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DISTRICT 16 NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS QUALIFIERS



1st Place Flight A North American Pairs
Bart Bramley, John Sutherlin



2nd Place Flight A North American Pairs
Peggy Sutherlin, Joan Jackson



3rd Place Flight A North American Pairs
Patty & Greg Hinze



1st Place Flight B North American Pairs
Bill Kiehnhoff, Cavid Crooks



2nd Place Flight B North American Pairs
Bill McCarty, Daniel Jackson



1st Place Flight C North American Pairs
Finlay Higgins, Mike Pfeiffer



2nd Place Flight C North American Pairs
Gary Marquart, Bruce Mansbridge



3rd Place Flight C North American Pairs
Keith & Joan Ritter

The first weekend in January 124 pairs, 8 more than last year, competed in Austin for the honor of representing D16 in the National NAOP finals in New Orleans during the Spring Nationals in March. There were 30 pairs in A, 56 pairs in B, and 38 pairs in C. The total has been relatively steady for the last decade, proving to be a major event on the District schedule.

The event was a 4-part sequence that began at qualifying club games and proceeded to a 2-session Unit final. Players then advanced to the District final, where all flights played 4 sessions, 2 qualifying and 2 finals. After the final results were tallied, the national qualifiers were:

Flight A

- 1/ Bart Bramley and John Sutherlin
- 2/ Joan Jackson and Peggy Sutherlin
- 3/ Patty and Greg Hinze

Flight B

- 1/ David Crooks and Bill Kiehnhoff
- 2/ Daniel Jackson and Bill McCarty
- 3/ Hua Yang and Yan Song
- 4/ Robert Schmidt and Ari Sippola

Flight C

- 1/ Mike Pfeiffer and Finlay Higgins
- 2/ Gary Marquart and Bruce Mansbridge
- 3/ Joan and Keith Ritter
- 4/ Patricia Rutledge and Leilani Rose

Bart and John have had long and successful bridge careers. Bart has won 16 National titles and John 12. Both have a lot of seconds as well.

Peggy Sutherlin and Joan Jackson are both multi National and World champions.

Bill McCarty and Daniel Jackson have had great success in both the NAOP and the GNT. In 2013 they won the National flight B NAOP and last year they won the National GNT flight B.

First place winners in A, B, and C all receive a total of \$800 per player (\$700 from ACBL and \$100 from District 16). Second in B receive \$700 from ACBL. Second in A, 3- in B and 2- in C receive a total of \$500 per player

(\$300 from ACBL and \$200 from District 16). Third in A, 4- in B and 3rd- in C get \$300 from District 16. Fourth in C receive \$200 from District 16. In addition to the stipend, there are no session fees for the National Finals.

The top flight draws a very strong field and is easily stronger than any other pair event at regionals or sectionals. Many of the participants have won one or more national championships.

A big hand for Melody Euler. District 16 NAOP coordinator. Melody and her local Unit coordinators did a great job of notifying all the eligible pairs. If a pair informed them that they were not coming, they notified the next pair. Melody ensured that we had pre-duplicated boards and hand records in the finals and has made sure that we play at least 26 hands each session in flights A and B.

The NAP continues to be a great event. If you make it to the national final you get to play 4 sessions of very competitive bridge before the crowds converge. You meet a group of opponents who are distributed evenly across all of ACBL land-including Canada and other regions. Advancing through each of the stages is exciting and playing in the Nationals is a great

Paul Cuneo

District 16
President



would like to congratulate Unit 174 on a very nice regional tournament. By achieving a table count of 3103, we are assured of keeping the District's 5th regional tournament.

We all owe a big "Thank You" to Jim Thurtell who finished his term as District 16 President. It has been my privilege and pleasure to work with him the past two years as district officers. Congratulations to Tomi Fitzgerald who has been elected 1st Vice President and to Greg Loran who is now 2nd Vice President. I am looking forward to serving District 16 as President this year and consider it a privilege and a challenge.

Just a little background about me will help you to understand the point of view I'll be taking as District President this year. I first learned about bridge in the early 70s and played party bridge sporadically over the next 30 years. I took my first set of lessons and joined the ACBL in the fall of 2005. I consider myself to be a "B" player at this point of my bridge journey. I enjoy the intellectual challenge of bridge, the learning opportunity, the competition, the social interactions and friendships, and the opportunity to serve the bridge community.

I was trained as a chemical engineer and was a manager for over 20 years. I retired in 2002 and have been dedicated to

bringing that set of skills as a volunteer board member and consultant to a diverse set of organizations in business, government and the nonprofit worlds.

Through this experience I've learned that both as individuals and organizations, either we are learning, adapting, improving and growing or we are atrophying. I believe that each of us has a set of talents and abilities that can help with these processes to the betterment of bridge in our communities.

I want to encourage each of you to find a way to improve your own game. Bridge continues to evolve and there is opportunity at all levels to improve our bidding, our defense, our play of the hand, and to be better partners. I'm convinced that when we improve our game, we increase our enjoyment and that of our partners and teammates.

Remember that bridge is a journey. The ACBL has established milestones to encourage us along the way and to celebrate during the journey. Take the opportunity to support and encourage other players along the way, to help them to enjoy their journeys, and to celebrate their successes.

Bridge is fueled by the efforts of volunteers at every level. I would like to thank all the volunteers who are serving in the clubs, on the unit boards and the district board.

I would like to challenge each individual to find a way to help at the clubs where you play and at the tournaments in your unit. The more volunteers we have at every level, the more enjoyable the bridge experience will be for everyone

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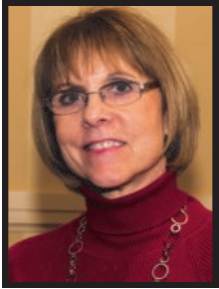


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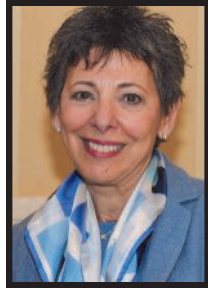
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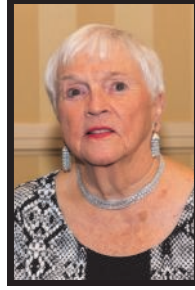
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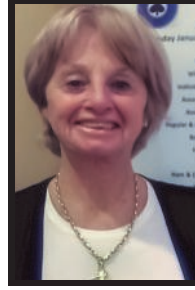
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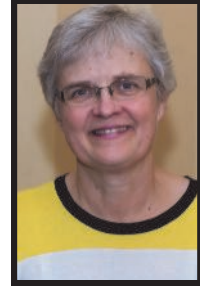
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District Board Approves “Fragrance Free” Tournaments

The District 16 Board meeting at the Lone Star Regional established the policy that all sanctioned tournaments in District 16 be listed as “Fragrance Free.” Some people have an extreme sensitivity to fragrances. District 16 has followed many other ACBL clubs, units and districts that have adopted policies that prohibit players from wearing fragrances.

Because duplicate bridge requires players to be in close proximity to each other, individuals who suffer from fra-

grance-related reactions cannot avoid those who are wearing them. For many individuals this can be a serious health problem causing symptoms from headaches to breathing problems.

The District is appealing to the goodwill of its members to include proper hygiene in this category.

Remember “Be Scent – sitive!” and give this issue the consideration it deserves.

District 16 STaC May 4-10

District 16 will conduct a STaC (Sectional Tournament at Clubs) May 4 through 10. Check with your clubs to see their schedule. You get the points for your section at the club but the scores will be compared to those at all participating games and overalls depend on the turnout. The table count, often over 100, will determine overall points awarded. Everyone plays the same hands.

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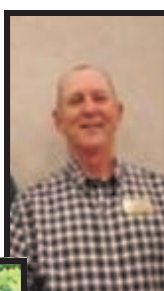
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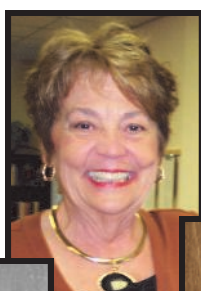




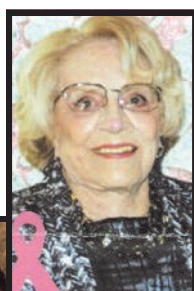
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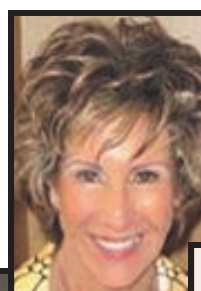
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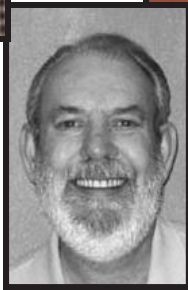
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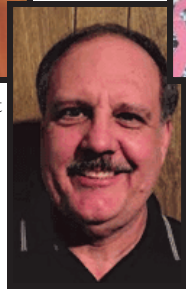
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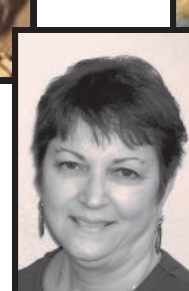
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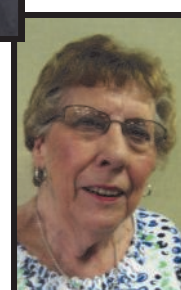
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Unit 209

Texas Stars

The 2015 District 16 Texas Star Awards and Texas Star Pins were presented to recipients at the Houston Regional in February. The Texas Star Awards are given to worthy volunteers at the unit level for exceptional service performed in their own unit. Congratulations to all!

Nell Morgan Unit 172 San Antonio

Unit 172 is proud to recognize Nell Morgan as the 2015 Texas Star Award winner. Nell's contributions to bridge in Unit 172 and particularly New Braunfels span four decades. The New Braunfels Bridge Club began in 1983 with Nell as its first director. She continued for 40 years until her retirement in 2012. During that time, the club held games at various locations, including several years in Nell's home.

Nell also served as the guiding light for the New Braunfels sectionals. As the tournament chair, she recruited a great group of volunteers to provide the hospitality for which New Braunfels is famous. Nell was the co-chair for the tournament in its first year and had sole responsibility as Tournament Chair until her retirement in 2010. In recognition of her leadership and commitment, Unit 172 named the concluding event the Nell Morgan Swiss Teams.

Nell is a Diamond Life Master and continues to play actively, including serving as a mentor. Unit 172 extends a big "Thank You" to Nell for all her hard work and "Congratulations" for a well deserved honor.

Paul Cuneo Unit 174 Houston

Paul Cuneo retired from Shell Oil Company in 2002 after a 33 year career. In Paul's last position, he was Chief Information Officer for Shell Oil Products Company. In this position he was responsible for all Information Technology for the company and reported to the CEO. Paul holds a Chemical and Petroleum Refining Engineer degree from Colorado School of Mines. Paul has lived in Houston since 1990.

Paul was elected to the Unit 174 ACBL Board in April, 2008 and served as President twice during his 6 year term. He began co-chairing the Lone Star Regional in 2010 where the attendance passed 3000 tables for the first time since 1999. In 2011, Gold Rush Pairs and Bracketed Swiss team events were first played at the LSR and event times were revised. These changes have been popular with players and the LSR increased attendance to 3259.5 tables in 2013. For the first time the Unit 174 had 4 consecutive years of over 3000 tables in attendance.

Paul is now the Unit 174 Representative on the District 16 Board. In 2013 Paul served as Second Vice-President of the District 16 Board and is currently serving as the First Vice-President. In addition to volunteering at ESCH, Paul volunteers with Between Jobs Ministry at Northwest Bible Church where he is a Deacon and serves on the Bilma PUD Board.

David Greims Unit 176 Dallas

If a unit is lucky, they have lots of members who pitch in and help when

asked. If they are VERY lucky, they have that special someone who never needs to be asked. Dallas Unit 176 has that in David Greims, this year's recipient of our Texas Star. David is just completing his 6th year on the Unit Board, serving this final year as Vice-President. He has worked hard on committees, serving wherever needed and preferring to stay behind the scenes, but most of us know him as the King of Equipment and Supplies. David made sure we always had everything we needed and that it was in great shape. If you have attended a Dallas tournament, you've seen David's handiwork – tables and chairs delivered to the site, placed perfectly, with cards, bidding boxes and stanchions ready to go for the very first session. When you headed home on Sunday at the end of the Swiss, David (with wife Sue, who is just as indispensable to us as he is) was loading the unit trailer, with every box and table already cleaned, and every cup and coffee pot back in its designated place. He has taken care of us for years and this spring, turned this part of his duties to a stronger back. It's hard to believe he won't be there to take care of every little detail, but we know if we need him, he always will be. Thank you, David, from a very grateful Unit 176, for all your years of service and dedication. We are so very proud of you.

Max Jackson Unit 183 Fort Worth

Max has been invaluable to Unit 183 and particularly so to the Tournament Chair. For over 10 years he has managed all the tournament equipment and supplies including personally loading, transporting, storing, and setting up and taking down tables and chairs. He also transports our equipment to neighboring Unit 176 when they borrow it for their tournaments. These jobs may require more than one trip and often last into the wee hours of the morning. He has helped maintain unit headquarters in all aspects of its operation for many years. He has served on the Unit board and willingly assists with any and all requests for help including running unit games. Thank you, Max!

Phyllis Pruet Unit 187 Corpus Christi

Phyllis and her husband Bill started playing bridge early in their marriage and she has played for years on and off. They both were very active in our local club when they moved to Corpus Christi from Alabama. Their business obligations kept her from playing for several years, and when Bill passed away in 2002 Phyllis continued operating the business. She retired in early 2011 and lucky for us came back to bridge. Phyllis is one of the most well liked members of our club always ready and willing to help with whatever needs to be done - sometimes hauling equipment to tournaments, cleaning after games and any other chore needed to keep our club running smoothly.

We persuaded her to take the director's test and now she directs several games a month. She always has a smile, is helpful to everyone and is certainly an important asset to our club.

Greg Loran Unit 197 Lubbock

The members of the nominating com-

mittee for the Texas Star and Good will awards have nominated Greg Loran as the Texas Star winner.

Greg has been our District 16 representative since he took over for Carol Schoenhals after her death. He faithfully attends all he District meeting for a small stipend that doesn't begin to cover his expenses. He always reports the latest information from these meetings to the Unit Board. Greg has also taught several classes and has been willing to play with less-experienced players to help them improve. He also has taken over our yard maintenance and has done a wonderful job. He has saved us a fortune in landscape expenses.

Robert Donathan Unit 207 Austin

Robert has served as the unit treasurer since 2006 and served two terms on the board. He agreed to continue on a treasurer after going off the board last year. He has assisted Larry Davis in negotiating some very attractive deals with hotels for our tournaments. He has offered sound business advice over the years to the unit board and some clubs in the unit. Robert negotiated the lease for the space that the BCA occupies with the owners of the shopping center and also negotiated an extension of that lease that is currently in effect. He has been very generous with his time in the bridge community and tries to offer advice when asked about the game to less experienced players. But he will tell you he has gotten a lot more out of bridge than he's put into it, especially considering the opportunity to become friends with so many good people in our bridge community. Robert learned to play bridge in college in the early 1970's when a fraternity brother Frank Floca (now Dr. Frank Floca) taught him and a few other friends how to play. It didn't take long for this group to get hooked on the game and they spent many hours playing bridge at the fraternity house until the wee hours of the morning. They also played duplicate at the old house on 6th Street where the director was Ray Roback. After graduating from the University of Texas in 1973 and joining the real world and taking a job in Dallas, Robert didn't play for over 15 years. After moving back to Austin, he started playing duplicate again and found that the bridge studio had moved to north Austin off of Koenig Lane but that Ray was still the director. He was very fortunate that experienced players like James Garner played with him when he was getting back into duplicate back in the early 1990's.

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people in our bridge community.

Dorothy Brenneman Unit 209 Permian Basin

Unit 209 is proud to present the 2014 Texas Star Award to Dorothy Brenneman, a long-time bridge player. Dorothy has served as secretary to Unit 209 for over 15 years and as secretary of the Permian Basin local unit for a number of years as well.

She grew up on a ranch near Uvalde, Texas. She got her degrees from Sul Ross College in Alpine, Texas, where she also met and married John Brenneman. They have been married for 58 years, sharing their love for country living, dancing, and rodeos. They were blessed with one son, who resides in Austin. Dorothy taught school in Garden City and Greenwood before retiring and moving to Midland. She has been a big asset to our clubs as both a bridge player and a great "record keeper."

We congratulate Dorothy Brenneman, our 2014 Texas Star.

Mary Jane Garth Unit 201 Beaumont

Mary Jane Garth was introduced to duplicate bridge while living in Colorado. She moved to Beaumont 9 years ago with only 37 points and quickly advanced to Life Master. Mary Jane's most admirable qualities are her friendliness and her generosity and service to Unit 201, Beaumont, and the Southeast Texas community.

Mary Jane actively supports many worthy causes and has been honored and recognized for her generosity and service to many organizations in the community. She was recently designated as a Julie Rogers Gift of Life Program "Angel Among Us" for her devotion and donations to breast and ovarian cancer survivors and as 2014 honoree at Lamar University's Le Grand Bal for her myriad contributions to the art community. Additionally, Mary Jane has donated thousands of dollars to Beaumont Bridge Studio tournaments, events, and facilities.

Mary Jane annually opens her home to the 200+ members of Unit 201 for a Christmas party where over 200 art pieces and collections are displayed. The gathering is a "must attend" event in a relaxed atmosphere that brings members of all skill levels together.

Unit 201 proudly designates Mary Jane Garth as Texas Star Award recipient for her generosity, selflessness, and passion for promoting duplicate bridge in our community.

Jo Smith Unit 224 Abilene

Jo Smith has been chosen by Ft. Phantom Unit 224 to receive the Texas Star Award for 2014. Jo has worked diligently at the Unit level and she has been an Ambassador for bridge wherever she travels, reflecting credit upon our local Unit. Jo has served as President of our Board of Directors multiple times. She has helped the unit in every way imaginable

Presently Jo serves on the Board of Directors for District 16. In 2013 she

served at President of District 16. Her articles were enjoyed by many for their history and their promotion of bridge.

It is with great pride that we nominate Jo Smith as the recipient of the Texas Star for Unit #224 for 2014. She is our friend, our go-to-person, our mentor and our ambassador for bridge from Abilene. Jean Roach Unit 225 East Texas

The Board of Directors of Unit 225 has selected Jean Roach to receive the 2014 Texas Star Award. Since the second day of the 2005 Easy Bridge class at the Bridge Studio at Cedar Creek, when she announced "This is what I want, I am joining ACBL", she has been a "go to" person in support of bridge in East Texas.

After being elected to the Unit 225 board, on which she served 3 years, she coordinated updates to the Unit web page. She has been responsible for the publication of the Unit Membership Roster and has served on the partnership and education chairs for the unit tournaments. She received the ACBL Goodwill Award in 2014.

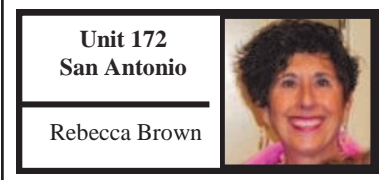
She has generously given of her time to mentor players new to ACBL and manages partnerships at two bridge clubs where she plays. As one director commented, "Jean is ready to do whatever it takes to make our game a success". This is only one of the many accolades she has received.

Jean Roach grew up in Amarillo, Texas and is a graduate of Purdue University with a degree in English. She and her childhood sweetheart Jerry will celebrate 50 years of marriage in June of this year. They raised their family on a ranch in Kaufman County. They have two married daughters and seven grandchildren.

Jean became a Chartered Life Underwriter in 1979 and continues in insurance sales when she can tear herself away from the bridge table. After graduating from the Naval Academy, Jerry went into the Marine Corps where he served a tour in Viet Nam and attained the rank of Captain. He is now retired from an engineering career in the petroleum industry followed by 15 years as a small business owner.

Ila G. Bates Unit 233 Central Texas

Ila G. Bates was selected by the Unit 233 board of directors as a volunteer whose activities were deserving of the Texas Star Award for 2014. Before retirement she was a drama and speech teacher in a Waco high school. After not having a Waco sectional tournament for two years due to renovation of the convention center, Ila worked tirelessly to find an affordable location for a tournament. She has since chaired four sectional tournaments in Waco. After the death of long-time club manager/director at Sul Ross bridge club, Ila took the ACBL director test in order to help with directing games at Sul Ross. She has now been elected club manager. She served a three-year term on the Unit board and was elected vice president for one year and president for one year during her term of office. Ila has demonstrated exceptional ability in performing in any position she may accept and will continue to promote bridge and further Unit activities.



What a wonderful way to get 2015 off to a great start--play in a sectional! Which many of us did at the Fiesta Winter Sectional (January 15-18.) Tom Marsh, aided by the ever-competent, newly minted Tournament Assistant, Judy Hoffman, orchestrated the smooth movement of 237 tables over the four-day tournament. Top masterpoint winners were Virginia Noelke and Venkatrao Koneru (35.17 points.) Hospitality was fabulous, thanks to Laurie Levin. Three weeks later, we gluttons for punishment gathered at BCSA to compete in the Grand National Teams Unit qualifier. Six B flight teams and three C flight teams competed to go on to the District finals in May in Richardson. Seven teams qualified. Congrats to the Fillis/Levin team who took first place and to Vanecko, Hernandez, Villastrago, Harrington, and Brown who took second in B and Wingate, Gardner, Johnson and Fletcher for first in C. Thanks to Roxana and Roxie Tom for the delicious sandwiches and snacks.

Kudos are in order: I wasn't "out to lunch" but I was out of the country when it happened. I want to congratulate (although belatedly) the winner of the Nail LM pairs at the Providence NABCs: Venkatrao Koneru! This is his second National win. How wonderful! And, congratulations to the unforgettable Nell Morgan on being given the Texas Star Award for 2014. Please read the feature article about the award and this year's awardees elsewhere in the Scorecard. While the Texas Star is a District award, the Unit annually announces two Goodwill Members of the Year. These individuals exhibit courtesy, kindness and tactfulness and are "ambassadors of goodwill." Congratulations to this year's winners, Sally Armstrong and David Mitchell! The winner of the 2014 Paul Lewis award is Geneva Johnson. This award is given annually to the player who begins the year with under 300 points who wins the most master points at Unit sectionals during the year. Good show, Geneva! A round of applause for all!

Table Tidbit: Have you noticed how

many avid bridge players studied math? How about math and then statistics? Well, Terry Rice is one of them. Though he grew up in Pittsburgh, Terry has spent most of his adult life in Texas. After completing an MBA at Texas A&M, he taught statistics at various colleges and universities around the state, including Lamar U., A&M, Sam Houston State, and SW Texas. In 1969, while teaching at Lamar in Beaumont, Terry got a call from his old pal from Beaumont who was a head coach and teacher in Rankin, Texas (which, for those Texas transplants among us, is in "way West Texas.") He told Terry that Rankin desperately needed a math teacher, head basketball coach and assistant football coach (for those Texas transplants among us, that's one job.) The opportunity was irresistible for Terry, who always had a keen interest in intramural sports. So, there went Terry and on the very first day of school he met Anita, whom he married during Easter break! Though Rankin wasn't long term for Terry, Anita sure was. They wound up back in East Texas then onto San Antonio where they have been since 1980. Terry taught math and coached in middle and high schools as well as coaching their three sons in little league baseball and soccer. Terry rediscovered bridge in his retirement. He also enjoys caring for the 30 Japanese Koi he and Anita have in their backyard pond.

A sweet goodbye to Dee Baker, who was taken from us so suddenly. I still think of her as a living force with whom to reckon. Her extraordinary spirit and smile, wise-ass attitude and highly inventive bids (damn it!) will be missed by many.

Milestones: Congrats to new Life Master, Debbie Schweiss and new Silver Life Master, Stephen Simmons.

Note: The Unit board meetings have changed. During 2015 we will meet on the 2nd Monday of every month, at 3:45 pm at BCSA. Come join us.

Upcoming events: Spring Fling Sectional (April 16-19/BCSA); Awards Day (May 1 /BCSA) Summer Sectional (June 4-7/Fiesta Bridge Club)

SEE YOU AT THE TABLE!

Winter Fun Sectional

San Antonio
January 15-18, 2015

218 players. 237 tables.

- 1 35.17 Virginia Noelke
- 2 35.17 Venkatrao Koneru
- 3 32.33 Patty Hinze
- 4 32.33 Greg Hinze
- 5 25.86 Gary Anziani
- 6 25.86 Ed Rawlinson
- 7 20.69 Donna McBride
- 8 20.25 Wayne Rauschuber
- 9 20.07 Fran Vanecko
- 10 17.47 Rosemary Kelley

Thursday Afternoon Swiss-25 Tables A1. Venkatrao Koneru-Gary Anziani-Ed Rawlinson-Virginia Noelke A2. Bill Walker, -Jon Richard Ware-Judith Ortiz-James La Fountain B1. Rebecca Brown-Wayne Rauschuber-Fran Vanecko-Kendall Early B2. Charles Jefferson-Beverly Santos-John Gitzen-Sisir Sharma C1. Barbara Morgan-Mary Powell-Mary Kathryn Twite

Thursday Morning Open Prs-27.0 Tables / Based on 34 Tables A1. Greg Hinze-Patty Hinze A2. Wayne Rauschuber-Fran Vanecko B1. Stephen Hoffman-Bob Steidel B2. Robert Martin-Betty Jo Betterworth C1. Maria Groussman-Georgia Baron C2. Laura Matuszewski-Luann Cohen

Thursday Morning 299r Prs-6.5 Tables A1. Herbert Keyser-Barbara Keyser A2BC1. Suzanne Miller-Charlene Johnson BC2. Lynn (Ann) Pierson-Helen King

Friday Morning Open Pairs-30.0 Tables / Based on 37 Tables A1. Venkatrao Koneru-Virginia Noelke A2B1. Donald Varvel-David Goldfarb B2. Paula Wissman-Robert Otis C1. Debbie Schweiss-Marjorie Miller C2. Ann Jay-James Jay

Friday Morning 299r Pairs-7.0 Tables ABC1. Doris Salley-Gloria Rodriguez AB2. Mary Lou Anziani-Richard Arnold C2. Beverly Flannery-Gerda Jacobs

Friday Aft Open Pairs-22.0 Tables A1. Suzanne La Brecque-Larry La Brecque A2. Greg Hinze-Patty Hinze B1. Olivia Brown-Arlene Rubin B2C1. Evelyn Irene White-Jim Roff C2. Debbie Schweiss-Marjorie Miller

Saturday AM Open Pairs-25.5 Tables / Based on 31 Tables A1. Donna McBride-Rosemary Kelley A2. C David Mitchell-Sheryleen Grothus B1. John Hilbig-Jerrold Harrington B2. Terrence Rice-Carole Lee O'Connor C1. James Cuccia C2. Geneva Johnson-Janice Fletcher

Saturday AM 299r Pairs-5.0 Tables AB1. Gerda Jacobs-Ruth Eilene Sullivan AB2C1. Donald Lang-Marilyn Lang 2 Evelyn Pitman-Bobby Terrell-Fri/Sat KO-Bracket 1-6 Tables 1. Roxie Tom-Pat Prichard-Kay Laird-Richard Curtin 2. Venkatrao Koneru-

SPRING FLING SECTIONAL SAN ANTONIO

April 16-19, 2015 @ BRIDGE CLUB of SAN ANTONIO
11524 PERRIN BEITEL, SAN ANTONIO, TX 78217



Thursday, 16th

10 am Open Pairs & 299er Pairs
3 pm Stratified Swiss Teams & 299er Pairs

Friday, 17th

10 am Stratified Open Pairs & 299er Pairs
3 pm Stratified Open Pairs & 299er Pairs
3 pm Bracketed Handicapped KO Teams (1 of 3)

Saturday 18th

10 am Stratified Open Pairs & 299er Pairs
10 am Bracketed KO Handicapped Teams (2 of 3)
3 pm Stratified Open Pairs & 299er Pairs
3 pm Bracketed KO Handicapped Teams (3 of 3)

Sunday 19th

10 am & TBA Stratified Swiss Teams
Meal between sessions.

Stratifications: A 2000+ B 500-2000 C 0-500
299er at director's discretion (3 table minimum)
Average Masterpoints will be used in all events

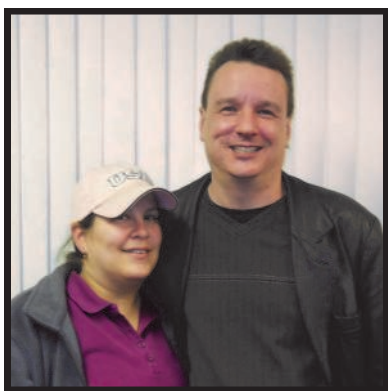
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Gary Anziani-Virginia Noelke-Ed Rawlinson
Saturday Aft Open Pairs-28.5 Tables AB1. Daniel Jackson-Bill McCarty AB2. Hank Eng-Brian Bankler C1. Betty Gibson-John Gibson C2. Earl Cutler-Betty Cutler
Sunday Stratified Swiss-24 Tables A1. Greg Hinze-Patty Hinze-Ira Hessel-Ellen Hessel A2. Gary Anziani-

Venkatrao Koneru-Ed Rawlinson-Virginia Noelke B1. Harry Ingham-Elaine Martin, -David Ticen-Linda Elmore B2. Bill McCarty-George Fillis-Karen Fillis-Daniel Jackson C1. David Herron-Jim Roff-Evelyn Irene White-Stephen Simpson C2. Carol Zuclich-Joseph Zuclich-Timothy Roberts-Coleman Driver

SAN ANTONIO WINTER SECTIONAL WINNERS



Patty & Greg Hinze
Thursday Morning Pairs A



Ed Rawlinson, Babu Koneru,
Ginny Noelke, Gary Anziani
Thursday Swiss A



Ginny Noelke, Babu Koneru
Friday Morning Pairs A



Rich Curtin, Pat Prichard, Kay Laird, Roxie Tom
KO



Larry & Suzanne Labrecque
Friday Afternoon Pairs A



Donna McBride, Rosemary Kelley
Saturday Morning Pairs A



Bill McCarty, Daniel Jackson
Saturday Afternoon Pairs A&B



Ellen Hessel-Patty Hinze
Ira Hessel-Greg Hinze
Sunday Swiss A



Bob Steidel, Steve Hoffman
Thursday Morning Pairs B



Rebecca Brown, Fran Vanecko,
Kendall Early, Wayne Rauschuber
Thursday Swiss B



Don Varvel, David Goldfarb
Friday Morning Pairs B



Arline Rubin, Olivia Brown
Friday Afternoon Pairs B



John Hilbig, Jerry Harrington
Saturday Morning Pairs B



Elaine Martin, Linda Elmore,
Harry Ingham, Dave Ticen
Sunday Swiss B



Georgia Baron, Maria Groussman
Thursday Morning Pairs C



Mary Powell, Mary Kay Twite,
Barbara Morgan, Linda Banks
Thursday Swiss C



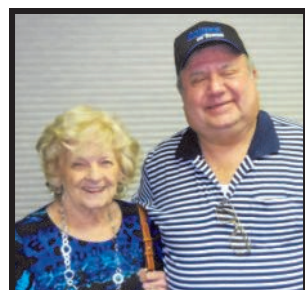
Marge Miller, Debbie Schweiss
Friday Morning Pairs C



Jim Roff, Irene White
Friday Afternoon Pairs C



James Cuccia, Dick Greenbauer
Saturday Morning Pairs C



Betty & John Gibson
Saturday Afternoon Pairs C



Dave Herron, Irene White
Steve Simpson, Jim Roff
Sunday Swiss C



Herb & Barbara Keyser
Thursday Morning 299er



Gerda Jacobs, Ruth Eilene Sullivan
Saturday Morning 299er



Doris Salley
Friday Morning 299er

**Unit 174
Houston**

**Carol Ann
Wilson**



Wow! What a Regional we had! Our **LONE STAR REGIONAL** was one of our best ever, with 3100 tables! The Bracketed Swiss events, held every day, continued to be huge. Entry lines were long but speedily processed. Many of us wondered if the team events will need to be moved to the big ballroom next year because there are so many entrants. So why are more tournaments not having this event???? It's just about the most fair one we have, where every team in the same bracket is pretty evenly matched. Yet I still see tournaments with those AWFUL Compact Knock-outs! Even at the Dallas nationals in 2014, not one Bracketed Swiss event, but Compact KOs all over the calendar. I have talked to directors about it, and they *greatly* prefer Bracketed Swiss to Compact KOs. I saw that the February Regional in Baton Rouge had a schedule full of Compact KOs and no Bracketed Swiss events. (The Compact KO event at our regional had very few takers, compared to the Bracketed Swiss.) So why are we seeing so many compact KO events? The directors tell me it's the Unit leaders' call. So I'm just on this soapbox now to get planners of tournaments to think about giving your players a chance with Bracketed Swiss events and see how your numbers increase! And why not just go ahead and mark your calendars now for next year's Lone Star Regional: Feb. 1-6, 2016.

Success Stories from Unit 174: What has long been known as Houston's "Bridge Studio" is now the **Westside Bridge Academy**, under new ownership, and the Grand Opening was observed on Valentine's Day! They have been filling the tables in a grand manner, and we'll be hearing great news from them in future issues. Lots of classes are underway, and we are really fortunate to have *many* good teachers in our unit. **Joyce Ryan**, who was an ABTA Teacher-of-the-Year Finalist, always has excellent workshops going on at St. Martin's Episcopal Bridge School (jryan9620@sbcglobal.net or 713.977.3360). **Barbara Phillips**, who is an ACBL Star Teacher, Director, and Gold LM, started an eight-week course course for beginners

February 9 at Bridge Club of Houston (281.651.6550, www.bridgeclubofhouston.org). Barbara is always sharing her bridge skill, and we are glad. As some of our members become more seasoned and adept at our beloved game, we must remember that we were all beginners at one time. Our hats are off to all these teachers who have the patience to make bridge players out of beginners. Another big helping hand: tournaments for 299ers and 499ers. BCOH's next 299er Sectional is March 12-15, and we wish them the best and a good turnout. And what about you? Are *you* helping by participating in mentor games? I know we've got lots of teaching and mentoring going on in all our clubs, so let me know about it. Keep up the good work, everybody!

New 70% Milestones: **Pat Levy** and **Oren Moore** did it [again!] with a 71.63% game at the StaC at Tracy Gee Community Center on 12/8; **Brenda Solovitz** and **Ariel Leibovitz** had a 70.67% game on Monday, 1/12 at Apple Duplicate Bridge Club, Tracy Gee Community Center. And would you believe those are the only club scores I got for this issue? But I combed the *Daily Bulletins* from our recent Regional, and found some there (which may be an even bigger accomplishment, given the heightened stress of a tournament as compared to a club game): **Howard Hunyh** and **Richard Lowry** had a 72.32% game in one of the sessions of the Gold Rush Pairs on 1/31, which helped net them a 65.18% event to win First Place and take home 11.25 Gold points! If you're chasing that gold, be sure to include this event on your tournament schedules, if it's offered. **Judy Million** and **Sally Thomas** had a 71.10% game in the Thursday Morning 49ers Single Session event (no gold for a single session, but a great accomplishment, nevertheless). And finally, **Hugh Hillaker** and **Bill Staats** with 70.67% in the B Arthur Evening Side Series. Congrats, everybody!

Fundamental Tip: I feel a need to point out, especially for our newer members and players, the tremendous wealth of bridge knowledge that can be found in the monthly *Bridge Bulletin* that comes with your ACBL membership. I mention this because I have recently come across several players (many LMs) who do not know the "whales" and "stars" of Bridge, which tells me they must not be reading their *Bulletins*, because their photos are always prominently displayed

after big wins. So I wondered how many are getting the full value from the great articles. Just in the December 2014 issue, for example, **Jerry Helms** has a very useful article on page 46 about the necessity of using the Lebensohl convention when the opponents open a weak two (I can't figure out why he spelled it with a small "L" when it's named for a person, though). He's right, and it's a good way to ease yourself into using this fantastic convention. And on the very next page, **Lynn Berg** has an outstanding article on "Systems On," something with which many partnerships have big problems. If you don't read anything else in the December issue, read that page (and then read it again). And I cannot omit the super article **Pat Harrington** has in the "Newer Players" section on page 49 on "Weak twos." I circled and asterisked three passages in her article, which discusses the differences among the sample hands. Pages 52, 55, 57-60, 61, and 66 all have passages I highlighted. Can you guess what they are?

Sad Farewell: We lost a stalwart on 12/13 when **Claudette Roush** passed away from pancreatic cancer. Funeral services for **Mary Koegel**, a regular at BCOH, was held at The Forum on 1/20. And **Donna Maddox**, a regular at Houston community centers, passed away 1/30. Our prayers for their families and friends.

**LONE STAR
REGIONAL**

Houston
Jan 26-Feb 1, 2015
1587 players.: 3103 tables.

- 1 120.83 Nagy Kamel, Plano
- 2 120.83 Greg Hinze, San Antonio
- 3 110.09 Dan Morse, Houston
- 4 105.75 Joanne Weingold, FL
- 5 105.75 Jeff Meckstroth, FL
- 6 105.75 Jack Weingold, FL
- 7 105.75 Eric Rodwell, FL
- 8 103.53 Valentin Kovachev, 99.44 Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV
- 10 97.59 Carole Liss, San Rafael CA
- 11 95.98 Mike Cappelletti, FL
- 12 94.22 Loretta Rivers, Monroe LA
- 13 93.46 David Grainger, CA
- 14 89.46 Milton Petersen, NE
- 15 88.86 Thomas Peters, Grapeland
- 16 87.74 Daniel Korbelt, ON
- 17 83.48 Hugh Hillaker, Grand Prairie
- 18 83.48 Bill Staats, Southlake
- 19 81.32 Robert Hollman, CA
- 20 81.32 Bruce Ferguson, CA
- 21 77.13 Carolyn Peters, Grapeland
- 22 76.19 Eddie Wold, Houston

- 23 76.10 John Zilic, Houston
- 24 75.68 Phillip Grothus,
- 25 74.63 Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio

KNOCKOUTS

Evening KO1 Bkt A-11 Tables 1. Milton Petersen, Omaha NE; Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV; Greg Hinze, San Antonio; Nagy Kamel, Plano; Dan Morse, Houston 2.. Rosalind Howell, Atlanta GA; Sue Kimbrell-Mary Jennings-Ann Gibbs, Houston 3/4 Bruce Wick-Susan Stubinski, Houston; Paul Darin-Martha Roth, San Diego CA 3/4 Eddie Wold, Houston; Jane Armstrong-Betty Starzec, Sugar Land; Daniel Korbelt, Waterloo ON; David Grainger, Roseville CA

Sudy Zane KO3 Bkt A-9 Tables 1. Lou Ann O'Rourke, Scottsdale AZ; Gary Hayden, Tucson AZ; Roger Bates, US; Geoff Hampson-Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas NV; Mike Passell, Plano 2. Robert Hollman, Santa Barbara CA; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA; Bill Staats, Southlake; Hugh Hillaker, Grand Prairie 3/4 Eddie Wold, Houston; Betty Starzec-Jane Armstrong, Sugar Land; David Grainger, Roseville CA; Daniel Korbelt, Waterloo ON 3/4 Roxie Tom-Pat Prichard-Kay Laird, San Antonio; Katherine Gary, Karnes City; Roxana Tom, Campbellton

SUDY ZANE WED/THUR KO 3-12 Tables 1. Rosalind Howell, Atlanta GA; Sue Kimbrell-Susan McMahan-Nancy Reader, Houston 2. Beth Gale-Debbie Schweiss-Rebecca McCutcheon-Kathy Sinkin-Amor, San Antonio 3/4 Karen Tabak Nussbaum-Alan Zane-Daniel Leightman, Houston; Alick Einav, Austin 3/4 Betty Schell, Houston; Norma Becker-Betty Jean Reeves, Missouri City; Marion Segger, Bellaire

SUDY ZANE WED/THUR KO 3-12 Tables 1. Donald Moss-Paul Aguillard, Beaumont; Donald Williams-Janis Williams, Sour Lake 2. Gaylene Jewell-Helen Hollis-Ann Blohm-June Bradford, Houston 3/4 Richard Labouliere, Seabrook; Dennis Beckman-Kenneth Hudson, Houston; David Kuykendall, Pearland 3/4 Frank Crabtree-Bernard Feldman-Robert Komorn, M.D-M Smith, Houston

Joyce Gore & Marcella Thomas KO-Bk 1-10 Tables 1. Loretta Rivers, Monroe LA; Mike Cappelletti, Winter Park FL; Tom Breed, US; Thomas Peters-Carolyn Peters, Grapeland 2. Sally Clark, Carlsbad CA; Donald Rumelhart, Ann Arbor MI; Ned Irving, Hot Spgs VI AR; Jack Lacy, US

Joyce Gore & Marcella Thomas

KO-Bk 2-9 Tables 1. Beth Todd-Cappy McIver-J F Lowenstein-David Wolf, New Orleans LA 2. Daad Rodgers-Britt Siem-Marilyn Leiman, Houston; Erika Magid, Bellaire

Joyce Gore & Marcella Thomas KO-Bk 3-9 Tables 1. Terri O'Brien-Barbara Vervenne-Lucerne Bunch-Patricia Berry, Austin 2. Sam Shah-Jo Shah, Irving; Robert Burton-Dolline Burton, Georgetown

Joyce Gore & Marcella Thomas KO-Bk 4-16 Tables 1. John Caudill-Jane Boozalis-Carol Jewett, Houston; Pam Barksdale, US 2. Maureen Wittels-Donna Miller-Elizabeth Jackson, Houston; Indu Khera, Sugar Land

C Chuck Ensor W-T Eve Comp KO-6 Tables 1. Robert Hollman-Ferguson-Bill Staats-Hugh Hillaker 2. Lou Ann O'Rourke-Mike Passell-Geoff Hampson-Marc Jacobus

AUDLEY KARRASCH FRI SAT KO #1-9 Tables 1. Lou Ann O'Rourke, Scottsdale AZ; Marc Jacobus-Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV; Mike Passell, Plano; Gary Hayden, Tucson AZ; Roger Bates, US 2. Robert Hollman, Santa Barbara CA; Bruce Ferguson, Palm Springs CA; Bill Staats, Southlake; Hugh Hillaker, Grand Prairie 3/4 James Thurtell, Dallas; John Schwartz, Plano; Guss Ginsburg, New Orleans LA; Mike Doyle, Houston 3/4 Bruce Wick-Susan Stubinski, Houston; Belton Allen, La Mesa CA; Robin Rodger, San Diego CA

AUDLEY KARRASCH FRI SAT KO #2-11 Tables 1. Millicent Wear-Betty Davis-Barbara Webber-Susan McMahan, Houston 2. Larry Levin-Laurie-Ann Levin-Kathy Sinkin-Amor-Beth Gale, San Antonio 3/4 Buddy Ellisor-Becky Ellisor, Wimberley; Kay Humphries-Hugh Humphries, Bellaire 3/4 Richard Burkhart-Bonnie Burkhart, Houston; Jo Ann Pierce-Tomi Porterfield, Pearland

AUDLEY KARRASCH FRI SAT KO #3-10 Tables Rank Names 1. Aruna Sane-Kris Sankaran, Sugar Land; Charles Newton Jr, Rosenberg; Ann Bullard, Katy 2. Bennett Neiman-Lisa Holzgrafe-Gayle Moyers, Austin; David Davis, Sat Compact KO Bkt A-12 Tables 1. Anthony Bianchi-Mary Pat Gentry-Pat Levy-Gary King, Houston 2. Sally Clark, Carlsbad CA; Jack Lacy, US; Ned Irving, Hot Spgs VI AR; Donald Rumelhart, Ann Arbor MI

Sat Compact KO Bkt B-9 Tables 1. Ashok Shingavi-Gulzar Mitha, Houston; Amaldas Makken, The Woodland; Lana Guise, Sugar Land 2. David Dyer-Terry Harrison-Ralph

FL 2. Milton Petersen, Omaha NE; Billy Miller, Las Vegas NV; Greg Hinze, San Antonio; Nagy Kamel, Plano; Dan Morse, Houston 3. Carolyn Fox, Manvel; Mildred Breed, Tomball; Betty Freedman, Houston; Phillip Grothus, US 4. Eddie Wold, Houston; Betty Starzec-Jane Armstrong, Sugar Land; David Grainger, Roseville CA; Daniel Korbel, Waterloo ON

Joan Morse Fr Swiss Bkt B-9 Tables / Based on 58 Tables 1. Jim Hilton, Austin; Craig Allen, Glen Ellyn IL; Michael Huston, Joplin MO; Daniel Suty, Houston 2. Robert Donathan-Larry Davis, Austin; Charlene Sands, Pflugerville; Virgil Massey, Driftwood

Joan Morse Fr Swiss Bkt C-9 Tables / Based on 42 Tables 1. Edward Ashworth-Todd Lusk, Baton Rouge LA; Marilyn Croft, St Charles IL; James McKinney, Carol Stream IL 2. Peter Hudson, Coppell; David Farris, Austin; Jonathan Ernest, Lindale; Sandra Campbell, Kaufman

Joan Morse Fr Swiss Bkt D-9 Tables / Based on 39 Tables 1. Liliana Ciccarelli, Spring; Azam Khan-Dale Crumbaugh-Peter Hanson, Houston 2. Harry Elliott-Sheila Harrison, Houston; Donald Varvel-Eleanor Sherwyn, Corp Christi

Joan Morse Fr Swiss Bkt E-9 Tables / Based on 36 Tables 1. Kim Brinkman, Highland Village; Carmen Keys-Paul Cuneo, Houston; David Ticen, Victoria 2. Harry Selldin-Chie Yen-Victor Tong, Houston; Meng-Chr Tsai, Pearland

Joan Morse Fr Swiss Bkt F-9 Tables / Based on 33 Tables 1. Carol Winograd, Bellaire; Anne Gorry, Houston; Alison Andrews, San Antonio; Sandy Smith, Calera AL 2. Kim Lambert-Sanae Zaveloff, Austin; Kelly Moses, Biloxi MS; Kathleen Carr, Dallas

Joan Morse Fr Swiss Bkt G-9 Tables / Based on 30 Tables 1. Karen Dittert-Judith Stark-Mary Jo Torczon-Clarissa Dowdy, Houston 2. Donald

Hixson-Virginia Hixson, Rapid City SD; Harold Fellerman-Bonnie Fellerman, Mission

Joan Morse Fr Swiss Bkt H-9 Tables / Based on 27 Tables 1. Thomas Martinsen-Linda Martinsen, Bellaire; Arlene Rawitscher-Jack Rawitscher, Houston 2. William Daniel III, Spring; Karen Fireman, The Woodlands; Frederick Gregory, Houston; Sam Khayatt, Kingwood

Joan Morse Fr Swiss Bkt I-9 Tables / Based on 24 Tables 1. George Sullivan-Andrea Sullivan, Round Rock; William McIndoo-Rita Wiegenstein, Georgetown 2. Jim Goza-Kay Bickham, Edmond OK; Wilma Bailey-Jeane Crumpler, Conroe

Joan Morse Fr Swiss Bkt J-9 Tables / Based on 21 Tables 1. Andrew Remson, Spring; Barbara Dabney-George Dabney, Tomball; Steve Varner, Houston 109.00 4.08 2 J Bank-Anita Albert-Martha Norman, Austin; Judy Bagley, US; Linda Brodie, Bellaire

Joan Morse Fr Swiss Bkt K-9 Tables / Based on 18 Tables 4.80 1. Gayle Orvis-Robert Orvis, Burleson; Laura Wrenn-Ann Sinclair, Houston 2. Robert Armstrong-Jeffery Parker, Sugar Land; Daniel Leightman, Houston; Alick Einav, Austin

Joan Morse Fr Swiss Bkt L-9 Tables / Based on 15 Tables 1. Craig Briney-Mary Ann Briney, N Richlnd Hls; Dwight Hill, Grand Prairie; John Robbins, Fort Worth 2. Carol Ehrman-Carole Samuels-Beverley Linskey, Houston; Ben Ball, Sugar Land

Joan Morse Fr Swiss Bkt M-9 Tables / Based on 12 Tables 1. Ben Landers-Lenna Landers, Spring; Susan Young-Fran Hewitt, Shreveport LA 2/3 James Morgan, Cypress; Sheryl Thomas, Richmond; Brenda Metz, Houston; Marilyn Slaughter, Missouri City 2/3 Carolyn Wedel-James McElhinney-Jerry McNeely-Jerry Hoffman, Houston

Joan Morse Fr Swiss Bkt N-8 Tables 1. Mary Cris Emmons-David Hull-Connie Conover-Stormy Hull, Houston 2. Stephen Mast-Holli Mast, Cypress; Robert Babb-Laurie Hartline-Babb, Magnolia

Karur Krishan Sa Swiss Bkt A-9 Tables / Based on 57 Tables 1. Carole Liss, San Rafael CA; Valentin Kovachev, US; Anton (Tony) Haddad, Houston; Jo Smith, Abilene 2. Larry Davis-Robert Donathan, Austin; Virgil Massey, Driftwood; Charlene Sands, Pflugerville

Karur Krishan Sa Swiss Bkt B-9 Tables / Based on 41 Tables 1. Peter Hudson, Coppell; Jonathan Ernest, Lindale; Sandra Campbell, Kaufman; David Farris, Austin 2/3 Joe Black, Austin; Sam Dodson, Houston; Philip Duterme, Bellaire; Tomi FitzGerald, Frisco 2/3 Steve Tuggle, Sugar Land; Linda Rensi, Katy; Wayne Christensen Jr, Laporte; Larry Washburn, The Woodlands 4. Richard Chin, Bozeman MT; Bill Riley-Nancy Riley, Kingwood; Malou Flato, Austin

Karur Krishan Sa Swiss Bkt C-9 Tables / Based on 24 Tables 1. Rich Brandenburg, Coppell; Scott Nason, Dallas; Milton Neher-Joseph Gill, Richardson 2. Rosalee Hacker, Southlake; Virginia Farley, Arlington; Marilyn Croft, St Charles IL; James McKinney, Carol Stream IL

Karur Krishan Sa Swiss Bkt D-9 Tables / Based on 1. George Fillis-Karen Fillis, San Antonio; Pawel Hanus, Carrollton; Bogumil Knypinski, N Richlnd Hls 2. Beth Todd-J F Lowenstein-Cappy McIver-David Wolf, New Orleans LA

Karur Krishan Sa Swiss Bkt E-9 Tables / Based on 18 Tables 1. Harry Ingham-Elaine Martin, San Marcos; Osman Ahmed, Austin; Tim Jones, Overland Park KS 2. G Thomas Rush-Errol LeCesne, Houston; Wes Peirce, The Woodlands; Alan Charters, Kitchener ON

Karur Krishan Sa Swiss Bkt F-9 Tables / Based on 15 Tables 1. Janet

Smith-Carol Krug-Donna Mann-Barbara Pope, Kingwood 2. Donald Hixson-Virginia Hixson, Rapid City SD; James Nikstad-Emalyn Nikstad, Wausau WI

Karur Krishan Sa Swiss Bkt G-9 Tables / Based on 12 Tables 1. Anita Albert-Martha Norman-J Bank, Austin; Judy Bagley, US 2. Ben Ball, Sugar Land; Carol Ehrman-Katherine McClure-Beverley Linskey, Houston

Karur Krishan Sa Swiss Bkt H-10 Tables 1. Rick Margerison-Leah Margerison-Ann Parker, Dallas; Ginger Morgan, Gordonville 2. Barbara Abney-Sandra Dickinson-Charlene Turner-Rachel Harlin, Kingwood

Sunday Open Pairs-7.5 Tables / Based on 5 Tables A1. Greg Loran, Lubbock; Neal Perlman, San Angelo A2. Jeanne Linzel, Stafford; Catherine Prasad, Missouri City A3. Martyn Cooper, Crested Butte CO; Darlene Shirey, Fort Worth BC1. R Englert, Bryan; Thomas Urbanosky, Caldwell

Kay Johnson B Swiss Bkt A-9 Tables / Based on 54 Tables 1. Sanford Lobliner-Gabriel Perry-Don Morgan, Houston; Youssef Youssef, Katy 2. Steve Tuggle, Sugar Land; Linda Rensi, Katy; Wayne Christensen Jr, Laporte; Donna Sparks, Fulshear

Kay Johnson B Swiss Bkt B-9 Tables / Based on 37 Tables 1. Kim Brinkman, Highland Village; Paul Cuneo-Carmen Keys, Houston; David Ticen, Victoria 2. Rich Brandenburg, Coppell; Joseph Gill-Milton Neher, Richardson; Scott Nason, Dallas

Kay Johnson B Swiss Bkt C-9 Tables / Based on 34 Tables 1. Lisa Sommer-Charles Sommer-George Keiller-John Heath, Houston 2. Mike Floyd-Mack Meigs, Baytown; Raleigh Williamson-Harold Copeland, Houston

Houston 2. Dale Grady-Val Grady, Pearland; William Houck, Houston; Charles Chuck Ensor, Seabrook

Kay Johnson B Swiss Bkt E-9 Tables / Based on 28 Tables 1. Karen Dittert-Mary Jo Torczon-Judith Stark-Clarissa Dowdy, Houston 2. Shyue Yuan Wu, Missouri City; Carolyn Campbell-Ming Su-Susan Belding, Houston

Kay Johnson B Swiss Bkt F-9 Tables / Based on 25 Tables 1. Alan Zane-Jack Rawitscher, Houston; Phil Bellan, Sugar Land; Gary Hercules, Stafford 2. Sam Shah-Jo Shah, Irving; Leora Nowitz, Bellaire; Jeannette Nestvold, Houston

Kay Johnson B Swiss Bkt G-9 Tables / Based on 22 Tables 1. Richard Lowry, Rancho Viejo; Alan Godes, Needham MA; Howard Huynh, Lubbock; John Burgoin, Brownsville 2. James Woodward-Mary Jane Kinnebrew-Tzvetomira Bairova-Haigh, Houston; Linda Aaron,

Kay Johnson B Swiss Bkt H-9 Tables / Based on 19 Tables 1/2 Nan Fulweber-Willie Jo Schaefer-Kathryn Kent-Lynn Luster, Houston 1/2 Gayle Orvis-Robert Orvis, Burleson; Laura Wrenn-Ann Sinclair, Houston

Kay Johnson B Swiss Bkt I-9 Tables / Based on 16 Tables 1. Thomas Romz-Evelyn James-Tonya McNabb, Houston; B J Renshaw, Tomball 2. Rosalee Hacker, Southlake; Virginia Farley, Arlington; G Thomas Rush, Houston; Wes Peirce, The Woodlands

Kay Johnson B Swiss Bkt J-9 Tables / Based on 13 Tables 1 Lisa Zummo-Mary Cris Emmons-Susan Theiss-John Caudill, Houston 2. Lynn Gamblin-Vivian Cyprus-Carol Jewett-Jane Boozalis, Houston

Kay Johnson B Swiss Bkt K-13 Tables 1. Stephen Banks-Carol Banks-Charles Dalton-Cheryl Smith, Houston 2. Annette Ehrhardt-Sheila Odell, Katy; Patricia Kay-Ruby Muller, Houston



Unit 174 Election Sectional



Tournament Chairs

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Chuck Ensor
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April 24-26, 2015

Houston Westchase Marriott
2900 Briarpark, Houston, TX 77042
713-978-7400 or 1-888-236-2427
Bridge Rate \$89 plus tax
Cutoff date April 19

Event Schedule

Friday, April 24

1:30 pm

Stratified Open Pairs (Session 1 of 2)
Stratified Side Pairs
Stratified 299r Pairs
Stratified 49r Pairs
0-5 Pairs

Bracketed Swiss (Session 1 of 2)

7:00 pm

Stratified Open Pairs (Session 2 of 2)
Stratified Side Pairs
Stratified 299r Pairs
Stratified 49r Pairs
Bracketed Swiss (Session 2 of 2)

Saturday, April 25

10:30 am

Stratified Open Pairs (Session 1 of 2)
Stratified Side Pairs (One Session)
Stratified 299r Pairs
Stratified 49r Pairs
0-5 Pairs
Bracketed Swiss (Session 1 of 2)

3:30 pm

Stratified Open Pairs (Session 2 of 2)
Stratified Side Pairs (One Session)
Stratified 299r Pairs
Stratified 49r Pairs
Bracketed Swiss (Session 2 of 2)

Sunday, April 26

10:00 am & TBA

Strati-Flighted Swiss (double session)
Stratified Open Pairs (double session)
Stratified Side Pairs (single sessions)
Stratified 299r Pairs (single sessions)

Partnership

Carmen Keys
281-444-7743; carmen.keys@att.net

For partnerships in advance of the tournament, please visit
www.unit174partnership.com



Hospitality

Bill & Linda Brending
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Intermediate/Novice

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281-437-1339; lhughes39@sbcglobal.net



District 16 Grand National Teams

District level qualifying for Flights A and C will be held on Saturday at 1:30 & TBA and on Sunday at 10:00 am & TBA.

Lectures

Friday at 1:00 pm and Saturday at 3:00 pm

Entry Fees

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

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

Stratification

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

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

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

Strati-Flighted Swiss
A:4000+ Ax:0-4000 A, Ax play together
B: Bracketed
Nobody with over 2,500 MPs can Play in B.

Bracketed Swiss

Brackets of 7-9 teams by total MP holding
Team or pair average used for all stratified events and within flights for strati-flighted events
Strats may vary at the Director's discretion

The Unit 174 Annual Meeting will be held between sessions on Sunday.

Polls will be open for the BOD elections an hour before each session on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday morning.



HOUSTON LONE STAR REGIONAL CHAMPIONS

FOUR SESSION EVENTS



Tuesday-Wednesday KO Bkt 1
Thursday-Friday KO Bkt 1
Tom Peters, Mike Cappelletti,
Carolyn Peters, Loretta Rivers



Tues-Wed KO Bkt 2
Chuck Gillis, Aleksandr Adelman,
Siraj Jiwani, Charlse Markowitz



Tues-Wed KO Bkt 4
Marguerite Crowl, Mary Felton,
Gerry Earnest, Jan Delery



Thursday-Friday KO Bkt 3
Patricia Berry, Terri O'Brien,
Barbara Vervenne, Lucerne Bunch



Thursday-Friday KO Bkt 4
Jane Boozalis, Pam Barksdale,
Carol Jewitt, John Caudill



Tues-Wed KO Bkt 3
Ann McDougal, Laura Lee Jones,
Robert Armstrong, Shi Lin Yeh



Wednesday-Thursday KO Bkt 3
Janis Williams, Donald Moss,
Paul Aguillard, Donald Williams



Fri-Sat KO Bkt 3
Aruna Sane, Ann Bullard,
Kris Sankaran, Charles Newton, Jr.

TWO SESSION EVENTS



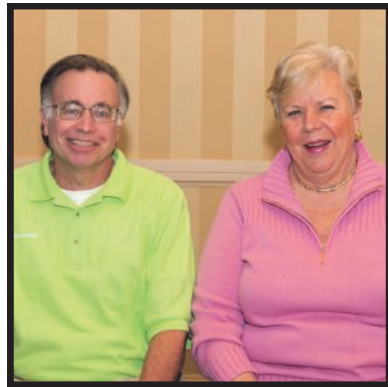
Tuesday Swiss Bkt 1
Diane Davis, Rachell Jackson,
Gary Anderson, Gerald Barrett



Thursday Open Pairs Flt A
Barbara Ferm, Juanita Chambers



Saturday Compact KO Bkt 1
Anthony Bianchi, Mary Pat Gentry,
Gary King, Pat Levy



Wednesday Open Pairs Flt X
Rick Shoenfield, Donna Rodwell



Sunday Swiss Teams Flt X
Jonathan Ernest, Sandra Campbell,
Peter Hudson, David Farris



Monday Swiss Bkt 2
Birendra BK Singh, Ronald Kautz,
Mark Nemitz, Brent McDaniel



Monday Swiss Bkt 3
Anne Gorry, Nancy Reader,
Vivian Cyprus, Carol Winograd



Monday Swiss Bkt 4
Joyce Wormser, Jean Foltz,
Sandra Pollard, Barbara Ann Sharp



Monday Swiss Bkt 5
Alan Adams, Beverly Wedel,
Howard Sonneman, James Simmons



Monday Choice Pairs Flt C
Ronald & Ann Pare



Tuesday Swiss Bkt 2
Wednesday Swiss Bkt 2 Tie
Donna Sparks, Steve Tuggle,
Alfred Fortier, Susan Kaplan

**Unit 209
Greater
Permian Basin**



Jean Pistole

This contribution from Unit 209 is a joint effort from Jean & Chuck Mundy as Jean is not feeling her best, so please bear with me as I decipher Jean's notes and ham fist my way through this. Chuck

Unit 209 was the scene of many Christmas celebrations. The Midland Country Club held the first party with 12 tables in play, the group enjoyed a light brunch & at 1:00 a lovely luncheon. Tables held center pieces of potted poinsettias which were won by lottery numbers at each table. They started the session with great enthusiasm.

The Sunday game on the 7th at the Allison Bridge Center was a Club Championship game. The décor was lovely depicting the Christmas atmosphere. The 10th, the Wednesday night Club hosted a Christmas party & Club Membership Game; always with great snacks & desserts.

Belle was able to put together her usual great game for an Eight is Enough team game & Christmas Party, with the usual wonderful finger foods and as always a lot of fun.

The Odessa Caprock Saturday game was also a Christmas party and Club Championship game on the 13th.

The Midland Tuesday club had its party along with a salad luncheon on the 16th.

Big Spring had their wonderful Christmas Party on the 17th. It is always so special and a great party.

It was party - party - party at the Odessa Thursday Caprock Club had their Christmas "hash".

With all these wonderful parties, with wonderful snacks and desserts made for great fun and probably a few pounds!

Midland Tuesday Club ushered in the New Year with a "Kick Out 2014" party and game.

January started out icy and several games were canceled. Jean usually hosts a New Years Party and serves her black-eye pea stew with others filling in the extras but she had gotten very ill during Christmas and has not been able to return to bridge as of the end of January.

We were saddened by the lost of two of our players; Barbara Steinert and Verna Chambers. Verna had served as our treasurer for several years in Odessa. Verna and Barbara were bridge partners over the years. We send out heartfelt condolences to their families.

An ACBL wide International Fund game was held at Odessa Caprock Club on January 31st. KC Evans/

Betty Dickerson earned 1st Place overall, followed by Brenda Leon & Patti Witt, and then Scott Vaughn & Amanda Shaw.

I will start my narrative at this point, Chuck:

Since the end of the Holidays, the weather of ice covered trees, roads & byways, the evening turnout of Bridge of the Permian Basin, had been strong with an average of five and half tables with balanced competition as we didn't had any 70% partnerships during January.

During December Ann Servatius/Charlie Grimes earned 70% on the 12th, and Mike Robinson/Mercedes Baker impressed us earning nearly 74% on the 19th.

In November Brenda Leonard/Patti Witt earned a first with 70.63% on the 24th, and just missing by just this much [-] Amanda Shaw/Shirley Davenport @ 69.13% November 21.

The tables of snacks and those special "meal events" have also turned out to be an attraction to the participants, there is something about Red Beans & Rice on a cold evening that warms one's soul and sharpens the competitive edge.

A special shout out to Fred & Susie Girard from Bridge of the Permian Basin & Caprock Clubs for keeping us stocked with fresh 3-gallon water bottles so our coffee always taste just so fine!

Junior Fund Winners of Bridge of the Permian Basin: 12/05, 1st: Charles Grimes /Ann Servatius, 2nd Patti Witt/Brenda Leonard, 3rd Scott Vaughan/Chuck Mundy. 12/12 1st Ann Servatius/Charles Grimes, 2nd Brenda Leonard/Patti Witt, 3rd David Hudson/Mike Houston. 12/15 1st Mary Truex/Mike Houston, 2nd Fred Girard/Susie Girard, 3rd Amanda Shaw/Shirley Davenport.

Several of our Newbies are making progress as they have embraced the "Baptism of Fire" method of learning the art of playing bridge by jumping into this pool of friendly sharks. Peter Berzanskis and Terri Melton have even decided to further their education by signing up to play in the San Angelo Sectional February 13-15, to be joined that Sunday by Joy Hardy and Bill Collins to play Swiss.

Mike Robinson & Bill Dent will be playing in Houston Regional Tournament - searching for Gold!

Returning to our tables of fun after extended absences include Audrey Smith after taking a tumble several months ago and Shirley Glass.

Peggy Cook & Bill Dent have placed each time they have partnered all the while Peggy has been suffering from a broken hip! She heads down to MD Anderson the first week of February, any and all prayers would be appreciated!

From Everyone in Unit 209 - Greater Permian Basin - We are so missing Jean Pistole, she has been ill and not able to play or direct. There is a huge "void" in our Club without her; many thanks to our Easy Bridge Directors Amanda Shaw and Shirley Davenport for filling in while we wait for Jean's return.

**Unit 353
Wichita Falls**



Rosemary Barrington

Bridge is a bell ringing challenge for the brain and the people that play it reveal much about their character. Tuck Harvey was my partner in a game and my brain must have been doing cart wheels with my years. She bid four clubs, asking, and I answered, then she bid five clubs and I passed. One would never have known she wasn't pleased with my gleaming blunder. The opponent made a statement and she came to my defense immediately. All I can say is I am an eternal admirer of her character. Another day a gentleman walked in with a lovely bouquet of flowers waving them and saying "I just wanted you to know I could have played better bridge yesterday". What a man!!!! He made the lady feel like "Queen for a Day". She had to squelch feeling to jump up and hug a married man. These are very special

HOUSTON LONE STAR REGIONAL WINNERS CONTINUED



Wednesday Swiss Bkt 6
Bill Beaushaw, Sandar Duboc,
Beth Todd, Martyn Cooper



Wednesday Gold Rush Pairs
Darlene Kintsley, Mabel Byrnes



Wednesday Swiss Bkt 7
June House, Frances Simmons,
Donald House, James Simmons



Wednesday Swiss Bkt 8
Gayle & Robert Orvis,
Bonnie Jan & Alan Robson



Wednesday Swiss Bkt 9
Diane Davis, Rachel Jackson,
Melinda Simmen, Jo Dee Bowen



Wednesday Swiss Bkt 10
Joanne Graham, Julie Harrell,
Vivian Cyprus, Carol Winograd



Wednesday Gold Rush Pairs
Darlene Kintsley, Mabel Byrnes



Thursday Swiss Bkt 2
Charlene Sands, Robert Donathan,
Larry Davis, Virgil Massey



Thursday Swiss Bkt 3
Steve Tuggle, Linda Rensi,
Bonnie Kay & Edward Yetter



Thursday Swiss Bkt 4
Larry Levin, George Fillis,
Laurie Ann Levin, Karen Fillis



Thursday Swiss Bkt 6
Dianne Segerstrom, Susan Adamson,
Garold Adamson, Bert Sheldon



Thursday Swiss Bkt 7
Laurie Goldberg, Joyce Norton,
Eleanor & Pablo Siegal



Thursday Swiss Bkt 8
Friday Swiss Bkt 9
Andrea Sullivan, Rita Wiegenstein,
George Sullivan, William Wiegenstein



Friday Open Pairs Ft B
Bierenda BKSingh, James Frick



Friday Swiss Bkt 4
Azam Khan, Liliana Ciccarelli,
Peter Hanson, Dale Crumbaugh



Friday Swiss Bkt 5
Kim Brinkman, Carmen Keys,
David Ticen, Paul Cuneo



Friday Swiss Bkt 6
Sandy Smith, Anne Gorry,
Alison Andrews, Carol Winograd



Friday Swiss Bkt 8
Arlene Rawitscher, Linda Martinsen,
Jack Rawitscher, Thomas Martinsen



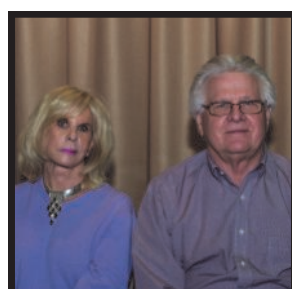
Friday Swiss Bkt 10
Barbary Dabney, Steve Varner,
George Dabney, Andrew Renson



Friday Swiss Bkt 11
Sunday BCD Swiss
Gayle Owens, Robert Orvis,
Ann



Saturday Compact KO Bkt 2
Kelly Moses, Sanae Zavaloff,
Charles Ward, Kim Lambert (NP)



Saturday Midflight Pairs Ft C
Carolyn Labouliere, Bob Dowlen



Tuesday Swiss Bkt 4 Tie
Wednesday Swiss Bkt 4
Thursday Swiss Bkt 5
Bierenda BKSingh, Val Grady,
William Kibikas, Dale Grady



Saturday Swiss Bkt 4
George & Karen Fillis,
Pawel Hanus, Bogumil Knypinski



Saturday Swiss Bkt 5
Tim Jones, Elaine Martin,
Osman Ahmed, Harry Ingham



Saturday Swiss Bkt 6
Carol Krug, Janet Smith,
Barbara Pope, Donna Mann



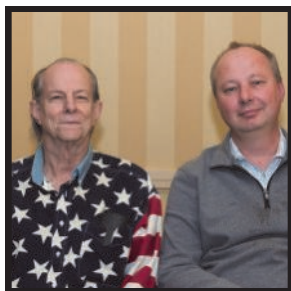
Saturday Swiss Bkt 7
Judy Bagley, Josh Bank,
Anita Albert, Martha Norman



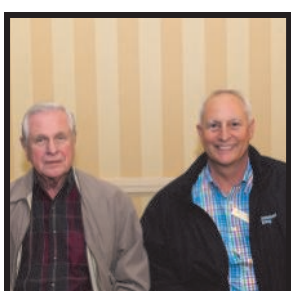
Saturday Swiss Bkt 8
Ginger Morgan, Leah Margerison,
Ann Parker, Rick Margerison



Sunday BCD Swiss
Mary Cris, Emmons,
John Caudill, Susan Theis



Saturday Gold Rush Pairs
Jack Adams, Marcel Van Dijke



Saturday Gold Rush Pairs
Douglas Lilly, Mark Incerto



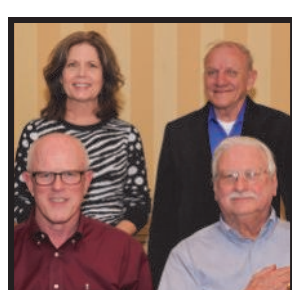
Saturday Compact KO Bkt 3
Lana Guise, Gulzar Mitha,
Ashok Shingavi, Amaldas Makken



Sunday BCD Swiss
Linda Coapland, Sandra Sue Davis,
Beverley Cheatham, Raymond Alexanian



Sunday BCD Swiss
Phil Bellan, Gary Hercules,
Alan Zane, Jack Rawitscher



Tuesday Swiss Bkt 3
Judy Brown, Bill Gemas,
Ron Brown, William Lindner



Sunday BCD Swiss
Gabriel Perry, Youssef Youssef,
Sandford Libliner, Don Morgan



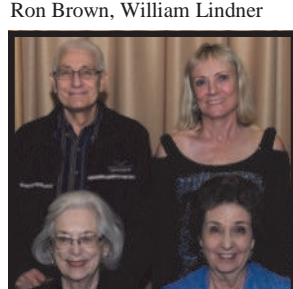
Sunday BCD Swiss
Cheryl Smith, Charles Dalton,
Carol & Stephen Banks



Saturday Swiss Bkt 3
Rich Brandenburg, Scott Nason,
Milton Neher, Joseph Gill



Tuesday Swiss Bkt 4 Tie
Anne Gorry, Sandy Smith,
Alison Andrews, Mary Watters



Sunday BCD Swiss
Thomas Romz, Tonya McNabb,
Evelyn James, BJ Renshaw



Tuesday Swiss Bkt 5
Susan Fenton, Tom Nobis,
Peter Hanson, Beverley Cheatham



Tuesday Swiss Bkt 7
Carol Krug, Janet Smith,
Carol Parish, Frances Simmons



Tuesday Swiss Bkt 6
Virginai Hixson, Bonnie Fellerman,
Donald Hixson, Harold Fellerman

Unit 176 Dallas	
Judith Lotridge	

As usual, the month of January there were opportunities to play in the District NAP qualifier, the Unit Election sectional, and the Houston regional. All three events were well represented by unit members, both as participants and winners.

Members of the unit participation in the District NAP qualifier had one of the most successful outings in recent memory, with Dallas players winning two out of three qualifying slots in Flight A. Winners Bart Bramley and John Sutherlin beat out Joan Jackson and Peggy Sutherlin, who were second, but both pairs will get the opportunity for a rematch at the Nationals. Two of the four qualifying slots in Flight B also went to Dallas players, with Hua Yang and Yan Song in third place and Robert Schmidt and Ari Sippola finishing fourth.

The Unit Election sectional drew 531 tables. The top masterpoint winners were "Blackjack" Borenstein and David Pearlman, who, after a brief sojourn to Austin, has returned to the Metroplex. We are glad he has returned because he has both the knowledge and grace of an ideal bridge player. If you play at the clubs, you are sure to see him around. Tournament chairman Susan Flick did a wonderful job, providing novel snacks (including chocolate!) and even accommodating requests for different soft drinks.

Newly elected members of the Board of Directors were Vi Ganeles and

Martha Young. Cheryl Clark was re-elected. Leaving the board were Leslie Conant, David Greims and Judy Lotridge. Eileen Smith was appointed to fill in for the last year of Leslie's term. Turnover of the board members is a logical consequence of the two-term (6-year) limit on the eligibility of a board member for re-election. It is often difficult to make adjustments for the loss of star members. Both Leslie and David were bright stars. In fact, David has been awarded the unit's Texas Star. His contributions as Equipment Manager were invaluable, especially at tournament setup and breakdown times. In addition, his wife Sue has been the editor of the Unit 176 Table Talk. Leslie was the board president for two years (also the maximum allowed in the by-laws) and kept us all organized and on our toes.

Officers for 2015 were elected at the first Board meeting. Cheryl Clark returns as the President, Susan Keyes and Ed Yetter return as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, and Catherine Tucker is the new Vice President.

It has been quite a year so far for Larue Stott. Not only was she the unit's nominee for the Goodwill Member of the Year, but she also was feted for reaching her 90th birthday. The round of parties in her honor would have tired somebody half her age, but she attended each event and was at the bridge table with a smile on her face the next day.

Several Dallas players won two-session events in Houston, starting with John Schwartz and Jim Thurtell (B Onstott Charity Pairs) and ending with Peter Hudson (K Johnson Sun Flt A Swiss Strat X). In between these first and last events, winners

included Ed and Bonnie Yetter (B Borsos Wed Swiss Bkt E and R Grammer Th Swiss Bkt C); Juanita Chambers and Barbara Ferm (E Groner Th Open Pairs); Nagy Kamel (Evening KO1 Bkt A); Mike Passell (Sudy Zane KO3 Bkt A and A Karasch Fri Sat KO #1); Peter Hudson (K Krishan Sa Swiss Bkt B); Rich Brandenburg, Scott Nason, Milton Neher, and Joseph Gill (K Krishan Sa Swiss Bkt C); Pawel Hanus and Bogumil Knypinski (K Krishan Sa Swiss Bkt D); and Rick Margerison, Leah Margerison, Ann Parker, and Ginger Morgan (K Krishan Sa Swiss Bkt H). The top masterpoint winner from our unit, for the second year in a row, was Nagy Kamel with over 120 points.

Moving up the ranks are Jennifer Rao, Beverly Strauss, and Jon Wolkenstein, new Life Masters; Frances Schmitz, new Bronze Life Master; Nancy Fellman, Nancy Latner, and Shay Ura, new Silver Life Masters; and Judy Lotridge (Hey, that's me!) and Dr. Hua Yang, new Gold Life Masters.

Congratulations to all of you!

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the "Big Time in Big D" sectional scheduled for March 5 through March 8. The schedule for this sectional has been totally revised, with 3-session Bracketed Kos Thursday through Saturday and 2-session Bracketed Swiss Team games every day. There will also be a 299'er sectional at BAND March 27-29 and a 99'er sectional at Dorsey's March 20-21. Finally, this is a reminder not to forget about the GNT. Unit qualifying events for Flights B and C will have already been held by the time you receive this issue of the Scorecard,

but you can still participate in the District qualifying events for Flight A teams (limited to players with less than 6000 masterpoints as of the September 2014 cycle) and the unlimited Super Flight teams. The Flight A District qualifying event will take place in Houston on April 25 and 26, while the Super Flight qualifying event will be held on May 23 and 24 in Dallas. If you are interested in competing in Flight A or the Super Flight, contact Jim Thurtell to reserve a spot at the District Qualifiers. The National competition will be held during August in Chicago.

Dallas Election Sectional

Jan 15-18, 2015
499 players. 531 tables.

- 1 42.09 Jack Borenstein
- 2 42.09 David Pearlman
- 3 40.39 Nancy Passell
- 4 38.26 Milton Neher
- 5 35.86 Murray Berger
- 6 31.29 Petra Hamman
- 7 31.29 Jeremy Fournier
- 8 31.29 Hemant Lall
- 9 29.39 Mark Bumgardner
- 10 27.44 Gerry McKim
- 11 27.22 Michael Hout
- 12 25.62 Bart Bramley
- 13 24.75 Bill Staats
- 14 24.75 Barry Schaffer
- 15 23.60 Scott Nason
- 16 23.20 Marion Gebhardt
- 17 22.26 Harry Elliott
- 18 20.73 James Thurtell
- 19 20.67 John Schwartz
- 20 19.43 Jianbo Chen
- 21 19.04 Michael Murphy
- 22 18.28 Bob Wilkin
- 23 16.76 Jim Harp
- 24 16.68 Thomas Corlett
- 25 16.68 Ethel Corlett

Thursday AFT Open-23.0 Tables ABC1. David Greims-Arlene Navias A2. Tom Whitesides-Marian Maley 2 Phyllis Savell-Lonnette Nelson B2. Randy Earle-Richard Wittrop
Thursday 99er Pair-5.0 Tables AB1. Fred Seipp-Sharon Seagraves A2. Mary Duda-Jane Koch B2C1. James Rider-Cheryl Rider C2. Ginny Peterson-Ronald Peterson
Thursday AFT NLM-8 Tables AB1. Deborah Armstrong-Sharon Ward AB2C1. Connie Van Patter-Patricia Kleckner C2. Jack & Jill Hartel
Thursday Evening Pair-3.0 Tables A1. Jim Harp-Ann Curry A2. Peggy Lara-Ann Mitchell
Thursday Evening Swiss-19 Tables A1. Bart Bramley-Norman Beck-James Thurtell-John Schwartz A2B1. Rich Brandenburg-Bob McNeill-Adrienne Feuer-Joseph Gill A2. Jeff Dater-Stephen Birnbaum-Lee Gilliam, Sachse ; Dorsey Shaw B1. Valerie Remmers-Dale Remmers-Deborah D'Ambrogio-David Noteware B2. Phillip Roberson-Ann Sims-Alma Johnson-Dorothy Nance
Thu Compact KO Brkt 1-10 Tables 1. Hemant Lall-Petra Hamman-Nancy Passell-Jeremy Fournier 2. Jack Borenstein-Scott Nason-Murray Berger-David Pearlman
Thurs Compact KO Bkt B-12 Tables 1. Robert Clarke-Alma Farley-Tommie Anglemyer-Betty Wheeler 2. Charles Brown-Sue Gilbreath-Finlay Higgins, Arlington ; Mike Peiffer
Friday Morning Open Pairs-22.5 Tables A1. Linda Spangler-Michael Murphy A2. Juanita Chambers, Garland ; Kay Moran B1. Connie Martin-Barry Martin B2C1. Richard Page-David Greims C2. Richard Wittrup-Peter Hylak
Friday Morning 99er-7.0 Tables AB1. George Ray-T Madden AB2. Al Mince-Tom Orndorff C1. Barbara

MEMORIAL DAY SECTIONAL

May 21 – 25, 2015

RICHARDSON CIVIC CENTER - Richardson, Texas Hosted by Dorsey's Bridge Studio
Southwest corner of Arapaho and Highway 75 (Central Expressway)

Sectional Tournament Schedule

THURSDAY MAY 21

Stratified 299er and 499er Pairs 9:30am, 2:00, 7:00pm
 Stratified Open Pairs 9:30am, 2:00, 7:00pm
 Bracketed KO I 1st Session 9:30, 2nd Session 2:00, 3rd Session 7:00
 Compact KO's 2:00 & 7:00pm

FRIDAY MAY 22

Stratified 299er and 499er Pairs 9:30am, 2:00, 7:00pm
 Stratified Open Pairs 9:30am, 2:00, 7:00pm
 Bracketed KO II 1st Session 9:30, 2nd Session 2:00, 3rd Session 7:00
 Compact KO's 2:00, 7:00pm
 Stratified Swiss Teams 7:00pm

SATURDAY MAY 23

Stratified 299er and 499er Pairs 9:30am, 2:00, 7:00pm
 Stratified Open Pairs 9:30am, 2:00, 7:00pm
 0-5 Pairs (Play Free) 9:30am, 2:00pm
 Bracketed KO III 1st Session 9:30, 2nd Session 2:00, 3rd Session 7:00
 Compact KO's 2:00, 7:00pm
 Stratified Swiss Teams 7:00pm

SUNDAY MAY 24

Stratified Open Pairs 9:30am, 2:00, 7:00pm
 Stratified 299er and 499er 9:30am, 2:00, 7:00pm
 Bracketed KO IV 1st Session 9:30, 2nd at 2:00, 3rd at 7:00pm
 Compact KO's 2:00 & 7:00pm
 Stratified Board of Match 7:00pm

MONDAY MAY 25

Stratified Swiss Teams 10:00 am & TBA
 499er Swiss Teams 10:00 am & TBA
 Open Pairs 10:00 am & TBA

Stratifications

Stratified Pairs: A: 2000+, B: 750-2000, C: 0-750
Stratiflighted Teams: A: 4000+ AX: 0-4000 (play together)
 B: 750-2000, C 0-750 (Play Together)
499er Stratified: A: 200-500, B 100-200, C 0-100

Entry Fees: Pairs: \$13.00 per session; Monday Swiss Teams \$ 104.00 per team.
 Unpaid & Non-members Add \$3. per person per session; Membership applications available
 Complimentary drinks & snacks every session. Lunch served between rounds of the Sunday Games complements of the Dallas Bridge Association.
 Host Hotels: Wingate by Wyndham; 1577 Gateway Blvd, Richardson, TX 75080; phone number972.234.5400 (Ask for Bridge rates)

Tournament Chair: Dorsey Shaw 214.356.8876
 Co-Tournament Chair: Carol Rieger 817.475.0496
 Tournament Director: Tom Marsh
 Partnership Chair: Mimi Lempert mlempert@mindspring.com 972.403.3953

DISTRICT 16 FINALS

GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY MAY 23

Sessions 1 & 2 at 2:00 and 7:00

SUNDAY MAY 24

Sessions 3 & 4 at 2:00 and 7:00

MONDAY MAY 25

Sessions 5 & 6 at 10:00 and TBA
 (If needed, based on number of teams entered)

GNT FLIGHTS

SUPER FLIGHT – Unlimited
FLT B - 0 - 2500

Entree fee - \$60.00 per team per session

Questions: JIM THURTELL,
jthurtell@sbcglobal.net (214-691-6668)

SUPER FLIGHT SHOULD PRE-REGISTER WITH JIM THURTELL



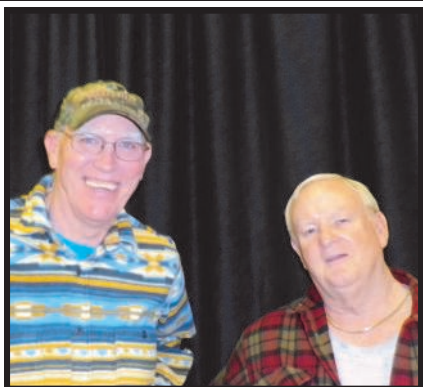
Taylor-Gretchen Cash C2. Sheryl Crocker-Tricia Ray
Friday Morning NLM-7.0 Table AB1. Tom McCraw-Stan Carr AB2C1. Louise Shanley-Pat Glaser
Friday Afternoon 99er-5 Tables ABC1. T Madden-Clothilde Cloud ABC2. Gretchen Cash-Barbara Taylor
Friday Afternoon Open Prs-31.0 Tables AB1. Harry Elliott-Bob Wilkin A2. Stephen & Nancy Kornegay A2/ Nelda Holland-Ann Lewis B1. David Greims-Richard Page B2. Eloise Meachum-Leslie Conant
Friday Afternoon NLM-13 Tables ABC1. Louise Shanley-Pat Glaser AB2. Connie Van Patter-Patsy Rainwater-Maddu C2. Patsy & Sam Norvell
Fri Compact KO Bracket A-5 Tables 1. Hemant Lall-Petra Hamman-Jeremy Fournier-Nancy Passell 2. Barry Schaffer,-Bill Staats-Kimmel Jones-Mark Bumgardner
Fri Compact KO Bracket B-12 Tables 1. Jon Browne-Adrienne Feuer-Mark Hatkoff-R Randall Smith 2. Joseph Gill-Scott Nason-Bob McNeill-Rich Brandenburg
Friday Eve Open Pairs-7.0 Tables / Based on 11 Tables A1. Pat Cassidy-Jerry Derby A2B1. Marjorie Deutsch -Ricardo Azevedo B2. Margot Hirsch

-James Willson
Fri Eve Swiss Teams-16 Tables A1. Peggy & John Sutherlin-Nancy & Stephen Kornegay A2. James Thurtell-Judy Bramley-Bart Bramley-John Schwartz B1. Kathleen Carr-James Richman-Robert Schmidt-Ari Sippola B2/3 Jim Harp-Chris Myers-J Reagan Dixon-Ann Curry B2/3 Tom Whitesides-Marian Maley-Randy Ekman-Mark Till C1. Robert Clarke-Alma Farley-May Sebel-Nancy Kelly
Fri Eve 499er 4 Tables ABC1. Ruth Viola-Patricia C Bozeman ABC2. Michael Chockley-Debrah Chockley
Fri KO Bracket A-5 Tables 1. Jack Borenstein-David Pearlman-Milton Neher-Bill Osborn 2. Leah McCarthy -Karen Roland-Carla Guthrie-Judy Thompson
Saturday Morning 99er Pr-5 Tables A1. Paula Yonikas-Dora Bearden A2. Peggy Lara-Ann Mitchell 1 Debrah Chockley-Michael Chockley B2. Judy Bouska-DeAnn Cummings
SATURDAY OPEN PAIR-25.0 Tables A1. Thomas Leberman-Michael Hout A2. Thomas Corlett-Ethel Corlett B1. Marvin Migdol-Randolph Worsham B2. Catherine Tucker-Dorsey Shaw C1. Peter Hylak -Richard Witttrup

Sat Aft Open Pairs-34.0 Tables / Based on 52 Tables A1. James Lilly-Bob Scallan A2. Thomas & Ethel Corlett B1. Jianbo Chen-Siming Hui B2C1. Richard Page-Rebecca Page Catherine Tucker-Dorsey Shaw C2. Walid Khalid Hakim-Tom Lang
Sat Aft 99er Pairs-5.0 Tables AB1. Pamala Pickrell-Connie Chamberlain AB2. James Rider-Cheryl Rider
Sat Aft 499er Pairs-13 Tables ABC1. Dale & Valarie Remmers AB2. Louise LeRoux-Stanley Weinberg, C2. Ian Currell-Loretta Leathers
Thursday Open Pairs-22.0 Tables A1. Gerry McKim-Michael Hout A2B1. Jon Browne-Ann Berning B2C1. Keith Meyer-Marci Meyer C2. Randy Earle-Richard Witttrup
Thursday 99er1 ABC1. Robert Kiley -June Kiley ABC2. Barbara Gruber-Suzanne Walker
Thursday NLM Pairs-10.0 Tables AB1. Dan Woodward-Betty Woodward AB2C1. Karen Cohen-Mary Lynn Genovesi C2. Donald Livingston-James Ross
Saturday Morning NLM Pair-11.5 Tables ABC1. Kim Jordan-Judie Smith, Dallas 2 Connie Van Patter-Patsy Rainwater-Maddu 2 Mary Ellen Little-Sandra Lovin

Sat KO Bkt A-6 Tables 1. Bart Bramley-Barry Schaffer-Mark Bumgardner-Bill Staats 2. Jack Borenstein-Murray Berger-Scott Nason-David Pearlman- Milton Neher
Sat KO Bracket B-5 Tables 1. Marilyn Adams, Beaumont ; James Breihan-Jennifer Breihan-Tony Haddad, Houston 2. Lyn Davis-Mike Davis-Karen Hout-Preston Morrow
Sat Compact KO Bkt A-15 Tables 1. Bryan Storey-Nancy Passell-John Bromberg-Beth Bromberg, Dallas 2. Jim Harp-Chris Anderson-Harry Elliott-Bob Wilkin
Sat Eve Open Pairs-7.0 Tables / Based on 11 Tables ABC1. Sreekrishnan Raghunathan-Jianbo Chen, A2. Joan Jackson-Norman Beck B2. George Burcham-S Perutz C1. Marci & Keith Meyer C2. Sue Palmer-Sandra Tennison
Sat Eve Swiss Teams-12 Tables A1/2 Michael Murphy-S Kohan-Jeff McKee-Greg Resz A1/2 Bob Friz-Eric Diamond-Jay Gibson-Martha Young B1. James Richman-Kathleen Carr-Ari Sippola-Robert Schmidt B2C1. William Olds-Linda Scott-Bob Dingle-Glenda Cooper B2. William Higgins-Jean Higgins-Sheri Wolkenstein-Jon Wolkenstein

Sunday Swiss Teams A/X-14 Tables / Based on 50 Tables AX1. Jack Borenstein-Murray Berger-David Pearlman-Milton Neher A2. Hemant Lall-Petra Hamman-Jeremy Fournier-Nancy Passell X2. Marilyn Adams, Beaumont ; Anton (Tony) Haddad-James Breihan-Jennifer Breihan
Sunday Swiss Team Flt B/C-25 Tables B1. Kathleen Carr-James Richman-Ari Sippola-Robert Schmidt 2 Sharon Tomnitz-Cheryl Clark-J Fletcher-Elinor Fries C1. Paul Taylor-Robert Scrimale-Jay English-Jeff Newman C2. Tom Lang-Reg Watt-Fred Curtis Jr-Greims
Sunday Afternoon Open Prs-6.5 Tables A1. Judy Corey Edmiston-R Bruce Shields A2B1. Farell Shaffel-Marvin Migdol B2 Vernon Earl Hodge-Carolyn Motes Jr C1. Mary Lynn Trentham, Richardson 48.80% 12 Jackie Long-Jan Welsh
Sunday Swiss Teams 499er-12 Tables / Based on 11 Tables AB1. Martha Ward-Carla Joiner-Louella Josset -Selwyn Josset A2. Connie Van Patter-Patsy Rainwater-Maddu,-Dan Woodward-Betty Woodward B1. Anne Curry-Jeanne Wyatt-Rosalind Smith-Carol Murray



Sat Morn Open Prs "A"
Mike Hout, Tom Leberman



Fri Morn Open Prs "A"
Linda Spangler, Mike Murphy



Fri Aft Open Prs "A"
Bob Wilkin, Harry Elliott



Fri Eve Open Prs "A"
Pat Cassidy, Jerry Derby



Fri KO Bkt 1
Jack Borenstein, Bill Osborn
Milton Neher, David Pearlman



Sat Compact KO
John Bromberg, Beth Bromberg
Nancy Passell, Bryan Storey



Thu & Fri Compact KO "A"
Jeremy Fournier, Petra Hamman
Hemant Lall, Nancy Passell



Sat Eve Open Prs "A"
Jianbo Chen, Sreekrishnan Raghunathan



Sat Eve Swiss "A"
Bob Friz, Martha Young
Eric Diamond, Jay Gibson



Sun Swiss "A"
Jack Borenstein, Murray Berger
Milton Neher, David Pearlman



Sun Open Pairs
Judy Edmiston, Bruce Shields

DALLAS WINTER SECTIONAL WINNERS



Thu Compact KO Bkt 2
Tommie Anglemeyer, Betty Sue Wheeler
Alma Farley, Bob Clarke



Sat KO Bkt 2
Jennifer Breihan, Marilyn Adams,
Jimmy Breihan, Tony Haddad



Thu Eve Swiss "B"
Rich Brandenburg, Adrienne Feuer,
Bob McNeill, Robbie McNeill



Fri & Sat Eve Swiss "B"
Kathy Carr, Bob Schmidt
James Richman, Ari Sippola



Fri Compact KO Bkt 2
Randy Smith, Mark Hatkoff
Adrienne Feuer, Jon Browne



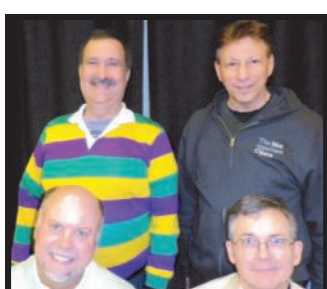
Fri Morn Open Prs "B"
Connie Martin, Barry Martin



Fri Open Prs "B"
David Greims, Rich Page



Fri Eve Open Prs "B"
Ricardo Azevedo, Marjorie Deutsch



Sun Swiss "C"
Jeff Newman, Bob Scrimale
Jay English, Paul Taylor



Sun Swiss 499er
Carla Joiner, Martha Ward
Louella Josset, Selwyn Josset



Sat Morn Open Prs "B"
Cathy Tucker, Dorsey Shaw



Sat Aft Open Prs "C"
Rebecca Page, Rich Page



Fri Eve Swiss "C"
Alma Farley, Bob Clarke
May Sebel, Nancy Kelly



Fri Eve 499er
Ruth Viola, Patty Bozeman



Sat Aft NLM Pairs
Valarie Remmers, Dale Remmers



Sat Aft Open Prs "A"
Bob Scallan, Jim Lilly

**Unit 183
Fort Worth**

Millie Williams



Welcome sunny days and warmer weather!

Before I get into the Spring mode, I just realized I didn't report on the fabulous Christmas parties in Arlington and Fort Worth in December of 2014. Arlington once again had an overflow crowd of players with three sections in play. Sec. A winners were N/S Jerry Derby and Pat Cassidy first with Linda Spangler and David Horner second. E/W winners were Penny Mixon and Marlene Round first followed by Jim Thurtell and Carolyn Pinto second. Sec. B winners were N/S Mary Ellen Stanton and Charlie Raines first with William and Donna Garrard second. E/W winners were Nancy and Steve Kornegay first and Richard McGill and Jan Kenyon second. Sec. C was won by Jennie Button and Joyce Taylor, with Carol Segreti and Marcella Weyandt second.

The Fort Worth Christmas party was well attended with these winners: 1st O/A DeWitt Hudson and Roger Nethery; 2nd O/A Barbara Traphagen and Julie O'Neill; 3rd O/A Kay Jones and Darlene Shirey. The limited section was won by Annie and John Mason and Shelby Shafer and Ginny Collett second. Thanks to all who made this great game possible.

Other housekeeping: Jacque Montgomery hosted the Unit 183 Christmas Party in home where next year's officers were elected. President for one more year is Linda Spangler, Vice-President is Jacque Montgomery; Treasurer is Mickey Tryon and Secretary is David Pearlman. We appreciate having such a fine slate to lead us into the coming year.

Cold January saw qualified pairs from our Unit playing in the finals of the NAP in Austin. Mike Peiffer and Finlay Higgins won their flight. Congratulations for representing the Unit well. Thanks to all those qualifiers who made the trip. I hope next year will be your year. January 10 was a unit pairs game held in both Arlington and Fort Worth. Arlington's BRRRR Pairs was won by N/S Barbara Traphagen and John Willet; 2nd was Mickey Tryon and Jeanette McDonald. In Fort Worth the winners of the Freezing Pairs were N/S Nancy and Steve Kornegay with Linda Spangler and Mary Jane Orock winning 2nd. E/W winners were Winnie Simon and Bill Morris with Lauren Brown and Janet Jordan 2nd. The 299er winners were N/S Ken and Pat McDowell with Marsha Wright and Gretchen Hughes 2nd. E/W winners were Ginger Smith and Karen Mann with Jan Gallagher and Jan Nevins 2nd. Fortunately we didn't have to slip and slide to get to the venues. Thanks to our directors for handling this fun game.

Mary Hoger announced that she would no longer be directing the Saturday afternoon game in Fort Worth. Steve and Darlene Shirey will take the game when they are in town and have several directors who have volunteered to step in when they are cruising or traveling to out of town bridge tournaments. Come join us when you can

Beginning on February 1st, the Fort Worth Studio will celebrate birthdays for all players during the first week of the month. Be sure to check to see which day of that first week has been selected by the director of the game. It would be helpful if we knew the month of your birthday...no #s...just the month.

Several of our players just returned from the Houston Regional recently with the news that Max Jackson was

this year's recipient of the Lone Star Award. I can't think of any one more deserving...Max is always willing to help when he's asked. Congratulations!

We love to celebrate! We wish Dick Wolverson a very happy belated 90th birthday. He was honored with a party in Arlington on Jan. 28. Our dear Gene Britton, who no longer is able to play at the studio with her favorite partner, Steve Shirey, celebrated her 104th birthday recently.

Big Game Winners were Linda Spangler and Lucky Snyder with a 75% game. Look for their names in the Bulletin. If you have a 70%er, please let me know so I can tell the world!

We congratulate each of you who achieved a personal goal in your quest to be the best bridge player you can be: New Life Masters: Gayle and Bob Orvis; Robert Davis; Polly Moss; Judy Phillips and Marguerite Lavender. Our newest Bronze Life Master is George Lowe. Ron Siegerland is a Silver Life Master and Herb Fallin is our newest Diamond Life Master. Your unit is very proud of you and happy for you.

It was fun to read the last Scorecard and recognize one of the new columnists: Mary Ann White. She writes for the Amistad/Western Mexico Unit. We miss seeing her and Jimmy Reynolds locally and I envy her new lifestyle.

Tom Moore tells me that our Unit membership has dropped under 1,000 recently. Although we have lots of new members, many of our players have had to move out of town for health reasons and we have experienced more losses to players who have passed away recently. The Fort Worth Studio is really missing Mel Bason who had to move to Houston because of his health. Mel kept the Coke machine stocked and kept tabs with our members and knew more about old movies than anyone I knew.

Byron Taylor passed away very suddenly on Dec. 8. He loved the game of bridge nearly as much as he loved his rescue dog, Lady. A few years ago Byron was President of the Unit and was always willing to help in any way he could. Those of us who were lucky enough to call him "Partner" will miss him more than words can say. For those of you who called him "friend" your loss is just as painful.

Martha Jacobson had just celebrated her 90th birthday recently. I know her many friends and bridge partners will sorely miss her.

Shirley Hyde had been my friend for a long time. She and her partner Ann were the first KO partners my friend Soni Fair and I ever had. She was a great teammate and lovely friend.

Larry Edwards had fought a long and brave battle with cancer. He was perhaps the true description of "gentleman" I know.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Carole Findlay, who lost her husband, Bob, as well as to Steve Hibbard who lost his mother.

Each of these was special to us and will not soon be forgotten.

**Unit 187
Corpus Christi**

Dee Schade



December 17, Dee Schade & Phyllis Pruet made the trek to Victoria to celebrate Christmas with their club. They had an afternoon game with 5 tables in play followed by a traditional turkey dinner with all the trim-

ings. Bob Coffee & Dave Ticen were the afternoon winners. Peggy Redding ran a very efficient game. We loved talking with Peggy's mother, Betty, who is a vibrant 93 years young! It was a fun time visiting with the far north part of our unit. Our thanks to all the players who made us feel welcome. The evening game was 4 tables. The winners were Larry & Suzanne LaBrecque. Victoria is listed on our web site, so check it out.

December 31, the unit New Year's Eve party saw a turnout of 11 tables. What a spread! It was potluck & we had a variety of good food in addition to the wine & champagne. Winners were Pauletta Myers & Joyce Seitz. Bob Gerberich & Betty Marriett were 2nd. Pauletta & Joyce were 1st in B with Jason Kiker & Becky Landon coming in 2nd. C flight was won by Peggy Kennedy & Sue Parsons. 2nd in C were Susan Brown & Elizabeth Nystrom. Congratulations to all.

By the time you get this issue, the Rockport tournament will be history. Winners & pictures are listed elsewhere. Thank you to all who made the event a success. We appreciate your support. Also thanks to our local players who worked hard to make this a fun & hospitable time & to our leader, Martha DeCou. Also to Mary Ross, the partnership chairperson.

This month please get to know Mary Driesbock: Mary was born in Austin, TX. Her dad died when she was only 2 years old. She was told that her mom & dad played duplicate bridge & that they were very competitive. Mary lived with her aunt in Tulsa, OK until she was 7. Her sister, who is 12 years older, was a bridge player so she taught Mary the basics. Mary attended the University of Texas majoring in geophysics. She did play a bit of bridge while she was there. After graduation, she married, moved to Lake Jackson, & then to Houston. She had 4 children & worked as a medical physicist, first at Baylor College of Medicine & then at Rosewood Hospital. She got a masters degree in biophysics from the University of Houston. With working full time, taking college courses & raising 4 children there really wasn't any time to think about playing bridge. In 1974, she divorced & moved to CA, close to San Francisco, to go into a private medical physics practice. There she bought a sail boat & enjoyed sailing in San Francisco Bay. She met Charlie Driesbock through mutual friends. They enjoyed sailing together. In 1979, Charlie retired from his used machine tool business & they went to Hong Kong to commission a Cheoy Lee yacht which he had ordered. The yacht was named "Charlie's Angel". They had a great time in Hong Kong, spent 1 1/2 years getting the boat & sailing around the islands. Then they went to the Philippines in the China Sea Race. They cruised the Pacific for 5 years, visiting Palau, Micronesia, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu & Noumea. Mary did the navigation by sextant for most of the time. They planned to go to Australia, but changed their minds at the last minute & went to New Zealand instead. They sailed up the Kerikeri Inlet, liked it so much they decided to stay. It was very difficult to get into the country, so Mary worked for a year as a medical assistant in Auckland. Mary said they built 2 homes on a hand shake. They loved the small town of Kerikeri, which was surprisingly very cosmopolitan, with people from all over the world. They played a lot of golf, but Mary decided she wanted some mental stimulation & thought of bridge. She took lessons to learn ACOL. Most player used ACOL or Precision. Needless to say, Mary was "hooked" after playing a short time. She went to Norfolk Island for a week long tutorial by Ron Klinger. She & her regular partner went to as many tournaments as possible as well as the New Zealand Bridge Congress held once a year in Hamilton for a



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SCHEDULE

Friday, April 10

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

Saturday, April 11

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

Sunday, April 12

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

DINNER served between sessions

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

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All single sessions \$12 per PLAYER
Two session Swiss \$100 PER TEAM
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Players with 0-20 MP play FREE on Saturday morning
Section top prizes

week. In New Zealand, the rankings are Junior, Intermediate & Open. Mary did make Open status. Charlie died in 2002. Mary thought she would move right back to Texas where all her family were, however she had so many golf & bridge friends, that she found it very difficult to leave New Zealand. She just visited Texas at Thanksgiving & Christmas. Finally in 2013, she sold everything & moved permanently to Corpus Christi. She has a lovely home next door to one of her daughters & her family. Mary says she enjoys all the new friends at the Bridge Club of South Texas! Wow, Mary! What an interesting life you have had. We are thrilled to have you in Corpus Christi. Mary is a delight at the table. She has so many people asking her for a bridge date, you will have to get in line. New Zealand's loss is certainly our gain.

Please send your club news to me at cdeoro@aol.com. Web site at southtexasbridgeunit187.com.

**Unit 197
Lubbock**

Sandi Krahrer

Hi Everybody!

We extend our sympathy to June Stanton on the loss of her husband, Frank, after a lengthy illness. June had been caring for him for several years. Our thoughts and our prayers are with June and her family.

How great to see Charlotte Blaiss back at the Bridge table after a recent

hospitalization. She and Gary still managed a first overall after being away from the game for over a month.

Many thanks to Ken and Anita Woodard for the great Unit directory. Also, thanks to John Abney for selling the ads.

The members of the nominating committee for the Texas Star and Goodwill awards have nominated Greg Lorans as the Texas Star winner and Becky Hamilton and Sue Myers as our Goodwill nominees.

Greg has been our District 16 representative since he took over for Carol Schoenhals after her death. He faithfully attends all the District meetings for a small stipend that doesn't begin to cover his expenses. He always reports the latest information from these meetings to the Unit Board. Greg has also taught several classes and has been willing to play with less-experienced players to help them improve. He also has taken over our yard maintenance and has done a wonderful job. He has saved us a fortune in landscape expenses.

Our Life Master Goodwill nominee is Becky Hamilton. Becky has taught many classes for beginners who want to learn both in her home and at the Bridge Center. Becky takes no money for her efforts and has been responsible for several new players joining ACBL. She also plays with these new people to keep them interested.

Our non-Life Master Goodwill winner is Sue Myers. She and her partner, Jane Giddens, have brought us several new members from the Lubbock Rubber Bridge community. Sue

Tom Breed-Greg Hinze-Patty Hinze-Jack Lacy A2/3BC1. Catherine Supple-Mark Miller-Sanae Zaveloff-Gloria Wilson BC2. Marvin Schragger-Ken Rochlen-David Warner-Larry Smith
Friday Aft Open Pairs-29.0 Tables / Based on 41 Tables AB1 Don Reynolds-Robert Buchanan A2. Pam LaShelle-Robert Donathan B2. Carmond Fitzgerald-Charles Brown C1. Pravina Jani-Jean Marsh C2. Chris Myers-Cathy Bruff
Friday Aft 299er Pairs-12.0 Tables DE1. Alan Wakefield-Martha McLain D2. Dwight Hill-John Robbins E2F1. Lazard Brener-Lysa Nguyen F2. Leilani Rose-Dyanne Kerr
Friday Aft Swiss Teams-24 Tables AB1. Scott Nason-Jesse Gordon-

David Pearlman-Bob Bockemuehl A2. Donald Varvel-Eleanor Sherwyn-Hans Strohmmer-Nancy Strohmmer B2C1 J Bank-Anita Albert-Raymond Borrego-Steven Andersen C2. Larry Smith-Marvin Schragger-Ken Rochlen -David Warner
Friday Eve Open Pairs-21.5 Tables / Based on 26 Tables A1. John Zilic-Thomas Peters A2. Robert Whitcher-Varis Carey, BC1. Dale & Val Grady B2. William Daniel III-Karen Fireman C2. James Moody-Richard Clarke
Friday Eve 299er Pairs-4.0 Tables AB1. Russell Thomas-Robin Thomas A2. Deborah Armstrong-Sharon Ward B2. Carmond Fitzgerald-Kris Sankaran
Saturday Morn 299er Pairs-9.0 Tables ABC1/2 Russell Thomas-

Robin Thomas ABC1/2 Jan Miller-Hazel Medellin
Saturday Morn Open Pairs-16.0 Tables / Based on 25 Tables A1. Bill Riley-Nancy Riley A2BC1. Van Ziegler-Sue Olstad BC0. 2 George Sullivan-Andrea Sullivan
Saturday Aft 299er Pairs-9.5 Tables ABC1. Caleb Gordon-Andrew Hush ABC2. James Grant-Ronald Mason
Saturday Aft Open Pairs-12.5 Tables / Based on 23 Tables A1. Diane Olson-Forrest Gray A2. Stephen Bruce-C G Bell BC1. George Steele-Sylvia Sanders BC2. Dianne Ebert-Ginger Lake
Saturday Eve Open Pairs-6.5 Tables A1. Donna Swarouth-Dave Swarouth A2. Marion Gebhardt-Roy Baughman B1. Lennie Wilkins-Lynn

Sykes B2. Thomas Hughes-J Bank C1. Luella Taylor-Carmond Fitzgerald C2. Meg Putman-Paul Putman
Saturday Aft Swiss Teams-12 Tables A1. Gayle Covey-Steven Devico -Karen McCallum-Lynn Baker A2B1. Becky Ellisor-Buddy Ellisor-Ken MacMorran-Sharon MacMorran B2. Esther Ellis- Mickey Goldwater-Sandy Potts-Patricia Berry C1. Catherine Supple-Sanae Zaveloff-Barbara Werth- Karen Logan, Georgetown 2 Judith Parken-Edward Parken-Paula Amaon, Austin ; Gary Amaon, Wimberley
Saturday KO-8 Tables 1. Phillip Grothus-Mildred Breed-Carolyne Fox -Gary King 2. Richard & Diana Frankeny-Mark Miller-Gloria Wilson
Sunday A/X Swiss Teams-19 Ta-

bles / Based on 38 Tables A1. Stephen Bruce-C G Bell-Charlene Sands-Virgil Massey A2. Gayle Covey-Steven Devico-Lynn Baker-Karen McCallum X1. Charles Ensor-Birendra BK Singh-James Frick-James Ochsner X2. Terri O'Brien-Daniel Baker-Helene Hennelly-Theda Cook
Sunday BCD Swiss Teams B1. Robert Reichek-Herbert Kalman-Larry Smith-David Warner B2. Robin Tucker-Glorianne Perrizo-Jean Marsh -Steven Andersen C1. J Bank-Thomas Hughes-George Steele-Sylvia Sanders C2D1. Martha McLain-Lysa Nguyen-Robert Tyler-Gloria Bennett 2D. Jeff Skilling-Andrew Hush-Sandra Reynolds-Caleb Gordon

AUSTIN JANUARY SECTIONAL WINNERS



Saturday Morn Pairs A
Bill & Nancy Riley



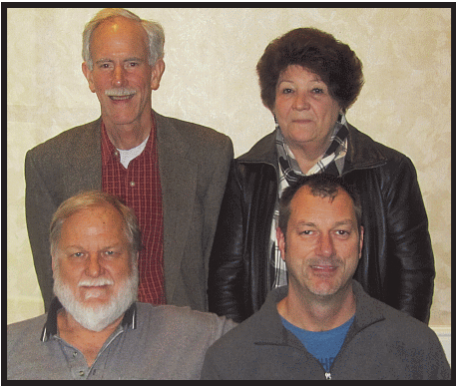
Friday Morn Pairs Flt A
Trish Kane, Marilou Powell



Thursday Evening Pairs Flt A
Steven DeVico & Gayle Covey



Friday Aft Pairs Flt A & B
Robert Buchanan, Don Reynolds



Sunday Swiss Teams Flt A
Virgil Massey, Charlene Sands,
Steve Bruce, CG Bell



Saturday Aft Swiss Teams Flt A
Karen McCallum, Lynn Baker,
Steve DeVico & Gayle Covey



Thursday Aft/Friday Morn Swiss Teams Flt A
Karen McCallum, Lynn Baker,
Sam Dinkin, Nancy Joe



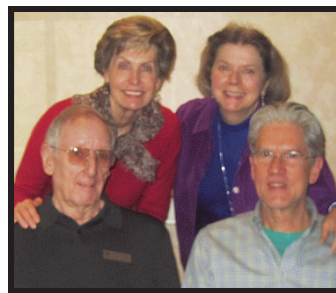
Friday Aft Swiss Teams Flt A & B
Scott Nason, Jesse Gordon,
David Pearlman, Bob Bockemuehl



Saturday Eve Pairs Flt A
Dave & Donna Swarouth



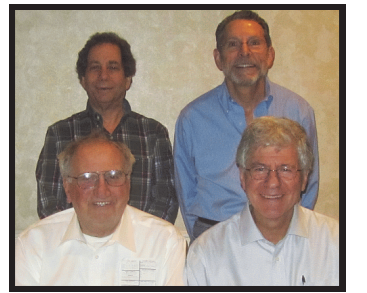
Saturday Aft Pairs A
Diane Olson, Forrest Gray



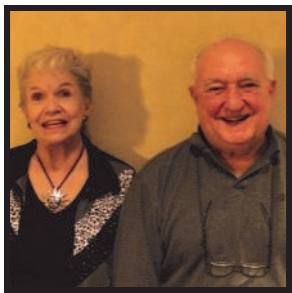
Thursday Aft Swiss Teams Flt B
Sue Gerard, BJ Sanders,
John Taylor, Mark Sanders



Thursday Aft Swiss Teams Flt C
Rita Wiegenstein, Andrea Sullivan,
Bill McIndoo, George Sullivan



Sunday Swiss Teams Flt B
Herb Kalman, Robert Reichek,
David Warner, Larry Smith



Thursday Aft Pairs Flt B & C
Sheila Harrison, Charles Dalton



Friday Morn Pairs Flt B
Ellen Meyer, Anita Cokins



Thursday Eve Pairs Flt B
Mark & BJ Sanders



Thursday Aft 299ers
Barbara Werth, Fiona Schuurman



Thursday Aft 299ers
Dave & Rose Goodwin



Friday Aft Swiss Teams Flt C
Raymond Borrego, Steve Andersen,
Anita Albert, J Bank



Saturday Aft Swiss Teams Flt C
Barbara Werth, Karen Logan,
Kathy Supple



Sunday Swiss Teams Flt D
Lysa Nguyen, Robert Tyler,
Gloria Bennett, Martha McLain



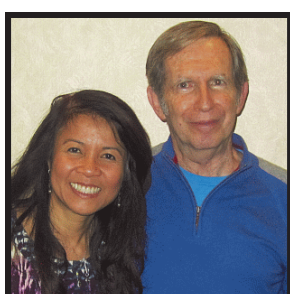
Friday Morning Swiss Teams Flt B & C
Gloria Wilson, Sanae Zaveloff,
Mark Miller, Cathy Supple



Saturday Aft Swiss Teams Flt B
Sharon MacMorran, Becky Ellisor,
Ken MacMorran, Buddy Ellisor



Friday Morn & Aft 299ers
Martha McLain, Alan Wakefield



Friday Afternoon 299ees
Lysa Nguyen, Lazaro Brener



Friday Eve, Sat Morn 299ers
Robin & Russell Thomas



Saturday Afternoon 299ers
Caleb Gordon, Andy Hush

