STRATIFICATION & FLIGHTING**

A:2000+; B:750-2000; C:0-750 Stratified Events A:5000+; Ax:0-5000 (A & Ax play together) Ax Pairs **Mid-Flight Pairs** 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 Brackets of 7-9 teams by total MP holding Bracketed Swiss Team or pair average used for all stratified events and within flights for strati-flighted events Strats may vary at the Director's discretion.

B:1500-3000; Bx:0-1500 (B & Bx play togethe

Topics to be announced

# **ENTRY FEES**

\$13 for all events \$4 more for non and unpaid ACBL members

# **TOURNAMENT CO-CHAIRS**

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# PARTNERSHIPS

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







# Monday, January 26

Charity Pairs (Extra Points!)	2:30	& 7	7:30
Side Pairs	2:30	& 2	7:30
Bracketed Swiss Teams (double session)	2:30	& 7	7:30
Evening KO #1 (session 1 of 4)		7	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)	
Evening KO #1 (session 2 of 4)	
Evening Side Game Series	

# 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)	
Evening Compact KO #1 (session 1 of 2)	7:30
Evening Side Game Series	7:30

# Thursday, January 29

Open Pairs	
Morning Side Game Series	
Wed-Thu KO #3 (sessions 3 & 4)	
Thu-Fri KO #4 (sessions 1 & 2)	
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# Friday, January 30

Open Pairs	
Morning Side Game Series	
Thu-Fri KO #4 (sessions 3 & 4)	
Fri-Sat KO #5 (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)	
Evening Compact KO #2 (session 2 of 2)	)
Evening Compact KO #3 (session 1 of 2)	
Evening Side Game Series	
Late night KO	

# Saturday, January 31

Ax Pairs	
Mid-Flight Pairs	
Gold Rush Pairs	10:00 \$ 2:30
Morning Side Game Series	
Fri-Sat KO #5 (sessions 3 & 4)	
Compact KO #4 (two sessions)	10:00 & 2:30
49'r & 299'r Pairs	. 10:00, 2:30 & 7:30
0-5 Pairs	
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)	
Stratified Evening Side Game Series	

# 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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# Section Top Awards in Pairs and for First Place Teams in KO and Swiss

The Awards desk will be open 1 hour before each session.

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