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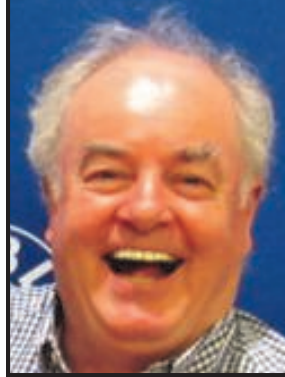
## Nason-Dater Win Grand National Pairs, Flight B Heymann Wins Silver Ribbon Pairs



Scott Nason



Jeff Dater



Michael Heymann

**David Sokolow**  
Senior NABC  
Correspondent



For most District 16 stalwarts who attended the spring NABC in Philadelphia, the tournament was a bust. The weather wasn't great, and the bridge was uninspiring. On the bright side, however, three players rose to the top in national events. As they say on Law and Order, "These are their stories."

Michael Heyman of Fort Worth captured his first NABC title with his win in the Silver Ribbon Pairs. To play in this event, you must be at least 60 years old (get it--Silver Ribbon?)--which, given the aging ACBL membership, doesn't restrict the field all that much! Playing with a first-time partner, Michael racked up 60% and 63% in the finals to win by just over a board. That's quite a feat: 306 pairs competed in the two-day event. Let's hear it for Michael!

Jeff Dater and Scott Nason of Dallas won the Grand National Pairs, Flight B. The GNP is a grassroots event, starting at the club level and culminating at the nationals. Flight B is limited to players with less than 2500 masterpoints. The finish was a nail-biter; their margin of victory was just 1.59 matchpoints. This was their first NABC win, but Jeff had come close before-- he was second in the Red Ribbon Pairs in 2013. Congrats, guys!

Other than the winners noted above, only two District 16 pairs made the

Top 10 in NABC events (!): Mike Passell of Plano and Chris Compton of Dallas were eighth in the Platinum Pairs, while Tobi Sokolow and Louis Sachar of Austin finished ninth in the Mixed Pairs. Th-th-th-that's all, folks!

I am confident we'll do better at the summer NABC, to be held July 26-August 5 at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis. Atlanta may not have the cache of Las Vegas or Washington, but it's a popular site for summer nationals. Check out the restaurant scene in Midtown, a short Uber ride away, tour the Carter Presidential Library, or visit the Martin Luther King, Jr., National Historic Site. Then again, if Atlanta's not your cup of tea, there's always the fall NABC in Honolulu. Ciao (or should I say, "Aloha"?)

- 116 players
- 134.98 Michael Heymann, Fort Worth
  - 133.74 Hemant Lall, Dallas
  - 116.32 Bob Hamman, Dallas
  - 91.18 Dan Morse, Houston
  - 86.98 Mike Passell, Plano
  - 83.91 James Breihan, Houston
  - 82.75 Anton (Tony) Haddad, Houston
  - 82.75 Marilyn Adams, Beaumont
  - 65.13 Petra Hamman, Carrollton
  - 65.04 Scott Nason, Dallas
  - 65.04 Jeff Dater, Dallas
  - 58.24 Lynn Baker, Austin
  - 57.09 Tobi Sokolow, Austin
  - 54.12 Bart Bramley, Dallas
  - 53.98 John Zilic, Houston
  - 46.99 Sharon Dameron, Cedar Park
  - 46.99 Jerry Barrett, Austin
  - 38.44 Nancy Passell, Plano
  - 36.41 Louis Sachar, Austin
  - 34.43 Virgil Massey, Driftwood
  - 34.43 Charlene Sands, Pflugerville
  - 32.68 Ira Hessel, San Antonio
  - 31.10 Robert Morris, Houston

31.08 Ellen Hessel, San Antonio

**GOLDER FLIGHT B NAP** - 26.0  
Tables / Based on 45 Tables

1 Jeff Dater - Scott Nason, Dallas

**LEBHAR IMP PAIRS** - 90.5 Tables / Based on 169 Tables

21 Jerry Barrett, Austin  
Sharon Dameron, Cedar Park  
**Vanderbilt KO Teams** - 77 Tables  
9/16 Bob Hamman  
9/16 Hemant Lall

**KAY PLATINUM PAIRS** - 14.0  
Tables / Based on 56 Tables

8 Mike Passell, Plano  
Chris Compton, Dallas  
18 Bart Bramley, Dallas  
21 Bob Hamman, Dallas

**ROCKWELL MIXED PAIRS** - 96.0  
Tables / Based on 191 Tables

9 Louis Sachar-Tobi Sokolow, Austin  
23 & Shawn Quinn, Sugar Land  
49 Ira & Ellen Hessel, San Antonio

**SILODOR OPEN PAIRS** - 91.0  
Tables / Based on 171 Tables

33 John Zilic, Houston  
38 Dan Morse, Houston  
Ira Hessel, San Antonio  
**SMITH LM WOMEN'S PAIRS**  
18 Nancy Passell, Plano  
19 Petra Hamman, Carrollton  
**LEVENTRITT SILVER RIBBON** -  
78.0 Tables / Based on 153 Table  
1 Michael Heymann, Fort Worth  
46 Louis Sachar-Tobi Sokolow, Austin

**JACOBY SWISS TEAMS** - 75 Tables / Based on 152 Tables

14 Bob Hamman, Dallas  
32 Eddie Wold, Houston; Mike Passell, Plano; Chris Compton, Dallas; Greg Hinze, San Antonio;

## Unit 174 had its 5th annual American Bridge Association and American Contract Bridge League Annual Championship Pairs

The event was held on April 7. Great turnout--great competition--great chairs John Caudill, Gloria Cooper and Sheryl Thomas! This is an event that we look forward to each year--a great day to get to know our mutual bridge players! Pictured L to R: ABA Gloria Cooper, ABA Houston President Jane Martin, ACBL U174 VP Ken Hudson, ACBL U174 BOD Lauri Laufman, ACBL U174 BOD Dianna Gittelman, ACBLU174 BOD John Caudill, ABA & ABA Sheryl Thomas, ACBL U174 BOD Nancy Guthrie, ACBL D16 Delegate to ACBL BOD Paul Cuneo, ACBL U174 President Nancy Strohmer, ABA Stanley Mouton and ACBL U174 Director Brigitte Sandifer.

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**Rebecca Brown**

District 16  
President



While I know that many of you have been playing bridge for decades, you may not know much about your representative body: the District 16 Board of Directors. Putting aside that possibility that you don't care, intrepid soul that I am, I am about to tell you everything you never knew about the Board (and didn't care!) First, there are 25 Districts in the ACBL. District 16 has 18 Units and is comprised of most of Texas and all of Mexico. The Board meets three times a year, on the Saturday of each of the following Regionals: Houston (January/February); San Antonio or Austin (July); and Dallas (September). We usually meet for breakfast and conclude our meetings in time for the 10 a.m. game.

At our meetings, we receive Unit and Committee reports, ACBL and BOG reports, consider policy changes, initiatives (including education, membership, I/N, etc), tournament issues, and the progress of events (GNTs, NAPs, STaCs). While we seldom have serious controversy, we always have lively discussion! Only Unit representatives are authorized to vote, but that doesn't keep everyone present from voicing opinions (and, indeed, attempting to vote, too!) There is a process in the Bylaws which calls

for weighted voting (votes calculated based on a Unit's membership), but in the five years I've been on the Board, we've only needed to go to counting weighted votes twice.

Other Board members (non-voting) include the Executive Committee (President, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents, Executive Secretary and Executive Treasurer), who are elected by the Board for two-year terms and are charged with managing the affairs of the District between meetings. (See the Notice regarding Amendment to the Bylaws inside the Scorecard). Also on the Board are the D16 representatives to the ACBL Board of Directors and Board of Governors, Coordinators for the GNTs, STaCs, and NAPs, Chairs of Committees for Education, Awards, Charity, Publicity, I/N, Disciplinary, Appellate, Recorder, Webmaster, Membership, Tournaments, and Scorecard. As I mentioned last issue, the minutes of each meeting are posted on the District website. Hopefully, your Unit representative is reporting to your Unit about what happens at our meetings. Please feel free to attend--though you will have to buy your own breakfast!

SEE YOU AT THE TABLE!

P.S. Check out the NLM Regionals set for Austin (May 10-13) and San Antonio (August 22-25). The ACBL recently raised the Gold overall awards to 33%! Plan to attend, have fun and improve your skill.

**Paul Cuneo**

District 16  
National BOD



Report from Philadelphia

The weather was on the chilly side as the temperature rarely made it above 50 degrees, but the people and venue were warm and welcoming. Table count was 10317.5 which was above the estimate of 10,000 tables. The Philadelphia Marriott was a fine venue and tournament co-chairs Joann and Bob Glasson as well as their key volunteers did an excellent job.

Congratulations to Michael Heymann who won the Leventritt Silver Ribbon pairs with his partner Tom Chang from Toronto and to Jeff Dater and Scott Nason who won the NAP Flight B pairs event!!!

The Board continues to focus on improving our processes and relationships and progress was demonstrated by all of the pre-work done by committees so that we were able to have about 1/2 of our board time to focus on discussions of important topics.

A motion was approved to increase the percentage of Gold points awarded at Non-Life Master regionals from 25% to 33%. This takes effect in time for Austin's NLM regional in May. The logic for 33% is that is equivalent to the award when the average masterpoints in a bracket/strat fall to 500 or less in an open regional.

An accompanying motion will allow an Open Sectional to count 65% of the concurrent tables in the NLM regional for its Open events when the tournaments are held in the same location. Just as Austin is doing in May, many tournament organizers prefer

concurrent events to help manage site costs and volunteer load. This motion requires a 2<sup>nd</sup> vote in Atlanta before it can take effect.

The Board approved a new set of convention charts which will take effect later this year. ACBL plans a major communication effort through the Bridge Bulletin explaining the changes. This work has been done by the Competitions and Conventions Committee over the past few years. A big thanks to all who contributed to the effort especially Chris Compton from D16.

Revisions were made to the STaC conditions of contest to required clubs to use the hands designated for the date/time by the sponsor in order to qualify for overall awards. Clubs that do not comply will be entered into a separate pool with awards reduced to 65%. I felt this penalty was too severe and penalized the players rather than the club or director if an error was made, but I was outvoted on the issue.

An expansion of Regionals at Sea from 4/yr to 8/yr was approved. The increase will be gradual with 5 in 2018. One change is that the District must approve the cruise when either a port of origin or destination fall into district territory. I pushed for this amendment to avoid having cruises overlap our tournaments.

A number of changes to the bylaws were approved on their first reading. These are primarily being made to conform to New York law which has been changed in the past couple of years. These along with Board term limits will have a second vote in Atlanta and those that pass will be presented to the Board of Governors for ratification in Atlanta as well.

Unit	Column	Announcement	Results	Pictures
172 San Antonio	4	4	4,5	4,5
174 Houston	6	6		
176 Dallas	6		7	7
183 Fort Western	8	8	8-9	9-10
187 Corpus Christi	8			
197 Lubbock	10			
201 Beaumont	10		12	12
204 Fort Concho	15			
207 Texas Capital	12	16	12-13	13
209 Permian Basin	13	14		
224 Abilene	14			
225 East Texas	14	14		
233 Central Texas	15			
237 Magic Valley				
353 Wichita Falls	15			
205 Western Mexico	11		11	12
Ruidoso		3		

# NEW LIFE MASTERS



Jim Goodale  
Houston



Lindsey K. Jones  
Oak Point



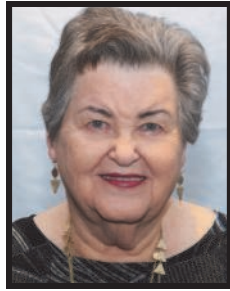
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Houston



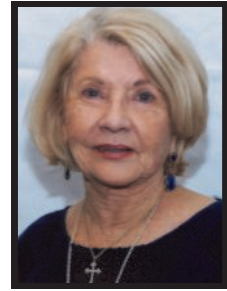
New Life Master  
Spring



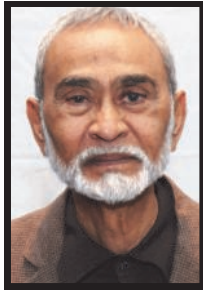
Sheryl Thomas  
Richmond



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Pasadena



Yvonne Serbin  
Kingwood



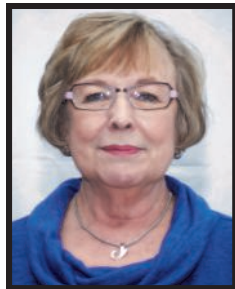
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Austin



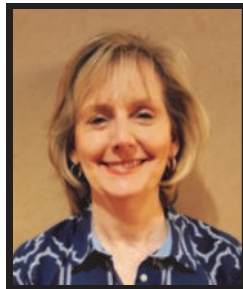
Jan & Bill Walker  
Fort Worth



Carol Ramberg  
Fair Oaks Ranch



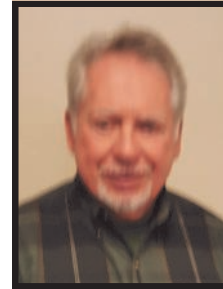
Jeanne Dawley  
San Antonio



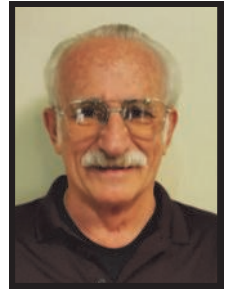
Karen Jennings  
Dallas



Marilyn Gale & Bob Vilyus  
Richmond



Carmond Fitzgerald  
Granbury



Jack Hartel  
Dallas

MAY	
Houston (March issue 8)	4-6
Houston GNT (March issue 8)	4-6
Austin (17)	10-13
AUSTIN NLM REGIONAL (March issue 17)	10-13
Houston NLM	17-20
Denton NLM	18-20
Temple 499er	18-20
Richardson (March issue 12)	24-28
San Antonio (4)	May 31 - June 3
JUNE	
Houston (6)	8-10
Midland (14)	8-10
Austin NLM	9-10
DISTRICT 16 STaC	11-17
Grapevine (8)	22-24
JULY	
AUSTIN REGIONAL (16)	2-8
Houston 299er	12-15
Dallas 199er	13-15
Tyler (14)	27-29
ATLANTA NABC	25-AUG 5
AUGUST	
Lubbock	3-5
Houston	9-12
Waco	10-12
Beaumont 499er	16-18
Austin	18-19
SAN ANTONIO NLM REGIONAL	22-25
RICHARDSON REGIONAL	28-Sep 3
SEPTEMBER	
Lubbock	3-5
Houston 299er	6-9
New Braunfels	6-9
Denton 499er	14-16
Houston 499er	20-23
Austin	20-23
Wichita falls	21-23
Longview	28-30
OCTOBER	
Beaumont	4-6
Richardson 299er	5-6
San Antonio	11-14
Fort Worth	11-14
ABILENE REGIONAL	15-21
Dallas 299er	26-8
Corpus Christi	26-8

**Petition to Amend Bylaws**

The undersigned, pursuant to Article X of the ACBL District 16 Bylaws ("Bylaws"), hereby Petition to Amend the Bylaws as follows:

Article VI (Executive Committee) shall be amended to include a new subsection 5(3) to provide:  
 "3. If a member of the Executive Committee does not represent his/her Unit, he/she shall nonetheless be entitled to vote at Board meetings. His/her vote shall be equal to the average weighted votes of Directors (as determined pursuant to Article III. Section 5)."

April \_\_, 2018

/s/ Rebecca Brown, President, District 16

/s/ Nancy Strohmer, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, District 16

/s/ Tomi Storey, Executive Secretary, District 16

/s/ Daniel Leightman, Executive Treasurer, District 16

### Board of Governors



Dewitt Hudson

The Philadelphia Spring NABC was held at the downtown Marriott Convention Center at 1001 Arch Street. It is interesting to note that Philadelphia is all about food, and you are consumed with making restaurant choices. A fantastic convenience to us was Reading Terminal Market located across the street from the hotel. Reading Terminal Market is one of America's largest and oldest public markets housed since 1893 in a National Historic Landmark Building. It has the widest variety of restaurants under one roof.

**Co-Chairmen** Joann and Bob Glasson did an excellent job in organizing the Spring NABC. There were a lot of goodies, snacks and cheese. They, also, organized a tour walk for \$20 from our hotel to Independence Hall where the U. S. Constitution was written. We, also, were able to see the Liberty Bell and stroll down the cobblestone streets of the city of brotherly love.

#### Table Count

There were 10,317.5 participants. Last year's table count in Kansas City was 8,691. The last time that Philadelphia was host to the national NABC, the table count was 10,840. It appears that not only is Philadelphia the city of brotherly love but, obviously, we love Philadelphia.

#### Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs

Michael Heymann of Fort Worth, TX and Richard Chan

Board of Governors

The Philadelphia Spring NABC was held at the

of the Toronto area are the winners of the Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs. Congratulations to both!!

#### Golder NAP B Crown

Jeff Dater & Scott Nason of Dallas (in District 16) are this year's winners of the Golder North American Pairs - Flight B crown. Congratulations to both!!

#### Membership

ACBL, currently, has 167,508 paid members.

#### Rubber Bridge Room

For the first time ever at a North American Championship, there is a rubber bridge room. It will have continuous bridge play from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. Entry is free, but ACBL membership is required.

Temporary memberships are available at the door for \$8 if you are not yet one of us. From 10 to noon each day, some of the best players in the world will sit in and play a few hands- Gary Cohler, Eric Rodwell, Bob Hamman, Zia, Jeff Meckstroth, Sylvia Shi, Jerry Helms, just to name a few. Here's your chance to play a hand or two with a bridge luminary. Players can cut in at anytime. Tom Smith will be hosting the room.

#### Summer (2018), NABC

Summer (2018), NABC will be held in Atlanta, Georgia at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis which is located at 265 Peachtree Center.

**DEADLINES for**  
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# Rank Advances

207	Jarek	Langer	Austin	Life Master
225	Melba	Lee	Nacogdoches	Life Master
183	Charles	Mogged Jr	Colleyville	Life Master
172	Carol	Ramberg	Fair Oaks Ranch	Life Master
172	Irene	White	Fair Oaks Ranch	Life Master
183	Wayne	Williams	Fort Worth	Life Master
176	Sue	Alter	Dallas	Life Master
176	Cathy	Bruff	Dallas	Life Master
183	Carmond	Fitzgerald	Granbury	Life Master
176	Jack	Hartel	McKinney	Life Master
176	Ellen	Heck	Allen	Life Master
225	Judith	Kelley	Lindale	Life Master
176	Jackie	Long	Dallas	Life Master
233	Judy Taylor	Mathews	Moody	Life Master
176	Ramon	Nelson II	Plano	Life Master
176	Hellen	Revelle	Dallas	Life Master
176	Rolly	Steen	Dallas	Life Master
183	Janet	Walker	Fort Worth	Life Master
183	William	Walker	Fort Worth	Life Master
176	Nancy	Young	Dallas	Life Master
176	Andi	Gordon	Dallas	Life Master
174	Rosalind	Kokolis	Bellaire	Life Master
174	Evvie	Gilbert	Seabrook	Bronze LM
174	Greg	Johnson	League City	Bronze LM
207	Bill	Kalmbach	Austin	Bronze LM
176	Sue	Alter	Dallas	Bronze LM
225	Vicki	Angel	Wake Village	Bronze LM
174	Carol	Banks	Houston	Bronze LM
201	Dave	Becker	Houston	Bronze LM
207	Gloria	Bennett	Lakeway	Bronze LM
176	Cathy	Bruff	Dallas	Bronze LM
201	Richard	Carpenter	Jasper	Bronze LM
176	J Reagan	Dixon	Dallas	Bronze LM
225	Judith	Kelley	Lindale	Bronze LM
176	Cindy	Obermeyer	Dallas	Bronze LM
207	Paul	Olstad	Georgetown	Bronze LM
176	Hellen	Revelle	Dallas	Bronze LM
172	Charlotte	Schuepbach	San Antonio	Bronze LM
176	Ari	Sippola	Richardson	Bronze LM
176	Rolly	Steen	Dallas	Bronze LM
183	Janet	Walker	Fort Worth	Bronze LM
183	William	Walker	Fort Worth	Bronze LM
174	Holly	Gaunt	The Woodlands	Silver LM
207	Hollie	McQueary	Burnet	Silver LM
174	Maxine	Nobbman	Brenham	Silver LM
174	Ming	Su	Houston	Silver LM
174	Debra	Alexander	Montgomery	Silver LM
207	Gary	Anderson	Austin	Silver LM
183	James	Cothran	Savannah	Silver LM
207	Bonnie	Dennis	Georgetown	Silver LM
207	Esther	Ellis	Kingsland	Silver LM
353	Bernie	Lange	Wichita Falls	Silver LM
174	Linda	Martinsen	Bellaire	Silver LM
176	David	Sternier	Dallas	Silver LM
207	Jerry	Barrett	Austin	Ruby LM
174	Nancy	Carlin	Spring	Ruby LM
254	Patricia	Herrera	Mexico	Ruby LM
174	Carolyn	Lanier	Houston	Ruby LM
187	Terry	Peterson	Victoria	Ruby LM
237	Clyde	Tarbutton	Port Isabel	Ruby LM
254	Misha	Tomic	Waterford	Ruby LM
174	Bruno	Dellamea	Richwood	Ruby LM
174	Nan	Fulweber	Houston	Ruby LM
174	Nita	James	Tomball	Ruby LM
176	Ann	Parker	Dallas	Ruby LM
174	W	Turner	College Station	Ruby LM
197	Robbie	Butts	Lubbock	Gold LM
172	Phyllis	Giffin	San Antonio	Gold LM
174	Lynnda	Paukune	Houston	Gold LM
183	Kim	Brinkman	Highland Vlg	Gold LM
207	Shirley	Henry	Austin	Sapphire LM
176	Judith	Lotridge	Carrollton	Sapphire LM
174	Dianna	Gittelman	Houston	Sapphire LM
353	Anne	Halsell	Crowell	Sapphire LM
207	Alexander	Labry	Austin	Diamond LM
197	Marc	Levine	Lubbock	Diamond LM
174	Jane	Armstrong	Sugar Land	Diamond LM
174	Tony	Haddad	Houston	Diamond LM
176	Nancy	Passell	Plano	Grand LM

## In Memoriam \* denotes Life Master

- \* Pansy Blakely, Mabank
- Anshel Brusilow, Dallas
- \* Mike J. Bukala, Woodway
- Ann E. Dunlap, Fort Worth
- Robert A. Gay Ph D, Beaumont
- \* Mrs. Paula G. Hradecky, Houston
- Ruth E. Isler, Conroe
- \* Mrs. Margaret Stultz, Houston
- Gunner Willhelm, San Antonio
- \* Jon A. Anthony, Sunrise Beach
- Mrs. Dorothy R. Bradley, Garland
- Sue Doran, Richardson
- David A. Garman, Austin
- T D Howe III, Houston
- \* Donald D. Jensen, Alamo
- \* Bill Lucas, Beaumont
- \* Mrs. Dee Schade, Corpus Christi
- \* Carlys K. Swenn, Houston
- \* Marcia A. Warner, Kingwood



July 13 - 15, 2018

### RUIDOSO HIGH SCHOOL

Enjoy Bridge in the Mountains of New Mexico

#### Friday, July 13

10 AM Dasher Stratified Open Pairs  
Dancer 299er Pairs

3 PM Rudolph KO's (round 1)  
Prancer Open Pairs  
Vixen 299er Pairs

#### Saturday, July 14

10 AM Rudolph KO's (round 2)  
Cupid Stratified Open Pairs  
Donner 299er Pairs

3 PM Rudolph KO's (round 3)  
Blitzen Stratified Open Pairs  
Frosty 299er Pairs

#### Sunday, July 15

10 AM & TBD Santa Stratified Swiss Teams  
Santa 299er Swiss Teams

Stratified: (A) 2000+ (B) 750-2000 (C) 0-750

Pairs and Teams stratified by average MPs of pair or team  
Top KO bracket may be handicapped

Fees: Pairs and KO's: \$13/ person / session  
Swiss Team: \$100. / team Sunday Lunch Included  
Unpaid Member + \$4.00 each session  
Host: Unit 388 District 17

Tournament Chairperson: Glenna Lowe  
(713) 628-2846 glennacrews@msn.com  
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## DISTRICT 16 2017 ACEO F CLUBS

### 0 to 5

1. Corbin Shouse, Spring 76
2. Charles Spradlin, Longview 61
3. William Eads, Fort Worth 59
4. Susan Thom, The Woodlands 44
5. Robert Bender, Plano 43
6. Dan Sondgeroth, MX 41
7. Barbara Hodges, The Woodlands 36
8. Wayne Corbett, Arlington 35
9. Betsy Smith, Wichita Falls 33
10. David Hobson, Portland 33
11. Phillis Rude, Nacogdoches 28
12. Jim Nicas, Spring 28
13. Mike Carter, Dallas 26
14. Robert Faulk, Lubbock 26
15. James Sells, Houston 25

### 5 to 20

1. Patricia Santini, Waco 60
2. Cameron Lawton, Spring 52
3. Gregory Andrews, Houston 48
4. Paul Andrews, Houston 48
5. Barry Malone, Arlington 48
6. Ron Day, Plano 46
7. Eric De Rouffignac, Austin 38
8. James Nees, Waco 36
9. Curt Wyman, Austin 33
10. Steven Gordon, Richmond 32

### 20 to 50

1. Lucy Locke, Lubbock 78
2. Ann Dahn, Spring 71
3. W Kenneth Davis, Austin 64
4. Michael Sadler, Abilene 60
5. Ian Fetterley, Houston 59
6. Alice Wright, Denton 57
7. Gordon Young, Pictou NS 56
8. Bob Allen, Austin 55
9. John Hamilton, Athens 52
10. Matthew Kennedy, McAllen 52

### 50 to 100

1. Carol Ramberg, Fair Oaks Ranch 104
2. Sherra Kay Read, The Colony 76
3. Robert Immel, Wimberly 75
4. Marsha Doyle, Houston 72
5. David Croissant, Irving 72
6. Carolyn Oliver, Beaumont 68
7. Lawrence Brough, Mount Pleasant 64
8. Jackie McElhaney, Scroggins 62
9. Lonnie Yee, Midland 60
10. Dorothy Miller, Scroggins 59
11. Jo Ellen Wade, Larue 58
12. P.D. Sharma, San Antonio 58
13. Lynda Pillans, Rice 57
14. Jackie King, League City 57
15. John Whittaker, San Marcos 56

### 100 to 200

1. Joyce Anderson, Fort Worth 127
2. Linda Buzan, Midland 114

3. Floyd Gerwig, Plano 113
4. Audie Brooks, Midland 98
5. Sandi Mills, Houston 94
6. Clifford Smith, Marietta 90
7. Jeanne Dawley, San Antonio 86
8. Jade Ngai, College Station 81
9. Bill Brooks, Midland 77
10. Cheryl Landers, Tyler 74

### 200 to 300

1. Sandra Lehner, Spring 126
2. Jack Dean, Houston 117
3. Jeanette Dean, Houston 117
4. Victor Tong, Houston 109
5. James Cuccia, Schertz 102
6. Helen Wren, The Woodlands 97
7. Ribs LaMothe, Coppell 96
8. Steven Russell, Denton 94
9. David Noteware, Dallas 87
10. Mary Lynn Genovesi, Fairview 83

### 300 to 500

1. Jerry Frankel, Plano 129
2. P Scott Vaughan, Odessa 122
3. Charlie Kemp, Longview 121
4. Mary Cris Emmons, Houston 121
5. Paula Baggett, Odessa 115
6. Joyce Armstrong, Arlington 112
7. Martha Ward, Plano 111
8. Sandra Allison, Silsbee 110
9. Barry Berk, MX 105
10. Dale Remmers, Plano 104

### 500 to 1000

1. Steven Bell, Cypress 285
2. Larry White, Grapevine 261
3. Courtney Coffman, The Woodlands 230
4. Rosalind Smith, Dallas 191
5. Tom Hogle, Houston 189
6. Jerry Barrett, Austin 147
7. Mary McDonald, Willis 144
8. Mike Goldberg, Houston 142
9. Sharon Dameron, Cedar Park 140
10. J Dale Molander, Malakoff 131

### 1000 to 1500

1. Kitty Wong, Pearland 244
2. Marlene Blumentritt, Midland 237
3. James Ochsner, Houston 196
4. Larry Levin, San Antonio 192
5. Jo England, Dallas 191
6. Bob Otis, San Antonio 189
7. Bill Joplin, Houston 176
8. Bill Kiehnhoff, Sugar Land 173
9. Shih-Ming Yang, Houston 167
10. Shou Chao, Houston 167

### 1500 to 2500

1. Sidney Perutz, Dallas 290
2. Chester Neel Jr., Tyler 242
3. Edwin (Ted) Bain III, Houston 233
4. Charles Brown, Arlington 229
5. Sandy Molander, Malakoff 201
6. William Kibikas, Friendswood 200
7. Jane Kirby, Dallas 198
8. William Houck, Houston 187

## NAPS

Get ready for the new NAP cycle beginning in June! This year each District will have the opportunity to send 3 A pairs, 4 B pairs and 4 C pairs.

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

This prestigious event is staged in qualifying rounds at the club, unit, and district levels. It culminates in a final held in conjunction with the 2019 Spring NABC in Memphis, TN.

The games are flighted: (Flight eligibility is based on the June 2018 masterpoint cycle which is run May 6, 2018: A (Open): B (0 to 2,500) and C (0 to 500, NLM) Pairs who qualify at the District level are eligible to play in the NABC in Memphis. Last year ACBL paid a stipend of \$700/per person for those who qualified 1st in the District final and \$300/per person to the 2nd place qualifiers who played in the National event. In addition, there are no entry fees for the National event once you have qualified.

District 16 adds additional monies to each of the qualifying pairs. Qualifiers must play in the national event to receive the stipend.

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

NAP Schedule is as follows:

**Club level:** June, July, August  
**Unit level:** From September through December  
**District level:** January 5-6, 2019, Austin  
**National level:** At Spring 2019 NABC in Memphis, TN

For more details, go to [www.acbl.org/play/special-events-info.php#nap](http://www.acbl.org/play/special-events-info.php#nap)  
Or contact Roxie Tom, D16 NAP Coordinator [rtom85@yahoo.com](mailto:rtom85@yahoo.com) or 210-508-4697

9. Khalifa Ahmed, Denton 181
10. Bonnie Magee, Mabank 176

### 2500 to 3500

1. Milton Neher, Richardson 291
2. Bill Gemas, Conroe 284
3. William Daniel III, Spring 260
4. Ariel Leibovitz, Houston 253
5. Robert Buchanan, Arlington 222
6. Nancy Joe, Austin 210
7. Jerrold Harrington, San Antonio 210
8. Gloria Rowland, Mabank 205
9. Michel Paragot, Mx 203
10. Stephen Reichek, Houston 197

### 3500 to 5000

1. Bill Osborn, Frisco 336
2. Suresh Agrawal, Heath 254
3. Gary Neisler, Crowley 244
4. John Lindsey, Houston 240
5. Aiyannar Bharathi, Beaumont 229
6. Allen Wolf, The Woodlands 228
7. Martha Young, Dallas 228
8. Mary Anne Woessner, Montgomery 221
9. Larry Davis, Austin 220
10. Randall Lake, Houston 219

### 5000 to 7500

1. William White, Arlington 366
2. Melody Gann, Arlington 317
3. Mary Pat Gentry, Houston 296
4. Shirley McKee, Houston 269
5. Jay Gibson, Dallas 219
6. Anna Marlatt, Houston 204
7. Vern Schmidt, Dickinson 199
8. William Smith, Houston 199
9. Victor Sitton, Sugar Land 197
10. Woodrow McHarg, Laredo 194


### 7500 to 10,000

1. Marion Gebhardt, Richardson 445
2. Pat Cassidy, Arlington 249
3. Stephen Schwall, Houston 170
4. Mark Bumgardner, Dallas 140
5. Marilyn German, Corpus Christi 139
6. Billy Leeper, Fort Worth 113
7. Michael Murphy, Dallas 113
8. Ann Brinker Schwall, Houston 111
9. Royce McCray, Caddo Mills 102
10. Nancy Kornegay, N Richland Hls 100

### Over 10,000

1. Gail Wells, Houston 580
2. Ed Groner, Houston 332
3. Joe Quinn, Sugar Land 208
4. Diane Olson, San Antonio 208
5. Jack Lacy, Lago Vista 198
6. Linda Spangler, Fort Worth 192
7. Pat Levy, Houston 192
8. Mildred Breed, Cypress 184
9. Dan Morse, Houston 178
10. Terry Riely, San Antonio 170

**Unit 172  
San Antonio**



Lew Spurlock

Let me begin this month's article by congratulating Janina Kuzma and Leigh Primerano who qualified for and participated in the North American Pairs (NAP) event at the NABC tournament in Philadelphia. Both said they had a wonderful time and Leigh commented that she now has enough gold points to qualify for Life Masters. Now for the rest of the points.

For this article I contacted Jerry Helms and asked if he would agree to an interview by email. Jerry is a Platinum Life Master with over 25,000 master points and is a well-known teacher, player and author. You most likely read his column "Ask Jerry" in the monthly Bridge Bulletin magazine or the ACBL Bulletin. You can learn a lot about his priorities by reading his bio on his website where most of the article is devoted to discussing his son. Jerry graciously agreed to answer my questions, so this month will be about his responses.

Jerry said that he began playing bridge in his late teens having been introduced to the game by his brother who had found the game in college. Later when he himself attended college, someone in the dorms asked who knew how to play bridge and Jerry says he blatantly misrepresented his experience. He believes that his background in playing cards of any variety helped ease his entry into playing bridge and would be an advantage to anyone who wants to play the game at a higher level. Although he started at a relatively young age, he thinks that anyone at any age can learn the game and enjoy it.

When I asked how the average player can learn more and improve their game, he gave an insightful response which I quote here fully: "Just like many other sporting endeavors, playing with and against the strongest competition that your ego will allow, is the best way to get better in a hurry. For some, this is almost impossible because the complexities of the game prevent anyone from being

'good' quickly. Their rationale, 'I am a smart person. I am not mastering this game quickly. There's nothing wrong with me, so there must be something wrong with this game.' In short, some are not willing to go through the learning pains required."

I can't tell you how many times I have heard players at the club say that they dread playing against the best players. They should instead be excited to be able to play against such wonderful talent where they can learn more about the game. Playing against and learning from these players would be like playing football with Tom Brady or tennis with Serena Williams. No one in these other activities ever has a chance to play regularly with top rated players as we do in bridge.

When I asked Jerry what he does to maintain his interest in playing after reaching 25,000 master points, he responded that he loves playing the game, especially at the highest levels. Although he enjoys teaching, it is the play of the game that keeps him enthusiastic about the game.

As for teaching, he believes that an individual can be a good teacher but at best only a good player, but, at the same time, someone can be a great player but a terrible teacher. He works on his teaching and his play independently so that he can maintain his excellence in both.

I have more than reached my limit for the Scorecard so I will have to continue this next month. I hope you enjoyed hearing from Jerry as much as I did.

**Milestones:** New Life Masters: Jeanne Dawley Jo Ann Robertson; Carol Ramberg; Irene **White Bronze LM:** Jo Ann Robertson **Ruby LM:** Bill McCarty **Gold LM:** Phyllis Giffin **Diamond LM:** Carolyn Riely

**Fiesta Sectional**

- San Antonio, TX Mar 01-04, 2018  
179 players. tables.  
1 37.88 Ed Rawlinson  
2 29.23 Stephen Toplansky  
3 28.94 Gary Anziani  
4 25.49 Dave Swarthout  
5 21.64 Larry Levin  
6 18.53 Ellen Hessel  
7 17.35 Donna Swarthout  
8 16.80 C David Mitchell

- 9 16.58 Hank Eng  
10 16.35 Kenneth Schutze  
**Thursday AM Open Pairs**-21.0 Tables / Based on 29 Tables 1 Dave Swarthout-Ed Rawlinson A2. Stephen Toplansky- Ellen Hessel B1. Karen Fillis-George Fillis B2. Kay Laird-Richard Curtin C1. Takako Malley-Joe Ramirez C2. Geneva Johnson-Jo Ann Manfredi  
**Thursday AM 499er Pairs**-8.0 Tables A1. Carol Ramberg-Jeanne Dawley A2B1. Robert Watson-Robert Craig B2. Carol Hall-Doris Salley C1. Vallie Henry-Fred Henry C2. Joan Brestal-Jeanne Binovi  
**Thursday AFT Swiss Teams**-21 Tables AB1. Beverly Santos-Bob Otis-Charles Jefferson-Rebecca Brown A2. Everette Lewis-Sheryleen Grothus-Larry Levin-Diane Olson, B2. Carol Ramberg-K Carpenter-Jeanne Dawley-John Hilbig C1, Elisabeth Kay-Ann Kuehler-Charlotte Schuepbach-Mike Vivian C2. Linda Banks-Mary Rita de Hoyos -Jan Wingate-James Cuccia  
**499er Game**-5.5 Tables AB1. Suzanne Miller-Charlene Johnson A2. Robert Watson-Bob Craig B2. C1. Vivian Waldron-Phil Kolehmainem C2. William Freund-Bonnie Freund,  
**Friday AM Open Pairs**-21.5 Tables / Based on 31 Tables A1. Roxie Tom-Hank Eng A2B1. Jean Blilie-Eugene Lux B2. Kay Laird-Richard Curtin Lew Spurlock-Myra Ribak C1. Bob Steidel-Debbie Schweiss C2. Carol Ramberg-John Hilbig  
**Friday AM 499er Pairs**-9.0 Tables ABC1. Bill Stillwell-David Conley AB2. Janet Daniel-Robert Thornton Robert Watson-Robert Craig C2. William Freund-Bonnie Freund  
**Friday AFT Open Pairs**-23.0 Tables / Based on 30 Tables A1. Gary Anziani-Ed Rawlinson A2B1. Susan Hernandez-Andy Villastrigo B2C1. Ann McMullan-Jim McMullan C2. Janice Fletcher-Yesh Singh  
**Friday AFT 499er Pairs**-7.0 Tables AB1. Jeanne Binovi-Doris Salley A2. Jan Wingate-Hazel Medellin B2. Janet Daniel-Robert Thornton C1. Bill Stillwell-David Conley C2. Beverly Flannery-June Eubank  
**Saturday AM Open Pairs**-22.5 Tables / Based on 32 Tables A1. Stephen Toplansky-Kenneth Schutze A2. Everette Lewis-Larry Levin B1. Orpha Sears -James Fisk B2. Kay Laird-Richard Curtin C1. Ann

**FIESTA SUMMER SECTIONAL  
SAN ANTONIO**

May 31 to June 3 @ FIESTA BRIDGE CLUB  
2112 NW MILITARY, SAN ANTONIO 78213



**Thursday, 31**  
10am Open Pairs  
10am 299'er Pairs  
2:30 pm Stratified Swiss Teams

**Friday, 1st**  
10 am Stratified Open Pairs  
10 am 499'er Pairs  
2:30 499'er Pairs  
2:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs  
2:30 pm Bracketed Handicapped KO Teams (1 of 3)

**Saturday 2nd**  
10am Stratified Open Pairs  
10am 299'er Pairs  
10am Bracketed KO Handicapped Teams (2 of 3)  
2:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs  
2:30 pm Bracketed KO Handicapped Teams (3 of 3)

**Sunday 3rd**  
10am & TBA Stratified Swiss Team – Meal between session.

**Stratifications:** A 2000+ B 500-2000 C 0-500  
Average Masterpoints will be used in all events

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Unpaid/non ACBL members add \$3

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- McMullan-Jim McMullan C2. Leigh Primerano-Janina Kuzma  
**Saturday AM 499er Pairs**-9 Tables AB1. Jan Wingate-June Reimer AB2. Carol Ramberg-Paul Fafoutakis, C1. Beverly Flannery-June Eubank C2. Jeanne Binovi-Toni Hayes  
**Saturday AFT Open Pairs** 20 Tables / A1. Gary Anziani-Ed Rawlinson A2. Sheryleen Grothus-C David Mitchell B1. Karen & George Fillis B2C1. Ann & Jim McMullan C2. Diana Drenner-Don Mahoney  
**Saturday AFT 499er Pairs**-5.5 Tables AB1. Carol Ramberg-Paul Fafoutakis AB2. Jan Wingate-June Reimer C1. Beverly Flannery-June Eubank C2. Paul Drexel-Julius Grossenbacher  
**Sunday Swiss Teams**-17 Tables A1. Gary Anziani-Donna & Dave Swarthout-Ed Rawlinson A2. Stephen Toplansky- Kenneth Schutze- Hessel-Ira Hessel B1. Hank Eng- Kay Laird-Brian Bankler-Myra Ribak B2. Susan Ohm-Eleanor Siegal- K Voges-Moshe Draznin C1. Leigh Primerano- Jack Cassidy-Janina Kuzma-Robert Craig

**SAN ANTONIO FIESTA SECTIONAL CHAMPS**



Thursday Morning Open Pairs Flt A  
Dave Swarthout, Ed Rawlinson



Thursday Afternoon Swiss Flt A  
Chuck Jefferson, Rebecca Brown,  
Beverly Santos, Bob Otis



Friday Morning Open Pairs Flt A  
Hank Eng, Roxie Tom



Friday Afternoon Open Pairs Flt A  
Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs Flt A  
Ed Rawlinson, Gary Anziani



Saturday Morning Open Pairs Flt A  
Ken Schutze, Steve Toplansky



Sunday Swiss Team Flt A  
Donna Swarthout, Ed Rawlinson,  
Dave Swarthout, Gary Anziani



Thursday Morn Open Pairs Flt B  
George & Karen Fillis



Friday Morn Open Pairs Flt C  
Bob Steidel, Debbie Schweiss



Thursday Morn Open Pairs Flt C  
Koko Malley, Joe Ramirez



Friday Morn Open Pairs Flt B  
Gene Lux, Jean Blilie



Friday Morn Pairs Flt C  
Saturday Morn & Aft Pairs Flt C  
Jim & Ann McMullan



Friday Aft Open Pairs Flt B  
Andy Villastrigo, Susan Hernandez



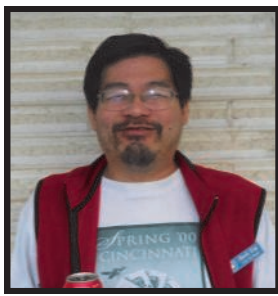
Thursday Aft Swiss Flt C  
Ann Kuehler, Charlotte Schuepbach,  
Elisabeth Kay, Mike Vivian



Saturday Morn Pairs Flt B  
Jim Fisk, Orpha Sears



Sunday Swiss Flt C  
Leigh Primerano, Janina Kuzma



Sunday Swiss Flt B  
Hank Eng



Thursday Morn 499ers  
Jean Dawley, Carol Ramberg



Thursday Aft 499ers  
Suzanne Miller, Char Johnson



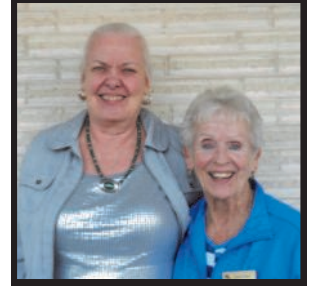
Friday Morn 499ers  
David Conley, Bill Stillwell



Saturday Morn 499ers  
Jan Wingate, June Reimer



Saturday Aft 499ers  
Paul Fafoutakis, Carol Ramberg



Friday Aft 499ers  
Gina Binovi, Doris Salley

**Kerrville Sectional**

Apr 05-08, 2018  
189 players 243 tables.

- 1 37.91 Ed Rawlinson
- 2 37.91 Dave Swarouth
- 3 32.58 Donna Swarouth
- 4 26.85 Marilyn Arnold
- 5 26.05 Bill Walker
- 6 21.45 Rosemary Kelley
- 7 20.36 Terry Riely San
- 8 20.36 Carolyn Riely
- 9 17.15 Paul Nimmons
- 10 17.15 Karen Nimmons

**Thu AM Stratified Pairs-20.5 Tables / Based on 28 Tables A1, Beverly Santos-Charles Jefferson A2. Venkatrao Koneru-David Johnson Jr B1. Jean Blilie-Eugene Lux B2. Esther Ellis-Terri O'Brien C1. Jim Roff-Irene White C2. Marie Lucci-**

Eugene Haddock

**Thu AM 499er Pairs-7.0 Tables A1 Carol Ramberg-Leigh Primerano A2. David Goodwin-Rose Goodwin BC1. Bill Stillwell-S Hultquist B2. Sunny Won-Yesh Singh B2. Eugene Wager-Robert Christophel**  
**Sat AM BAM Team Game-23 Tables / Based on 33 Tables A1/2 Wolf Schroeter-Ann McDougal-Paul Nimmons-Karen Nimmons A 1/2 Marilyn Arnold-Donna Swarouth-Dave Swarouth-Ed Rawlinson B1. Leigh Primerano-Janina Kuzma-Charles Anderson-Rene Wallace B2. Joe Black-Jerry Barrett, Austin TX; Mary Harrington-Jerrold Harrington C1. Patricia Webb-Laurene Jacob-Michele Abriol-Robin Tucker**  
**Fri AM 499er Pairs-10.0 Tables**

AB1. Gerda Jacobs-Beverly Flannery AB2. Rose Goodwin-David Goodwin C1. Eric De Rouffignac-Curt Wyman C2. Ginny Russell-Nancy Tom  
**Thu Aft 499er Pairs-7Tables ABC1. Sunny Won-Yesh Singh ABC2. Eric De Rouffignac-Curt Wyman**  
**Thu Aft Swiss Teams-25 Tables A1. Dave Swarouth-Donna Swarouth-Bill Walker-Ed Rawlinson A2. Roxie Tom-Roxana Tom-Jerry Barrett-Joe Black B1. John Hilbig-Stewart Windeler-Kendall Early-K Carpenter C1. Andrea Williams-Debbie Schweiss-Lynn (Ann) Pierson-Marjorie Miller C2. Jean Durocher-Judy Alpert-Mark Alpert-Earrestine Broyles**  
**Fri Aft Stratified Pairs-25.0 Tables / Based on 36 Tables A1. Donna Swarouth-Marilyn Arnold A2. Terry**

Riely-Carolyn Riely B1. Terri O'Brien-Esther Ellis B2. Betty Schell-Robert Crawford C1. Toni Hurlbut-Linda Reichenau C2. Marifrances Watson-Joy Foster  
**Fri Aft 499er Pairs-11.0 Tables A1. Carol Ramberg-Irene White A2B1. Gerda Jacobs-Beverly Flannery B2C1. S Hultquist-David Conley C2. Mark Alpert-Judy Alpert**  
**Sat AM 499er Pairs-7. Tables AB1. Gerda Jacobs-Beverly Flannery A2. Ginny Russell-Elizabeth Hutchison B2C1. Coleman Driver-Robert Craig C2. Robert Christophel-Patricia Angelides**  
**Saturday Stratified Pairs-29.0 Tables / Based on 34 Tables A1. Dave Swarouth-Ed Rawlinson A2B1. Hank Eng-Brian Bankler B2. Stan**

Pushkarsky-Sandy Potts C1. Michele Abriol-Robin Tucker C2. Jean Marsh-Julie Connor  
**Sat AM 499er Pairs-5.5 Tables A1. Carol Ramberg-Jeanne Dawley A2BC1. Robert Craig-Coleman Driver BC2. JoAnn & Garry Hanson**  
**Sunday Swiss Teams-22 Tables A1. Larry Levin-Laurie-Ann Levin-Rosemary Kelley-Bill Walker A2. Marilyn Arnold-Dave Swarouth-Donna Swarouth-Ed Rawlinson 1 K Voges-Susan Ohm-Eleanor Siegal-Moshe Draznin 2 Jerrold Harrington-Myra Ribak-Betty Schell-Robert Crawford C1. Linda Cole-Marifrances Watson-Carol Diminnie-Joy Foster C2. Debbie Schweiss-Evelyn Pitman-Mary Harrington-Lynn (Ann) Pierson**

**UNIT 172 KERRVILLE SECTIONAL WINNERS**



Thursday Morning Open Pairs Flt A  
Beverly Santos, Chuck Jefferson



Thursday Aft Swiss Team Flt A  
Donna Swarouth, Ed Rawlinson, Dave Swarouth, Bill Walker



Friday Morn BAM Flt A  
Karen Nimmons, Ann McDougal, Paul Nimmons, Wolf Schroeter



Friday Afternoon Open Pairs Flt A  
Marilyn Arnold, Donna Swarouth



Saturday Open Pairs Flt A  
Dave Swarouth, Ed Rawlinson



Sunday Swiss Team Flt A  
Larry Levin, Bill Walker, Laurie Levin, Rosemary Kelley



Thursday Morn Pairs Flt B  
Gene Lux, Jean Blilie



Sunday Swiss Team Flt B  
Moshe Draznin, Eleanor Siegal, Sue Ohm



Saturday Aft 499ers  
Carol Ramberg, Jeanne Dawley



Thursday Aft Swiss Team Flt B  
Kim Carpenter, Stewart Windeler, John Hilbig



Thursday Aft Swiss Team Flt C  
Marge Miller, Andie Williams, Lynn Pierson, Debbie Schweiss



Friday Morn BAM Flt B  
Leigh Primerano, Rene Wallace, Janina Kuzma, Chuck Anderson



Friday Morn BAM Flt C  
Lauren Jacob, Patty Webb, Robin Tucker, Michele Abriol



Friday Aft Open Pairs Flt B  
Terri O'Brien, Esther Ellis



Friday Aft Open Pairs Flt C  
Linda Reichenau, Toni Hurlbut



Saturday Open Pairs Flt C  
Robin Tucker, Michele Abriol



Saturday Open Pairs Flt B  
Hank Eng, Brian Bankler



Thursday Morn Pairs Flt C  
Jim Roff, Irene White



Thursday Aft 499ers  
Yesh Singh, Sunny Won



Thursday Morn 499ers  
Carol Ramberg, Leigh Primerano



Friday Morn 499ers  
Beverly Flannery, Gerda Jacobs



Friday Aft 499ers  
Carol Ramberg, Irene White

Unit 174  
Houston

Carol Ann  
Wilson



#### Unit News:

We are excited that Houston will be hosting the United States Bridge Federation's 2018 Open Team Trials May 11-20 to select Team USA1 for the 2019 Bermuda Bowl. The trials will be held at the Marriott Westchase, which is the home of many of our tournaments. We have lined up plenty of our crackerjack volunteers to help with the hospitality suite and Vugraph operations. Big names will be there. The Fleisher and Nickell teams have earned Round of 8 byes by making the Vanderbilt Final. Fleisher, the Vanderbilt winner, will be seeded 1, Nickell will be seeded 2. The Rosenthal team has earned a Round of 16 bye and will be seeded 3 or 4 (depending on the shuffle after the Round Robin.) There will be 12 teams in the Round of 16 and 11 teams that advance from the Round Robin to the Round of 16. The competition has five stages. First is a 2 day Round Robin among the non bye teams to select the 11 teams that will join Rosenthal in the Round of 16; the other stages are 120-board Knockout matches, starting with the Round of 16 on Sunday, May 13 and Monday, May 14, and ending with the Finals on Saturday, May 19 and Sunday, May 20. Wow! We congratulate any team that even enters. Good luck to all!

We have New Sanctioned Clubs! The Katy Duplicate Bridge Club, Wednesdays at noon at the Katy Seniors Center, 5370 E. 5th St., Katy TX 77493; age 55+, reservations required, and contact is Bob Lee, 713.557.4077 or relee@leekon.net. The Cypress Northwest Duplicate Bridge Club, Thursdays at noon at the Weekley Community Center, 8440 Greenhouse Rd., Cypress TX 77433, and contact is Jim Warren, cypress.northwest.bridge@gmail.com or 832.851.4745. Congratulations!

The Lone Star Bridge Club is strongly underway since January 19 with games on Mondays at noon and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Conroe, Texas, and a Website at [www.lonestarbridge.club](http://www.lonestarbridge.club). Diamond LM Jeff Kroll gives free lessons at 9:30 a.m. before the Thursday game. There is an interesting situation, in that the bridge program is part of St. Paul's ACommunity Outreach Program, and the bridge club members help the church's programs with things like donating items for the food bank, magazines for the senior rehab program, and goodies for children in the Protective Services Program at the church. The cooperative efforts of LSBC and the church are very beneficial to the community in Conroe.

Westside Bridge Academy is working to get new players, with MiniBridge games on Sunday afternoons and 0-20 games on Tuesday mornings with a free lecture before. May 17-20 they are holding a 499er Tournament, and recent Life Master parties have been blessed with FULL houses! Among their many classes, Gary King will again offer his very popular ALearn to Play Bridge@ for 8 weeks beginning 9/5.

Bridge Club of Houston will participate in the ALongest Day@ on June 20 and has a 499R tournament June 21-24. They are in temporary space at Corum Station, Kuykendahl and Louetta, while their new facilities are being built out in that center. We look forward to that Grand Opening!

By the time you read this, we will have held our annual Joint ABA/ACBL Pairs Championship Game, this year at Tracy Gee Community Center, as we renewed and made new friendships with our fellow ABA members. And we will report the news from our May 4-6 Election Sectional and Annual Meeting in the next issue.

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June 8th-10th, 2018

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#### Stratification:

##### Stratified Open Events

A:3000+ B:750-3000 C:0-750

##### Stratified 0-300 Events

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

##### Strati-flighted Swiss

A:5000+ X: 0-5000 A,X Play Together  
B:0-3000 Bracketed



#### Table Fees:

All Sessions: \$12.00 for ACBL members  
\$16.00 for Lapsed Members



#### GUEST SPEAKERS - 2:00pm Friday and Saturday

- Friday: Gil Micheletti - "Doubles"
- Saturday: Daniel Jackson - "Beating the Bots"

#### Playing Schedule:

##### Friday, June 8 and Saturday, June 9

Stratified Open Pairs	10:00 and 2:30
0-300 Pairs - Single Sessions	10:00 and 2:30
Bracketed Swiss	10:00 and 2:30
Side Game - Single Sessions	10:00 and 2:30

##### Sunday, June 10

Stratified Open Pairs	10:00 and 2:30
0-300 Pairs - Single Sessions	10:00 and 2:30
Side Game - Single Sessions	10:00 and 2:30

**2 Session Stratiflighted Swiss**

#### NO SUNDAY MEAL FURNISHED

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Mary Jane  
McGinnis



New 70% Milestones: Westside Bridge Academy reports these Big Games in the Open Game: L. Laird and Randall Lake, 72.70% on 2/7; Geoff Booth and Robert Sandfield, 70.80% on 2/8; James Breihan and Randall Lake, 72.67% on 2/25; Geoff Booth and Robert Sandfield again on 3/27; and John Lindsey and Richard Wilson, 71.11% on 3/30. And shame on us, we missed these earlier: Daniel Jackson and Shatrugna Prasad, 71.79% on 1/6; Barbara Harberg and Robin Ladin, 70.15% on 1/18; Jack LaVigne and Mary Pat Gentry, 72.60% on 1/20; and Bill Joplin and Mimi Hagedorn, 74.53% on 1/22. In their IN Games, Daniel Urban and Patricia Huyck, 72.50% on 2/6; Robert Ross and Becky Ross, 71.67% on 2/14; Rao Chalasani and Mannie Magid, 75% on 2/14; Wanda Wisniewska and Carol Teufel, 73.81% on 2/20; Lawrence Ross and Richard Bird, 77.38% on 2/23; Nancy Shomette and Barbara Wood, 70.44% on 2/28; Pamela White and King Lou, 72.11% on 3/13; and Nancy Bowman and Mike Bowman, 81.44% on 3/14. Spring Branch Duplicate Club reports that Wolf Schroeter and Ann Brinker Schwall posted 71.47% on 2/8. At Bridge Club of Houston, Joan Slayden and Valerie Salle had 70% on 2/29, and Joe Volanski and Steve Vaughn had 72.22% on 3/27. Clear Lake Bridge Club's Jackie King and Ronnie Martin had a 70.02% gamed

on 3/26. Congratulations to all for these achievements!

About Our Unit 174 Tournaments: We take great pride in our hospitality, with snacks and extra goodies, as well as free labels, and it pleases us to ensure that all players have a good experience at our tournaments. Some of the A Little Things That Mean a Lot@ are: Excellent speakers; Getting the doors open for all entrances to the playing area; Good instructions (for things like Bracketed Swiss movements; Restaurants in the area (and coupons, too!); Pencil sharpeners!!!; new playing cards; and [Hallelujah!] the Marriott Westchase Hotel's sound system is vastly improved and sounds good in both big ballrooms where we play. So come one and all, to Houston's fabulous tournaments and make great memories: Summer Sectional June 8-10; August Sectional August 9-12; and Fall Sectional November 16-18.

Remembering Those Who Have Passed On: Carlys Swenn died on 2/7; Paula Hradecky died on 2/8; Marcia Warner left us 2/27; and Sue Adamson, longtime Unit 174 member, passed away 3/18 in California. We will miss them all.

Till next time . . . \

Another shout out to my peeps in Unit 176! I hope you all had a safe Spring break as well as a happy Easter and Passover. Blessings to all! Our last tournament, the Dallas Spring Sectional, was held on March 1-4. The attendance was down a bit. The board is aware that the majority of our unit members did not like the schedule of the games at 10:30 and 3:00. We heard you and have changed that for the upcoming events. Gerrie Owen, our hospitality chairman, and her daughter Tracy provided all the delicious food and dips at the tournament. They did a great job and were always helpful and pleasant. Be sure and thank them. And also a big thank you to those of you who did attend the Spring Sectional.

The Unit 176 board is continuing its club visitations. On March 13th the board took 3 tables to the McKinney Bridge Club. Everyone was so welcoming and this McKinney Club allows all newcomers to play free. Wow! Such fun!

The unit has added 5 new Unit Championship games. They are March

29th, April 16th, July 17th, September 12th, and October 19th. At the March 29th Unit game, BAND had 31 tables, Friendly had 16.5 tables, and McKinney 13 tables. The first one was very well-attended and we hope it was a money-maker for all the clubs that participated. Be sure and mark your calendars for these new Unit games in the future.

Our bridge program at Gooch Elementary in DISD has wrapped up for the school year. I'm happy to announce that it will continue next year. Be sure to thank Sherri Wolkenstein and Ann Parker for all their efforts in weaving this bridge program into the curriculum.

I am happy to report that on March 12th-13th Jeff Dater and Scott Nason won flight B of the NAP finals at the NABC held in Philadelphia. Jeff and Scott started the first day with a 66% and 57%, and the second day with a 51.5% and 54.5%. I know we all join in a big HOORAY for these guys. They won 60 master points, and they deserve every one of them. What an accomplishment!

Dorsey Shaw is hosting our upcoming Memorial Day Sectional May 24-28. The playing times are 10:00 and 2:30. Save the dates. I know everyone is looking forward to it — see you at the table!

### Dallas Spring

Richardson  
Mar 01-04 2018  
425 players. 438 tables.

- 1 49.17 Petra Hamman
- 2 49.17 Hemant Lall
- 3 48.45 Peggy Sutherlin
- 4 34.27 Milton Neher
- 5 34.27 David Pearlman
- 6 32.17 Bill Staats
- 7 27.55 Nancy Passell
- 8 26.49 Tomi Storey
- 9 26.13 Sharon Dameron
- 10 26.13 Jerry Barrett
- 11 26.13 Jarek Langer
- 12 26.13 Gary Anderson
- 13 23.04 Martha Young
- 14 23.04 Jay Gibson
- 15 22.23 Ari Sippola
- 16 22.05 Scott Nason Dallas
- 17 21.35 Tom Edwards
- 18 21.35 John Bromberg
- 19 21.35 Bryan Storey
- 20 21.35 Beth Bromberg
- 21 19.71 Thomas Leberman
- 22 19.07 Michael Penick
- 23 18.57 John Schwartz
- 24 18.47 Kimmel Jones
- 25 18.47 Hugh Hillaker

**Thursday Morn Open Pairs-13.5**  
Tables / Based on 32 Tables AB1.  
Marian Maley-Tom Whitesides A2.  
Jay Gibson-Martha Young B2. Diane  
Klein-Nancy Stanton C1. Jianbo  
Chen-Sam Shao C2. J Terrence  
Wolfe-William Driscoll  
**Thursday Morn 1499er Pairs-5.5**  
Tables A1. Randy Earle-Richard  
Wittrup A2B1. Liz Castioni-Connie  
Burnett B2C1. Neill Ray-Franci  
Moses C2. Jill Hartel-Jack Hartel  
**Thursday Morn 299er Pairs-12.5**

Tables A1. Debrah Chockley-Judy  
Bouska A2B1. Anita Everhart-John  
Everhart B2. Margie Portela-Marcia  
Messinger C1. Debor Cassen-John  
Saylor C2. Robin Bohbot-Kathy  
Hamilton  
**Thursday Aft Open Pairs-9.0** Tables  
/ Based on 24 Tables AB1.  
David Pearlman-Milton Neher AB2.  
Thomas Leberman- Jerry Derby C1.  
Robert Schmidt-Ari Sippola C2.  
Susan Flick-Clint Pruett  
**Thursday Aft 1499er Pairs-7.0** Tables  
A1. John Davis-Bert Dempsey  
A2BC1. Phillip Roberson-Dorothy  
Nance BC2. Allan Chernov-Paulette  
Armstrong  
**Thursday Aft 299er Pairs-7.5** Tables  
ABC1. Anne Difiore-Cassie  
Stern ABC2. Angela Johnson-  
Catherine Bard  
**Thursday Swiss Bracket 1-7** Tables  
1. Hemant Lall-Joan Jackson-Peggy  
Sutherlin-Petra Hamman 2. Jeff Dater  
-Tomi Storey-David Johnson Jr -Kim  
Brinkman  
**Thursday Swiss Bracket 2-7** Tables  
1. Larry White Grapevine ; Charles  
Brown-Sue Gilbreath Mike Peiffer 2.  
Sharon Dameron-Jerry Barrett-Jarek  
Langer-Gary Anderson  
**Thursday Swiss Bracket 3-13** Tables  
1. Fred Seipp-Hellen Revelle-  
Marsha Young-Carol Adamek 2.  
William Higgins-Jack Harkey-Jean  
Higgins-Bill Frazee  
**Friday Morn Open Pairs-12.5** Tables  
/ Based on 37 Tables ABC1.  
Donna Jordan-David Sterner AB2.  
Milton Neher-David Pearlman C2  
Rebecca Page-Richard Page  
**Friday Morn 1499er Pairs-10.0**  
Tables AB1/2C1. Nancy Love-  
William Canterbury AB1/2 Whittie  
Rainwater-Betsy Parks C2. Ribs

LaMothe- Gano Ehlers  
**Friday Morn 299er Pairs-14.0** Tables  
AB1. Linda Robertson- Yvonne  
Bowman AB2C1. Linda Harley-  
Terence Harley C2. Keith Hansen-  
Bruce Barlow  
**Friday Aft Open Pairs-13.0** Tables /  
Based on 28 Tables ABC1. Truett  
Cates-Jim Harp A2. Jay Gibson-  
Martha Young  
A2. Mark Hatkoff-Kathy Bullock  
A1. Ira Nemazie-Maryanne Hon C2.  
James Richman-Kathleen Carr  
**Friday Aft 1499er Pairs-5.0** Tables  
AB1. Deborah D'Ambrogi-Valarie  
Remmers AB2. Paulette Armstrong-  
Allan Chernov  
**Friday Aft 299er Pairs-10.0** Tables  
A1. Pat Glaser-Judy Duval A2. Er-  
ica Walker-Ron Day B1. Catherine  
Bard-Angela Johnson B2. Donald  
Livingston-James Ross C1. Phillip  
Schulz-Paula Schulz C2. Carol Ar-  
thur-Tony Arthur  
**Friday Swiss Bracket 1-7** Tables 1.  
Hemant Lall-Peggy Sutherlin-John  
Sutherlin-Petra Hamman 2. Nancy  
Passell-Mike Passell-Bill Staats-  
Barry Schaffer  
**Friday Swiss Bracket 2-7** Tables 1/2  
Jon Browne-R Randall Smith-Lee  
Huber-Bob McNeill  
1/2 Jerry Barrett-Jarek Langer-Gary  
Anderson-Sharon Dameron  
**Friday Swiss Bracket 3-7** Tables 1.  
Alma Farley-Robert Clarke-Cindy  
Obermeyer-Betty Wheeler 2. Mary  
Lynn Genovesi-Karen Cohen-  
Rosalind Smith-Joe Fletcher  
**Friday Swiss Bracket 4-7** Tables 1.  
Connie Van Patter-Karen Roland-  
Jerry Frankel- Nicolas Weisz 2. Jack  
Harkey- Bill Frazee-Bob Frink-  
Chuck Eastin  
**Saturday Morn Open Pairs-13.0**

Tables / Based on 36 Tables AB1.  
Thomas Leberman-Michael Hout A2.  
Jeff McKee -Greg Resz B2C1. Pawel  
Hanus-Ari Sippola C2. Lee Gilliam-  
Carol Nicoud  
**Saturday Morn 1499 Pairs-6.5** Tables  
AB1. Judy Mays-Peggy King  
AB2. Sudhir Shah-Rajasekhar Menon  
C1. Bill Pfeiff-Robert Frisch C2.  
Robert Deboom-Jim Porter  
**Saturday Morn 299er Pairs-16.5**  
Tables AB1. Stuart Nelan- Victoria  
Sublette  
2.09 2 Debrah Chockley- Judy  
Bouska 2 1 Gary Brown-Terry Brown  
2 Ansel Goldgar-Nina Watkins  
Linda Harley-Terence Harley  
**Saturday Aft Open Pairs-9.5** Tables  
/ Based on 23 Tables ABC1. Ari  
Sippola- Pawel Hanus A2. Thomas  
Corlett-Ethel Corlett A2. John  
Schwartz- Gerry McKim B2. Risa  
Diamond-Eric Diamond  
**Saturday Aft 1499er Pairs-6.0** Tables  
ABC1. Erica Walker-Kari Smith  
A2. Barry Cooper-Lynn Cooper  
BC2. Judy Duval-Susan Colby  
**Saturday Aft 299er Pairs-7.5** Tables  
AB1. Rebekah Hahn-David Salem1  
AB2C1. Ron Day-Amy Adams C2.  
Leanna Robl-Maryln Witt  
**Saturday Swiss Bracket 1-7** Tables  
1. Bill Staats- Michael Penick- Hugh  
Hillaker- Kimmel Jones  
2. Hemant Lall-Peggy Sutherlin-  
Petra Hamman- Nancy Passell  
**Saturday Swiss Bracket 2-7** Tables  
1. Bob Butterfield-Stephen Birnbaum  
-Eileen Smith Davidoff-Scott Nason  
2. Ned Nolte -Jack Borenstein-  
Suresh Agrawal- Bob Scallan  
**Saturday Swiss Bracket 3-7** Tables  
1/2 G Morey-Mickey Tryon-Stephen  
Hibbard- Stephen Bennett  
1/2 Sharon Dameron Cedar Park ;

Jerry Barrett-Jarek Langer-Gary  
Anderson  
**Saturday Swiss Bracket 4-7** Tables  
1. Valarie Remmers-Dale Remmers-  
Rosalind Smith-Jo Ann Truitt 2. Joe  
Fletcher-; Elinor Fries-Sam Norvell-  
David Noteware  
**Saturday Swiss Bracket 5-8** Tables  
1. Connie Van Patter-Karen Roland-  
Martha Ward-Sharon Ward 2. Fred  
Seipp-Carla Joiner-Carol Casey-  
Cathy Bruff  
**Sunday Morn Open Pairs-3.0** Tables  
A1/2B .1 William Driscoll-  
Terence Harley A1/2 Stephen Sin-  
clair- Thomas Leberman B2. John  
Moore-Roxann Swenson  
**Sunday Aft Open Pairs-4.5** Tables  
ABC1. Valarie Remmers-Dale Rem-  
mers A2. Vernon Earl Hodge-  
Carolyn Motes Jr BC2. Jim Nixon-  
Ross Ramsey  
**Sunday A/X Swiss Teams-12** Tables  
/ Based on 35 Tables AX1.  
David Pearlman-Milton Neher-Scott  
Nason-Tomi Storey A2. Martha  
Young-Jay Gibson-Judith Lotridge-  
Eric Diamond X2. Ari Sippola-Pawel  
Hanus-John Schwartz-Gerry McKim  
**Sunday B Swiss Bracket 1-7** Tables  
1. Gary Anderson-Jerry Barrett-Jarek  
Langer- Sharon Dameron 2. Sue Gil-  
breath-Charles Brown- Mike Peiffer-  
Larry White  
**Sunday B Swiss Bracket 2-7** Tables  
1. William Higgins-Jean Higgins-  
Marsha Young-Carol Adamek 2.  
Tom Lang-Reg Watt-David Luzzatto-  
Betsy Goldsmith  
**Sunday B Swiss Bracket 3-9** Tables  
1. Michael Chockley-Debrah Chock-  
ley- Sherra Kay Read- David Crois-  
sant 2. Leonard Epstein-Tina Epstein-  
Stuart Litwin-Sandra Litwin

## UNIT 176 MARCH SECTIONAL WINNERS



Friday Afternoon Pairs Flt A  
Milt Neher, David Pearlman



Saturday Swiss Bkt 1  
Michael Penick, Bill Staats,  
Hugh Hillaker, Kimmel Jones



Sunday Swiss Flt A  
Scott Nason, Tomi Storey,  
Milt Neher, David Pearlman



Sunday Aft Open Pairs Flt A  
Valerie & Dale Remmers



Friday Morning Pairs Flt A  
Donna Jordan, David Sterner



Saturday Swiss Bkt 2  
Bob Butterfield, Steve Birnbaum,  
Eileen Davidoff, Scott Nason



Thursday Morn 299ers  
Deborah Chockley, Judy Bouska



Saturday Swiss Bkt 3  
Mickey Tyron, Steve Bennett,  
Steve Hibbard, George Morey



Thursday Morn 1499ers  
Randy Earle, Richard Wittrup



Thursday Swiss Bkt 3  
Marsha Young, Carol Adamek,  
Hellen Revelle, Fred Seipp



Thursday Aft 299ers  
Anne DiFiore, Cassie Stern



Friday Morn 299ers  
Yvonne Bowman, Linda Robertson



Saturday Swiss Bkt 4  
Valerie & Dale Remmers  
Rosalind Smith, JoAnn Truitt



Thursday Aft 1499ers  
Bert Dempsey, John Davis



Friday Swiss Bkt 3  
Cindy Obermeyer, Betty Wheeler,  
Bob Clarke, Alma Farley



Sunday BCD Swiss Bkt 2  
Marsha Young, Jean Higgins,  
Carol Adamek, William Higgins



Sunday BCD Swiss Bkt 3  
Dabrah Chockley, Sherra Kay Read  
Mike Chockley, David Croissant



Friday Aft 299ers  
Pat Glaser, Judy DuVal



Saturday Morn 299ers  
Victoria Sublette, Stuart Nelan



Friday Swiss Bkt 2  
Saturday Swiss Bkt 3  
Sunday BCD Swiss Bkt 1  
Sharon Dameron, Gary Anderson,  
Jerry Barrett, Jarek Langer



Saturday Swiss Bkt 5  
Sharon Ward, Martha Ward,  
Connie Van Patter, Karen Roland

**Unit 187  
Corpus Christi**

**Melissa Plumb**



As Spring is here and the weather is warmer, I would like to invite all bridge patrons to our club. The ACBL REACH games were a success. Our club thanks Mary Ross and Russ Powers for establishing the games and all the tasks associated with the program. We thank you for the time you committed to ensuring a delightful time.

Unit 187 had a repeat visitor for the second year all the way from St. Catharines, Ontario. Penny David is a winter Texan the club is fortunate to have. Penny and Dale David have been united in marriage for 46 years and spend winter months on Padre Island. The couple have two children, Ryan and Andrea, and seven grandchildren.

Dale, a retired nuclear medical technician, and Penny, a retired lab technologist, both spent their careers in the medical field. They took bridge lessons 45 years ago, but due to work, children and life, did not play until two years ago. A work friend suggested Penny take up lessons and play. She agreed and now loves the game.

The Davids are active in their congregation back home at Silver Spire United Church. Dale has been participating in the choir for decades. While here, they attend Padre Island Presbyterian Church. In addition, the couple enjoys golf, dining out, spending time with family (grandchildren), and traveling. They have visited Europe, United States, and travel around Canada as well.

When asked to give novice players advice on the game, Penny stated one should take lessons and keep trying. She believes that playing with more advanced players, has helper her game. Penny also stated that returning to Unit 187 was an easy choice because she felt so welcomed. She stated that our club was "friendly, helpful, and a real treat".

Unit 187 is pleased of her experience. We welcome all players to the club! Happy Spring!

**Unit 183  
Fort Western**

**Bill Walker**



Author A.A. Milne is best known for his series of children's books featuring his nine year old son, Christopher Robin, and Christopher's best friend, Winnie the Pooh. In case you aren't aware, Pooh is a stuffed bear with only a bit of fluff for a brain. In "The House at Pooh Corners", Christopher Robin explains a great new idea to Pooh: "Planning is what you do before you do something, so that when you do it, it's not all mixed up."

The late Edgar Kaplan turned this idea into a bridge axiom when he said, "An average plan, well executed, will almost always beat a brilliant plan which is misplayed." Kaplan's longtime partner and system co-developer, Alfred Sheinwold was even blunter when he said, "Players who never stop to think before they play to trick one are the salt of the earth . . . they always lose."

Just about everyone can learn to play better and win more often. The best way for most to accomplish this is taking advanced lessons from a competent teacher. Each club in Unit 183 has one or more teachers available. I'll mention here only the local teachers.

Take a couple of hours Saturday morning and spend them with Buck and Don. The few shekels you spend will be well worth it and you will come away a better player. Mary

Jane Orick has ongoing classes. While we have no idea if she is a scratch golfer, there are no doubts about Mary Jane's ability as a bridge player, author, and teacher. Kathy Coleman also offers lessons. Since she is a Professor of Mathematics you can rest assured her approach will be structured, logical, and worthwhile. You might even learn something new, like the quadratic jump overcall. Lauren Brown is looking for people to start a new series of lessons. You can reach her at [brownlauren@hotmail.com](mailto:brownlauren@hotmail.com) or 817-800-3886. Remember, regardless where you play there is an accredited teacher nearby to help take your game to the next level.

Normally, when bridge players reach a new ACBL Milestone, they are quick to mention it. But for the following I had to go to the ACBL Bulletin. Stephen Bennett, Virginia Farley, Gloria Fields, and Janell Miller are new Life Masters. Mary Alice Giordano is a Gold Life Master (2500MP) and Dick Simon a Ruby Life Master (1500MP). And at our recent Unit 183 Regional Tournament Fitz Fitzgerald, and my wife Jan and I made Life Master.

Speaking of our Regional, a huge Thank You for a Job Well Done is due Janet Jordan who served as the Tournament Chairman. Janet will tell you success was due to all of the volunteers working together. But without Janet and her hours and hours of hard work it would not have been the outstanding event that it was.

My final item is from Gwen Faherty of Granbury. As you will recall, last year the Granbury Duplicate Bridge Club raised over \$11,000 to help find a cure for Alzheimer's Disease. Not wanting to rest on their laurels, they're back at it again. This year the event will be held over two days. On June 18 they will start with breakfast, a bridge lesson, duplicate and rubber bridge, lunch, and another duplicate game. Then, after a few days rest, on the evening of June 21 will be a concert/dance with Eddie Irving and his Classic Swing Band. All of this is for only \$35.00 each. Granbury may not be the largest club around, but they are one of the most active. Thank you, Gwen.

**Fort Western Regional**

Mar 19-25, 2018

835 players 1319 tables.

- 1 118.83 Vincent Demuy, FL
  - 2 118.83 Lynne Tarnopol, New York
  - 3 118.83 John Kranyak, Las Vegas
  - 4 118.83 John Hurd, New York NY
  - 5 101.12 Sylvia Moss, Boca Raton
  - 6 101.12 Joe Grue, New York NY
  - 7 101.12 Brad Moss, Denver CO
  - 8 72.83 Hemant Lall, Dallas
  - 9 63.89 Ron La Cour, Georgetown
  - 10 62.10 Milton Neher, Richardson
  - 11 59.02 Stephen Kornegay
  - 12 59.02 Nancy Kornegay
  - 13 59.02 Nagy Kamel, Plano
  - 14 59.02 Mark Bumgardner, Dallas
  - 15 58.55 Colby Vernay, Lacon IL
  - 16 58.55 Barry Schaffer, Frisco
  - 17 58.23 Michael Murphy, Dallas
  - 18 56.63 Hugh Hillaker, G. Prairie
  - 19 53.39 Norman Beck, Dallas
  - 20 50.37 Jerry Barrett, Austin
  - 21 47.72 Anne La Cour, Georgetown
  - 22 47.67 Steve Shirey, Fort Worth
  - 23 47.67 Robert Adams, OK
  - 24 46.82 Gary Anderson, Austin
  - 25 45.40 Jo Smith, Abilene
- Monday Open Pairs-12.0 Tables /**  
Based on 10 Tables A1. Ron La Cour, Georgetown ; Norman Beck, Dallas A2B1. Dana Osburn-Dan Osburn, Keller A3. Jay Gibson-Martha Young, Dallas A4. Linda Spangler-Mary Orock, Fort Worth A5. Anita Albert-Joe Black, Austin B2. Leslie Conant-Eloise Meachum, Dallas B3C1. Jan Mogged-Julienne Moore, Colleyville B4C2. Allan Chernov, Irving ; Mark Dumdei, Frisco B5. Michael Estep-Barbara Estep, Hurst C3. Grace Daddario, Cedar Hill ; Gloria Schuford, Fort Worth
- Monday Swiss Bracket 1-7 Tables 1.** Mark Bumgardner, Dallas ; Stephen Kornegay-Nancy Kornegay, N Richland Hls ; Nagy Kamel, Plano 2. John Kranyak, Las Vegas NV; Lynne Tarnopol-John Hurd, New York NY; Vincent Demuy, Palm Bch Gdns FL
- Monday Swiss Bracket 2-7 Tables 1.** Brian Gelles-Janet Gelles, Fairview ;

- Robert Holliday-Liane Tsai, Plano 2. Scott Nason-Rosalind Smith, Dallas ; Eric Diamond, Plano ; Milton Neher, Richardson
- Monday Swiss Bracket 3-7 Tables 1.** Jean Helmers-Kathy Coleman-Wayne Williams, Fort Worth ; Ann Kennermer, Burleson 2. Laura Nash, Stephenville ; Janet Jordan, Aledo ; Jane Larimore-Jacqueline Montgomery, Fort Worth
- Monday Swiss Bracket 4-7 Tables 1.** Robin Tucker-Michele Abriol-Patricia Webb-Laurene Jacob, Austin 2. William Higgins-Jean Higgins-Leonard Epstein-Daniel Butler, Dallas LA
- Monday Swiss Bracket 5-6 Tables 1.** Sandra O Bannon, Tyler ; Judith Kelley, Lindale ; Jane Martin-Susan Schweppe, Boulder 2. Marsha May-Martha Keller-Martha Harvey, Wichita Falls ; Carole Tucker, Vernon 61.00
- Tuesday Open Pairs-12.0 Tables /**  
Based on 36 Tables AB1. Anne La Cour, Georgetown ; Gary Bush, Dallas A2. Thomas Peters, Grapeland ; Ron La Cour, Georgetown A3. Linda Spangler, Fort Worth ; S Kohan, Dallas A4. Pat Cassidy, Arlington ; Jerry Derby, Dallas A5. David Henke-Joyce Ryan, Houston B2C1. Ivan Uys, Fort Worth ; David Robinson, Granbury B3C2. Randy Earle, McKinney ; Richard Witttrup, Frisco S4C3. Sandy Potts, Austin ; Sharon Dameron, Cedar Park C5. Becky Koenigseder, Alvarado ; Gary Neisler, Crowley
- Tuesday Gold Rush Pairs-18.0 Tables 1.** Sheila Naylor-John Quinn, The Villages FL B2. Karen Jennings, Lafayette LA; Hellen Revelle, Dallas B3C1. Joni Antweil, Plano ; Mary Strebeck, Saint Louis MO B4C2. Robert Bender, Plano ; Stuart Nelan, Melissa B5. Jerry Jones-Ronald Mankoff, Dallas C3. Nancy Shaw, Arlington ; Gloria Fields, Fort Worth C4. Phyllis Baltz-Rusty Baltz, Hot Springs AR C5. Carol Murray-Linda Lindley, Dallas
- Tuesday Swiss Bracket 1-7 Tables 1.** John Kranyak, Las Vegas NV; Lynne Tarnopol-John Hurd, New York NY; Vincent Demuy, Palm Bch Gdns FL 2. Barry Schaffer, Frisco ; Michael Penick, Dallas ; Bill Staats, Southlake ; Kimmel Jones, Euless ; Hugh Hillaker, Grand Prairie ; Colby Vernay, Lacon IL
- Tuesday Swiss Bracket 2-7 Tables 1.** Bryan Storey, Frisco ; Beth Bromberg-John Bromberg, Dallas ; Tom Edwards, Grand Prairie 2/3 Martha Young-Jay Gibson, Dallas ; Eric Diamond, Plano ; Bob Friz, Leonard 2/3 Joe Black-Anita Albert-Gary Anderson-Jerry Barrett, Austin
- Tuesday Swiss Bracket 3-7 Tables 1.** Harry Ingham, San Marcos ; Verlyn Stahlecker, Fort Worth ; Julianne McKenna-Kimi Lambert, Austin 2. Pamela Gladysz, Fort Worth ; Joy McKenzie-Smith, Chapel Hill NC; Ruth Bracken, Grand Forks ND; Lorraine Little, Benbrook
- Tuesday Swiss Bracket 4-7 Tables 1.** Susan Kraght, Scottsdale AZ; Will Anthony-Howard Huynh, Lubbock ; Scott Nason, Dallas 2. Tom Bishel-John Bishel-Alex Khrakovsky, Columbus OH; Robert McClendon, Lakewood CA
- Tuesday Swiss Bracket 5-7 Tables 1.** Charles Wobbeking, Southlake ; Jim Nixon-Judy Nixon, Flower Mound ; Larry White, Grapevine 2. Jim Goza-Kay Bickham-Colleen Bicket, Edmond OK; Lynne Trigg, Southlake
- Tuesday Swiss Bracket 6-7 Tables 1.** N Tripode, Frisco ; Jerry Frankel, Plano ; Rosalind Smith-Nicolas Weisz, 2. Callie Weller-Betty Wheeler, Dallas ; Ellen Heck, Allen ; Tommie Anglemeyer, Plano
- Tuesday Swiss Bracket 7-7 Tables 1.** Craig Briney-Mary Ann Briney, N Richland Hls ; Joyce Anderson, Fort Worth ; Mary Ellen Little, Trophy Club 2. Jill Hartel-Jack Hartel, McKinney ; Rick Margerison-Leah Margerison, Dallas
- Tuesday Swiss Bracket 8-7 Tables 1.** Sandra O Bannon-Beryl Cobb-Carol Pendleton, Tyler ; Judith Kelley, Lindale 2. G Nell Carpenter, Woodway ; Judy Taylor Mathews, Moody ; Lavona Carter, Waco ; Joan Cation, Eddy
- Tuesday Swiss Bracket 9-7 Tables 1.** Marsha May-Martha Keller-Martha Harvey, Wichita Falls ; Carole Tucker, Vernon 2. Bansi Shah, Bedford ; Mary Springer, Hurst ; Julianne Moore, Colleyville ; Karen Marie Yarbrough, Irving
- Wednesday Open Pairs-14.5 Tables /**  
Based on 45 Tables A1. Jeff McKee, Nevada ; Jack Lacy, Lago Vista A2. Michael Murphy-S Kohan, Dallas A3X1. Anne La Cour, Georgetown ; Judy Northup, Grapeland A4.

## Heart of the Metroplex Arlington Sectional

**June 22-24, 2018**

Grapevine Convention Center 1209 South Main, Grapevine, TX 76051  
817-410-3459 or 817-410-3424 Free Parking

**Friday, June 22**

- \*Stratified Open/500/0-50 Newcomer Pairs (single sessions) 1 & 7 pm
- \*\*Bracketed Swiss Teams (Sessions I & II) 1:30 & 7:00 pm
- Swiss Teams (Single session) 7:00 pm

**Saturday, June 23**

- \*Stratified Open/500/0-50 Newcomer Pairs (single sessions) 10 am & 3 pm
- \*\*Bracketed Swiss Teams (Two sessions) 10:00 am & 3:00 pm

**Sunday, June 24**

- \*Stratified Open Pairs (Single sessions 10:00 am & TBA
- \*\*Bracketed Swiss Teams B, C, D (Two sessions) 10:00 am & TBA
- \*A & AX Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams (Two sessions) 10:00 am & TBA Meal Between Swiss Sessions (4 tickets/team/extra meal tickets \$10 each)
- \*Separate limited games, provided there is adequate table count to support such game \*\*Format for Swiss may change

**Stratifications** Pair Events are stratified by Average

Open Pairs: A: 2000+ B: 750-2000 C: 0-750  
499er Pairs/Teams: A: 300-500 B: 100-300 C: 0-100  
Newcomer Pairs: 0-50

**Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams**

A: Teams with any player over 4000  
AX: Teams with all players under 4000; A/AX play together

**Bracketed Swiss Teams**

B: 3000 C: 1500 D: 500 (B/C/D play together) No player over 3000

**Entry Fees** 0-50 Newcomers \$8 Pair & Swiss Events: \$12 per player/session Sunday Swiss \$120/Team – HOT lunch included!  
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General Convention Chart Only Except Mid-chart for A/AX Swiss Teams

- Ron La Cour, Georgetown ; Thomas Peters, Grapeland A5. Stephen Toplansky, Houston ; Kenneth Schutze, Austin A2X1. Colleen Bicket, Edmond OK; Lynne Trigg, Southlake X3. Charles Brown, Arlington ; Jimmy Justice, Waxahachie X4Y2. Frank Vlach-Karen Vlach, Trophy Club X5. Jeff Dater, Dallas ; Tomi Storey, Frisco X3. Ellen Dutcher, Aledo ; M Howard, Fort Worth Y4. Thomas Miyake-Nancy Estes, Denton Y5. Michael Estep-Barbara Estep, Hurst 49.78%
- Wednesday Gold Rush Pairs-19.0 Tables B1.** Alan Rauch, Fort Worth ; Charles Wilkins, Santa Fe NM B2. Martha Ward-Sharon Ward, Plano B3. Karen Jennings, Lafayette LA; Hellen Revelle, Dallas B4C1. Joni Antweil, Plano ; Mary Strebeck, Saint Louis MO B5. Michael Chockley-Debrah Chockley, Plano C2. Phyllis Baltz-Rusty Baltz, Hot Springs AR C3. Anita Everhart-John Everhart, Dallas B4. Kenneth McDowell-Patricia McDowell, Granbury C5. Judy Bouska, Garland ; Judy Duval, Richardson
- Wednesday Swiss Bracket 1-7 Tables 1.** Joe Grue, New York NY; Brad Moss, Denver CO; Justin Lall, Charlotte NC; Sylvia Moss, Boca Raton FL 2. Barry Schaffer, Frisco ; Kimmel Jones, Euless ; Bill Staats, Southlake ; Colby Vernay, Lacon IL; Hugh Hillaker, Grand Prairie
- Wednesday Swiss Bracket 2-7 Tables 1/2** Milton Neher, Richardson ; James Bauer-James Thurtell, Dallas ; John Schwartz, Plano 1/2 Kim Brinkman, Highland Vlg ; Robert Buchanan, Arlington ; Don Reynolds, Fort Worth ; David Ticen, Victoria
- Wednesday Swiss Bracket 3-7 Tables 1.** Sharon Dameron, Cedar Park ; Sandy Potts-Gary Anderson-Jerry Barrett, Austin 2. Timothy Luce-Mel Volmert, Springfield MO; Jill Spence, The Woodlands ; Joseph Volanski, Spring
- Wednesday Swiss Bracket 4-7 Tables 1.** John Bishel-Tom Bishel-Alex Khrakovsky, Columbus OH; Robert McClendon, Lakewood CA 2. Susan Kraght, Scottsdale AZ; Will Anthony-Howard Huynh, Lubbock ; Scott Nason, Dallas
- Wednesday Swiss Bracket 5-7 Tables 1.** Rosalee Hacker, Southlake ; Letty Garek, Bedford ; Jan Mogged-Charles Mogged Jr, Colleyville 2.

- Floyd Gerwig, Plano ; Michael McShane, Addison ; Ruthie Shor-Susan Bates, Dallas
- Wednesday Swiss Bracket 6-7 Tables 1.** Rick Margerison-Leah Margerison-Sam Norvell-David Noteware, Dallas 2. Bansi Shah, Bedford ; Mary Springer, Hurst ; Cynthia Bohnenblust, Euless ; Carol Black, Grapevine
- Wednesday Swiss Bracket 7-7 Tables 1.** G Morey, Arlington ; Stephen Bennett-James Atteberry, Fort Worth ; Michael Blanchard, Benbrook 2. Sandra O Bannon-Beryl Cobb-Carol Pendleton, Tyler ; Judith Kelley, Lindale
- Wednesday Swiss Bracket 8-11 Tables 1.** Rick Klaphor, Erie PA; AJ James, Spring ; Clifford Smith, Marietta ; Lawrence Brough, Mount Pleasant 2. Annette Ehrhardt-Sheila Odell, Katy ; Myra Marsh-Julia Thompson, Houston 3. Farmond Fitzgerald-Gwendolyn Faherty-Hal Spottswood-Laura Paulsen
- Thursday Open Pairs-13.0 Tables /**  
Based on 42 Tables A1. Milton Neher, Richardson ; Michael Murphy, Dallas A2X1. Thomas Leberman, Plano ; Jerry Derby, Dallas A3. Kenneth Schutze, Austin ; Stephen Toplansky, Houston A4X2. Bill Osborn-Tomi Storey, Frisco A5X3. Michael Bossert-Sara Bossert, Cypress Y1. Karen Hout, Plano ; Ann McDougal, Houston 5 Gary Bush, Dallas ; Anne La Cour, Georgetown Y2. Thomas Rush, Houston ; Kashi Singh, Euless Y3. Peter Hudson, Coppell ; Jimmy Hubbard, Wills Point Y4. Thomas Miyake-Nancy Estes, Denton
- Thursday Gold Rush Pairs-21.0 Tables B1.** Stan Hsu, Denton ; Gail Rutledge, Lewisville B2. Ramon Nelson II, Plano ; Melba Lancaster, McKinney B3/4 Stan Carr-Tom McCraw, Fort Worth B3/4C1. Ross Ramsey, Flower Mound ; Franca Torellini, Coppell B5C2. Allan Chernov-Ruth Viola, Irving C3. Kenneth McDowell-Patricia McDowell, Granbury C4. Adrienne Juno, Cypress ; Carol McCord, Hockley 5 Robert Dixon-Dave Romack, Arlington
- Thursday Swiss Bracket 1-7 Tables 1.** Joe Grue, New York NY; Brad Moss, Denver CO; Sylvia Moss, Boca Raton FL; Hemant Lall, Dallas 2. Vincent Demuy, Palm Bch Gdns FL; Lynne Tarnopol-John Hurd, New York NY; John Kranyak, Las Vegas



**Thursday Swiss Bracket 2-7 Tables**  
1. Alan Hierseman, Olathe KS; David Braverman, Overland Park KS; Fred Lambert, Kansas City MO; Leo Spittler, Leawood KS 2. Steve Vaughn, Humble ; Rick Stell, Houston ; Jill Spence, The Woodlands ; Joseph Volanski, Spring

**Thursday Swiss Bracket 3-7 Tables**  
1. Nancy Anderson-Mary Alice Giordano-Jane Hopkins, Fort Worth ; Vesta Snider, Pantego 2. T Jean Kidd, Lantana ; Martin Hester, Aubrey ; Elizabeth Brown-Bruce Brown,

**Thursday Swiss Bracket 4-7 Tables**  
1. Edward Yetter-Bonnie Kay Yetter, Garland ; John Moore-Roxann Swenson, Austin 2. Tom Bishel-John Bishel-Alex Khrakovsky, Columbus OH; Robert McClendon, Lakewood

**Thursday Swiss Bracket 5-7 Tables**  
1/2 Linda Banks, San Marcos ; Liz Jacobson, Fort Worth ; Julianne McKenna-Kimi Lambert, Austin 1/2 Robert Holliday-Liane Tsai, Plano ; Ann Parker, Dallas ; Ginger Morgan, Gordonville

**Thursday Swiss Bracket 6-7 Tables**  
1. N Tripode, Frisco ; Nicolas Weisz-Rosalind Smith, Dallas ; Jerry Frankel, Plano 2. Judy Nixon-Jim Nixon-Jeanette McDonald, Flower Mound ; James Cothran, Savannah

**Thursday Swiss Bracket 8-7 Tables**  
1. Sue Fiaccone-Marilyn Schrameck-Elaine Isenbart, OK; Jerry Myers, OK 2. Jan Mogged-Charles Mogged Jr, Colleyville ; Janet Walker-William Walker, Fort Worth

**Thursday Swiss Bracket 9-12 Tables**  
1. Fred Seipp-Cordelia Cottingim-Melanie Munnell-Sharon Seagraves 2. Floyd Gerwig, Plano ; Karen Cohen, Irving ; Rajendra Dharmakar, Dallas ; Mary Lynn Genovesi, Fairview

**Thursday Swiss Bracket 7-7 Tables**  
1. Joyce Anderson, Fort Worth ; Liz Castioni, Frisco ; Colin Chang-Barbara Chang, Arlington 2. Joe Fletcher, Desoto ; Elise Sher-Eileen Smith-Clint Schuhmacher, Dallas

**Saturday Open Pairs-18.0 Tables / Based on 47 Tables A1.** Steve Shirey, Fort Worth ; Robert Adams, Oklahoma City OK A2X1. Jonathan Ernest, Lindale ; David Farris, Austin A3X2. Larry White, Grapevine ; Pat Cassidy, Arlington A4X3. Bob Friz, Leonard ; Michael Hout, Plano A5X4Y1. Roxann Swenson-John Moore, Austin X5. Bob Scallan,

Frisco ; Suresh Agrawal, Heath Y2. Don Reynolds, Fort Worth ; David Branch, Weatherford

**Saturday Gold Rush Pairs-13 Tables B1.** Jack Schober-Nancy Young, Dallas B2C1. Sherra Kay Read, The Colony ; Debrah Chockley, Plano B3C2. Adrienne Juno, Cypress ; Carol McCord, Hockley B4C3. Tawana Arnett-Judy Crabtree, Denton C4. Richard McGaughy, Sugar Land ; Susan Breeding, Austin C5. Sharon Seagraves-Daniel Butler, Dallas

**Saturday Swiss Bracket 1-7 Tables**  
1. John Hurd-Lynne Tarnopol, New York NY; Vincent Demuy, Palm Bch Gdns FL; John Kranyak, Las Vegas NV 2. Kimmel Jones, Eules ; Bill Staats, Southlake ; Hugh Hillaker, Grand Prairie ; Colby Vernay, Lacon IL; Barry Schaffer, Frisco

**Saturday Swiss Bracket 2-7 Tables**  
1. David Braverman, Overland Park KS; Leo Spittler, Leawood KS; Alan Hierseman, Olathe KS; Fred Lambert, Kansas City MO 2. Joan Jackson-Norman Beck, Dallas ; Tom Edwards, Grand Prairie ; Bryan Storey

**Saturday Swiss Bracket 3-7 Tables**  
1. Pawel Hanus, Carrollton ; Peter Lit, Elk CA; Ari Sippola, Richardson ; Bob Wilkin, Highland Vlg 2/3 Brady Allen-Mark Hupert M.D.-Mark Lombard, Dallas ; James Woerber Jr, Carrollton 2/3 Jim Harp-Nancy Fellman-Chris Anderson, Dallas ; Cary Jennings, Fort Worth

**Saturday Swiss Bracket 4-7 Tables**  
1. Rich Brandenburg, Coppell ; Bob McNeill, Frisco ; Richard Page-Eric Diamond, Plano 2. Pam Barksdale-Sheila Harrison, Houston ; Bruce Mann, N Richland Hil ; Margot Hirsch, Fort Worth

**Saturday Swiss Bracket 5-7 Tables**  
1. Shawn Drenning-Jarek Langer-Jerry Barrett-Gary Anderson, Austin 2. Janet Jordan, Aledo ; Laura Nash, Stephenville ; Jane Larimore-Jacqueline Montgomery, Fort Worth

**Saturday Swiss Bracket 6-7 Tables**  
1. Robert Holliday-Liane Tsai, Plano ; Ann Parker, Dallas ; Ginger Morgan, Gordonville 2. Patricia Sears -Audrey Wright-Gary Wright, Fort Worth ; Sue Rowe, Benbrook

**Saturday Swiss Bracket 7-7 Tables**  
1. John Montgomery-Carol Lombardino, Tomball ; David Robinson, Granbury ; Jin Chu, Plano 2. William Higgins-Jean Higgins-Carol Adamek-Marsha Young, Dallas

**Saturday Swiss Bracket 8-7 Tables**  
1. Radhakrishna Kamath-Nilima Kamath, Shawnee OK; Steven Jennings-Susan Jennings, Hot Springs 2. Don Greer-Marylin Hicks-Wayne Williams, Fort Worth ; Michael Blanchard, Benbrook

**Saturday Swiss Bracket 9-7 Tables**  
1. Rick Klapthor, Erie PA; AJ James, Spring ; Gwendolyn Faherty-Carmond Fitzgerald, Granbury 2. Martha Ward-Robert Bender, Plano ; Linda Lindley, Dallas ; Stuart Nelan, Melissa

**Friday Open Pairs-17.0 Tables / Based on 49 Tables A1.** Norman Beck, Dallas ; Ron La Cour, Georgetown A2. Pat Cassidy, Arlington ; Jerry Derby, Dallas A3. Bart Bramley -Judy Bramley, Dallas A4. Jeff McKee, Nevada ; Greg Resz, Weatherford A5. Billy Leeper, Fort Worth ; Anne La Cour, Georgetown X1. Bob Friz, Leonard ; Michael Hout, Plano X2. Peter Hudson, Coppell ; Jonathan Ernest, Lindale X3. Michael Bossert-Sara Bossert, Cypress X4. Daniel Jackson, Spring ; Thomas Rush, Houston X5. Martin Hester, Aubrey ; T Jean Kidd, Lantana Y1. Bob Dingle, Carrollton ; Ann McDougal, Houston Y2. Marie-Anne Johnson, Dallas ; Karen Hout, Plano Y3. Frank Vlach-Karen Vlach, Trophy Club

**Friday Gold Rush Pairs-16.0 Tables B1.** Jackie Long-Janet Meyer, Dallas B2C1. Carol McCord, Hockley ; Adrienne Juno, Cypress B3C2. Jianbo Chen, Frisco ; Jin Chu, Plano 58.40% B4. Radhakrishna Kamath-Nilima Kamath, Shawnee OK C3. Debrah Chockley, Plano ; Judy Bouska, Garland B4. Harold Schulz-Hal Spottswood, Granbury 5 Valarie Remmers, Plano ; Deborah D'Ambrogio, Dallas

**Friday Swiss Bracket 1-7 Tables**  
1. John Hurd-Lynne Tarnopol, New York NY; Vincent Demuy, Palm Bch Gdns FL; John Kranyak, Las Vegas NV 3 Joe Grue, New York NY; Brad Moss, Denver CO; Sylvia Moss, Boca Raton FL; Hemant Lall, Dallas 2/3 Nancy & Stephen Kornegay, N Richland Hls ; Nagy Kamel, Plano ; Mark Bumgardner, Dallas

**Friday Swiss Bracket 2-7 Tables**  
1. John Schwartz, Plano ; Milton Neher, Richardson ; James Bauer-James Thurtell, Dallas 2. Jo Smith, Abilene ; James Breihan-Anton (Tony) Haddad, Houston ; Marilyn Adams,

Beaumont ; Greg Hinze, San Antonio

**Friday Swiss Bracket 3-7 Tables**  
1. Ned Nolte-Dee Berg-Robert Scanland, Arlington ; James Atteberry, Fort Worth 2. Jim Harp-J Reagan Dixon-Nancy Fellman, Dallas ; Elaine Wood, Keller

**Friday Swiss Bracket 4-7 Tables**  
1. Sharon Dameron, Cedar Park ; Sandy Potts-Gary Anderson-Jerry Barrett, Austin 2. John Bishel-Tom Bishel-Alex Khrakovsky, Columbus OH; Robert L McClendon, Ponte Vedra

**Friday Swiss Bracket 5-7 Tables**  
1. G Morey-Mickey Tryon-Stephen Hibbard, Arlington ; Stephen Bennett, Fort Worth 2. Janet Jordan, Aledo ; Laura Nash, Stephenville ; Jacqueline Montgomery-Jane Larimore

**Friday Swiss Bracket 6-7 Tables**  
1. Robert Holliday-Liane Tsai, Plano ; Ann Parker, Dallas ; Ginger Morgan, Gordonville 2. Linda Banks, San Marcos ; Liz Jacobson, Laredo ; Julianne McKenna-Kimi Lambert, Austin

**Friday Swiss Bracket 7-7 Tables**  
1. Todd Barnes-Susan Young, Shreveport LA; Gary Galloway, Bossier City LA; Hellen Revelle, Dallas 2. N Tripode, Frisco ; Nicolas Weisz, Dallas ; Ribs LaMothe, Coppell ; Jerry Frankel, Plano

**Friday Swiss Bracket 8-7 Tables**  
1. Jan Mogged-Charles Mogged Jr-Julienne Moore, Colleyville ; Karen Yarbrough, Irving 2. Mona Martin, Choudrant LA; Cecil Davidson-Eddie Cheatham, Shreveport LA; William Whittle, Corpus Christi

**Friday Swiss Bracket 9-10 Tables**  
1. Mary Chaffin-Molly Hamilton, Dallas ; Margaret Jo Duff-William Duff, Richardson 2. Tawana Arnett-Judy Crabtree-Fran Howard-Dolores McCuistian, Denton

**Afternoon Side Series-14.25 Tables / Based on 6 Tables 1/2 Dorothy Moore, Keller 1/2 Tom Moore, Keller 3/4 Darlene Shirey, Fort Worth 3/4 La Quitta Talbot, Keller**

**Evening Side Series-20.50 Tables / Based on 7 Tables 1.** Alex Khrakovsky, Columbus OH 2/3 Dolores Aquino, Houston 2/3 Terry Currie, Houston 4. Tom Bishel, Columbus OH 5/6 Suresh Agrawal, Heath 5/6 Jack Borenstein, Dallas

**Sunday Open Pairs-3.5 Tables A1.** La Quitta Talbot, Keller ; Darlene Shirey, Fort Worth A2B1. Marlene Round, Bedford ; Penny Mixon, Ar-

lington A3B2 J Bachman Nabors III, Longview ; Elaine Wood, Keller

**Sunday A/X Swiss-19 Tables / Based on 52 Tables A1.** Valentin Kovachev, Las Vegas NV; Vladislav Ipsorski, Sofia Bulgaria; Joan Vernick-Francesca Stedman, Santa Fe NM; Patty Hinze, San Antonio A2. James Breihan-Anton (Tony) Haddad, Houston ; Jo Smith, Abilene ; Marilyn Adams, Beaumont ; Greg Hinze, San Antonio A3. Hemant Lall-Bart Bramley, Dallas ; Phil Clayton, Frisco ; Petra Hamman, Carrollton A4. Michael Murphy, Dallas ; Linda Spangler, Fort Worth ; Stephen Sinclair, Garland ; Thomas Leberman, Plano A5. Steve Shirey, Fort Worth ; Robert Adams, Oklahoma City OK; David Pearlman, Southlake ; Marion Gebhardt, Richardson X1/2 Shawn Drenning-Jarek Langer-Jerry Barrett-Gary Anderson, Austin X1/2 Jim Harp-Nancy Fellman-Chris Anderson, Dallas ; Cary Jennings, Fort Worth X3. Daniel Jackson, Spring ; Terry Currie-Dolores Aquino, Houston ; Shatrugna Prasad, Missouri City X4. Jonathan Ernest-Shirley Matthews, Lindale ; David Farris, Austin ; Gay Roach, Nacogdoches

**Sunday B Swiss Bracket 1-7 Tables**  
1. Bob Butterfield-Stephen Birnbaum -James McCommons-Eileen Smith Davidoff, Dallas 2. Charles Brown-Sue Gilbreath, Arlington ; Mike Peifer, Colleyville ; Larry White, Grapevine

**Sunday B Swiss Bracket 2-7 Tables**  
1. Charles Burke-Caron Peck-Karen Caton, Arlington ; Richard Langland, Irving 2. Steven Bell, Cypress ; Courtney Coffman, The Woodlands ; Thomas Rush, Houston ; Howard Huynh, Lubbock

**Sunday B Swiss Bracket 3-7 Tables**  
1. Robert Holliday-Liane Tsai, Plano ; Ann Parker, Dallas ; Ginger Morgan, Gordonville 2. Floyd Gerwig, Plano ; Susan Bates-Kate Hopkins-Jane Kirby, Dallas

**Sunday B Swiss Bracket 4-7 Tables**  
1. Barbara Baker-Annie Mason-Mary Cotham-John Mason, Fort Worth 2. Judy Nixon-Jim Nixon-Ross Ramsey-Jeanette McDonald, Flower Mound

**Sunday B Swiss Bracket 5-10 Tables**  
1/2 Martha Ward-Sharon Ward, Plano ; Barbara Ching-Linda Lindley, Dallas /2 Michael Chockley-Debrah Chockley, Plano ; Sherra Kay Read, The Colony ; David Croissant, Irving

## FORT WESTERN REGIONAL WINNERS



Monday Swiss Bkt 4  
Patty Webb, Laurene Jacob, Michele Abrio, Robin Tucker



Wednesday Swiss Bkt 7  
George Morey, Stephen Bennett, Mike Blanchard, James Atteberry



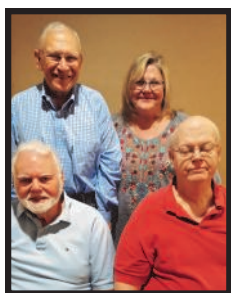
Monday Swiss Bkt 2  
Liane Tsai, Janet Gelles, Bob Holliday, Brian Gelles



Monday Swiss Bkt  
Sandy O'Bannon, Judy Keller, Jane Martin, Sue Schwepper



Thursday Swiss Bkt 6  
Roz Smith, Jerry Frankel, N.J. Tripode, Nick Weisz



Tuesday Swiss Bkt 2  
John & Beth Bromberg, Bryan Storey, Tom Edwards



Sunday Swiss Tie X  
Nancy Fellman, Carry Jennings, Chris Anderson, Jim Harp



Wednesday Swiss Bkt 5  
Chuck & Jan Mogged, Rosalee Hacker, Letty Garek



Friday Swiss Bkt 3  
Ned Nolte, Dee Berg, Bob Scanland, Jim Atteberry



Wednesday Swiss Bkt 8  
Sandra O'Bannon, Judy Keller, Beryl Cobb, Carol Pendleton



Wednesday Stratified Pairs C  
David Robinson, Ivan Uys



Monday Open Pairs Ft C  
Julienne Moore, Jan Mogged



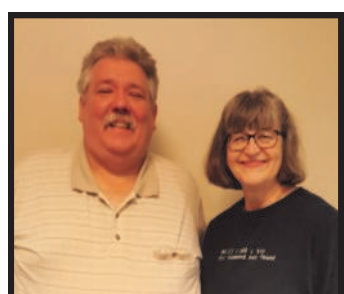
Tuesday Gold Rush Pairs  
John Quinn, Sheila Naylor



Monday Swiss Bkt 7  
Wayne Williams, Kathy Coleman, Jean Helmers, Ann Kennemer



Thursday Swiss Bkt 8  
Jerry Myers, Marilyn Schrameck, Sue Fiaccone, Elaine Isenbart



Saturday Open Pairs Y  
John Moore, Roxann Swenson



Sunday B Swiss Bkt 1  
Bob Butterfield, Steve Birnbaum, Eileen Davidoff, Jim McCommons



Sunday B Swiss Bkt 3  
Liane Tsai, Ann Parker, Bob Holliday, Ginger Morgan



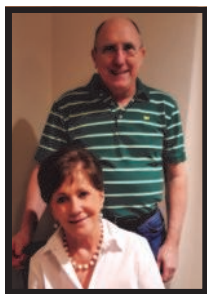
Sunday B Swiss Bkt 5  
Deborah Chockley, Sherra Kay Read, Mike Chockley, David Croissant



Sunday B Swiss Bkt 4  
Annie Mason, Barbara Baker, John Mason, Mary Ann Cotham



Friday Pairs X  
Bob Friz, Mike Hout



Friday Pairs Y  
Ann McDougal,  
Bob Dingle



Friday Swiss Bkt 4  
Mary Chaffin, Molly Hamilton,  
Margaret & Bill Duff



Friday Swiss Bkt 8  
Jan & Chuck Mogged,  
Julienne Moore, Karen Yarbrough



Friday Swiss Bkt 5  
Mickey Tryon, Steve Hibbard,  
Steve Bennett, George Morey



Saturday Swiss Bkt 9  
AJ James, Rick Klaphor,  
Carmond Fitzgerald, Gwen Faherty



Friday Pairs Y  
Karen Hout, Ann McDougal



Thursday Gold Rush Pairs  
Ken & Pat McDowell



Tuesday Open Pairs A  
Anne LaCour, Gary Bush



Swiss Bkt 1  
Mark Bumgardner, Steve Kornegay,  
Nagy Kamel, Nancy Kornegay



Tuesday Pairs  
Darlene Shirey, LaQuitta Talbot



Thursday Open Pairs A  
Milton Neher, Mike Murphy



Saturday Open Pairs A  
Robert Adams, Steve Shirey

**Unit 197**  
Lubbock

Anita Woodard



*Editor's note: Sandi Kramer had been doing the column and other things for the scorecard for a very long time. She has columns in the 1070's! We thank her very much for that and all the assistance in other matters. And welcome Anita.*

Oleta Wilson, 99, of Lubbock, Texas, and her partner/sister, Frances Staniforth, 92, of Elk City, Oklahoma, were at the Bridge Center in Lubbock on February 9, 2018, to play bridge and celebrate Oleta's birthday month. After Oleta's husband died in 1989, Frances gave her an "Auto Bridge" which Oleta said, "Saved my life!" She was 70 years old and took to bridge like a duck to water. Thus began her journey to learning bridge. She lived in Floydada, Texas, and had to travel 30 miles twice weekly to play at the Plainview, Texas, Duplicate Bridge Club. Oleta has amassed almost 290 total points but still needs 12 gold and 13 silver points to become a Life Master, which has always been her goal. Both sisters are members of ACBL and after Oleta moved to Lubbock, she joined the Bridge Center, Unit 197. They graciously presented her with a birthday cake, many cards, and overwhelming congratulations! Written by Sara Fryman

Unit 197 has undergone a metamorphosis the last few months. Longtime director and Club Manager, Betty Lowmiller, has retired due to health issues. We thank her for her many years of faithful service and wish her well. Betty has many friends outside Unit 197 and she would welcome hearing from them. Her new residence is Brookdale Shadow Hills 1, 110 Frankford Ave, Lubbock, Texas 79416, room 205, phone 806-792-

5602. Betty's leadership paves the way and many are stepping up to shoulder the load. Sue Myers has assumed Club Manager, new director Gina Schultz is directing three games, Wanda Robertson filled in for a while, Bonta Thompson is directing twice weekly, as is retired ACBL director, Gary Blaiss. We look forward to adding more directors to our staff. The Unit is transitioning to all Unit Sponsored Clubs, streamlining procedures, planning for the future with exciting new games, frequent electronic communications, and an active Board of Directors. Our sincere thanks to Paula Park, Unit 197 President, for guiding us through these rough waters with humor and grace.

Marsha and Al Postar chaired their final Sectional March 2-4, 2018, having one of our most successful tournaments ever. Marsha worked especially hard in the kitchen, along with Julie Benson, providing memorable food for all attendees. The torch has been passed to Phyllis Kinnison who will be chairing our Summer Showers Sectional August 3-5, 2018. Phyllis served as Partnership Chair for the March tournament and will be relying on the Tournament Handbook compiled by Marsha. Lubbock Bridge Center is known for West Texas hospitality, a great playing environment, and yummy food. Thanks to all who make it possible!

**Unit 201**  
Sabine Neches

Linda Briggs



**Dr. Aiyandar Bharathi** was honored for achieving his Diamond Life Masters, at a 14-table party February 10. Hostesses included **Cynthia Stueber, Nancy Smalley, Martha Sigler, Nixie Lynch, Betty Poindexter,** and **Liz Mackenzie.**

Decorations carrying out the diamond theme were cleverly and creatively done by **Nixie**. The Mosskettes (**Don and Juinez Moss, Anna Smith, and Pat Bell**) entertained with a humorous rendition of "Big Bad John" entitled "Big Bad B." **Nancy Smalley** presented Dr. B with a wrist watch as a gag gift set 15 minutes ahead. **Tipton Goliath** spoke of Dr. B's journey to Diamond Life Master and reminded us how lucky we were that Dr. B selected Beaumont as his home. Dr. B delivered a moving song and address. Dr. B's family and friends joined us for the tasty lunch that was underwritten by **Tipton**.

The Spindletop Sectional, March 8-10, co-chaired by **Kris Cherry** and **Sandra Allison**, attracted 127 players, over 108 tables. **Sandra Allison's** 11.99 points qualified her to receive the **John and Nancy Smalley** trophy. Other U201 members with high points were **Martha Sigler, Paul Keedy, June Eddingston, Flora Gillispie, Susan Gore, Tim Stelly,** and **Pat Bell**. Open Pair winners from U201 included **Martha Oliver** and **Wayne Outlaw; Sandra Allison** and **Paul Keedy** (twice).

"Melodies of a Life Master" was the theme of the party honoring **Susan Gore**. The March 24<sup>th</sup> event, chaired by Pat Bell carried out the theme with clever decorations and musical rendition of Susan's life and bridge history by singers **Pat, Lynn Adamchik,** and **Cindy Drake**. Others contributing to the celebration were **Dr. Aiyandar Bharathi, Liz Mackenzie, Flo Ferguson, John Kacher, Janis Williams, Anna Smith, Martha Oliver,** and **Carolyn Worsham**. Game results were 1<sup>st</sup> - **Loretta Gary** and **Mary Johnson;** 2<sup>nd</sup> - **Martha Oliver** and **Wayne Outlaw;** 3<sup>rd</sup> - **Frankie Hall** and **Pat Schiwart**. **Nancy Smalley**, began two sets of lessons in March to continue through May. ACBL - wide Senior Pairs winners March 19 were **John Smalley** and

**Dr. Aiyandar Bharathi;** 2<sup>nd</sup> **Linda Briggs,** and **Juanita Dean;** 3<sup>rd</sup> - **Liz Mackenzie** and **Jan Niederstadt**. Players with 70% or above games in Feb./March were **Pat Bell** and **Tim Stelly;** **Bob** and **Carol McGill;** **Wayne Outlaw** and **Ralph Barrientos;** **Jerry Triggs** and **Ed Rasmussen;** **Loretta Gary** and **Mary Johnson**.

February mentor teams placing: 1<sup>st</sup> - **Sylvia Street, Pat Bell, Jerry Gore,** and **Dr. Aiyandar Bharathi**; 2<sup>nd</sup> - **Patricia Woods, Frankie Hall, Lucille Armintor,** and **Linda Briggs**. March mentor pairs placing: 1<sup>st</sup> - **Nixie Lynch** and **Pat Bell;** 2<sup>nd</sup> - **Barney Hammer,** and **Jobie Irvine**. Also in March 1<sup>st</sup> **Lou Rising** and **Carolyn Worsham;** 2<sup>nd</sup> - (tied) **Jenny Shuffield** and **Kaz bell;** **Helen Williams** and **Tim Stelly**. March mentor teams placing: 1<sup>st</sup> - **Sandra Allison, Paul Keedy, Carolyn Oliver,** and **Tim Stelly**.

The highest monthly totals for February were **Dr. A. Bharathi, Nancy Smalley,** and **Martha Sigler;** March - **Martha Sigler, Dr. A. Bharathi,** and **Sandra Allison**. Plans are also underway for The Neches River Festival King's Lunch, April 13.

**Beaumont Spindletop**

Mar 08-10, 2018  
91 players. : 107 tables.

- 1 16.17 Ron Brown
- 2 16.17 Judy Brown
- 3 13.74 Wilbur Dahlquist
- 4 13.74 Verna Dahlquist
- 5 12.41 Karen Jennings
- 6 12.41 Frances Kellner
- 7 11.99 Sandra Allison
- 8 11.95 Martha Sigler
- 9 11.91 Robert Crawford
- 10 11.91 June Ardoin

**Thu AM Open Pairs-12.0 Tables /** Based on 17 Tables A1. Karen Jennings-Frances Kellner AB2. Susan

Gore-Patricia Bell C2. Nixie Lynch-Carolyn Oliver  
**Thu AM 299er Pairs-4.5 Tables** ABC1. Bebe Walker-Jannis Duncan ABC2. Sharon Kirkland-Henrietta Sasser  
**Fri AM Open Pairs-13.0 Tables /** Based on 19 Tables A1. Judy Brown-Ron Brown AB2. Kazue Bell-June Eddingston C1. Wayne Outlaw-Martha Oliver C2. Paul Keedy-Sandra Allison  
**Fri AM 299er Pairs-6.0 Tables** AB1. Russell Chandler-Ronnie Martin AB2. Lucille Armintor-Patricia Woods C1. Robert Westbrook-Betty Westbrook C2. David Vaughn-S (Jenny) Shuffield  
**Thu Aft Open Pairs-14.0 Tables /** Based on 20 Tables AB1. Ron Brown-Judy Brown AB2C1. Jeannie Stone-Laura Chandler C2. Eloise Young-Mattie Grant  
**Thu Aft 299er Pairs-6.0 Tables** AB1. Linda Buice-Marion McKernan AB2/3 Rony Klein-Ian Fetterley AB2/3 2/3C1. Lawrence Michaels-Harlene Michaels C2. Sharon Kirkland-Henrietta Sasser  
**Fri Aft Open Pairs-15.0 Tables /** Based on 20 Tables A1. Verna Dahlquist-Wilbur Dahlquist A2. Martha Sigler-Flora Gillispie BC1. Karen Jennings-Frances Kellner BC2. Laura Chandler-Jeannie Stone  
**Fri Aft 299er Pairs-4.5 Tables** AB1. Darlyn Dusek-Carlee Lehna AB2. Russell Chandler- Ronnie Martin  
**Sat AM Open Pairs-13.0 Tables /** Based on 17 Tables A1. David Goldfarb-Harry Elliott A2B1. June Ardoin-Robert Crawford B2C1. Paul Keedy-Sandra Allison C2. Karen Jennings-Frances Kellner  
**Sat AM 299er Pairs-4.0 Tables** AB1. Gregory May-David Badertscher AB2. Darlyn Dusek-Ronnie Martin  
**Sat Aft Open Pairs-15.0 Tables** ABC1. Sandra Allison-Paul Keedy A2. Verna Dahlquist-Wilbur Dahlquist B2. Tim Stelly-Robert Kacher, Jr

# BEAUMONT MARCH SECTIONAL CHAMPS



Thursday Morn Open Pairs A,B,C  
Friday Morn Open Pairs B,C  
Frances Keller, Karen Jennings



Thursday Aft Open Pairs A  
Friday Morn Open Pairs A  
Ron & Judy Brown



Friday Aft Open Pairs A  
Verna & Wilbur Dahlquist



Saturday Morn Open Pairs A  
Harry Elliott, David Goldfarb



Thursday Aft 299ers  
Lawrence & Harlene Michaels



Thursday Aft 299ers  
Linda Buice, Marion McKernan



Thursday Morn 299ers  
Bebe Walker, Jannis Duncan



Friday Aft 299ers  
Carlee Lehn, Darlyn Duseka



Friday Morn 299ers  
Robert & Betty Westbrook



Saturday Morn Open Pairs B  
June Ardoin Robert Crawford



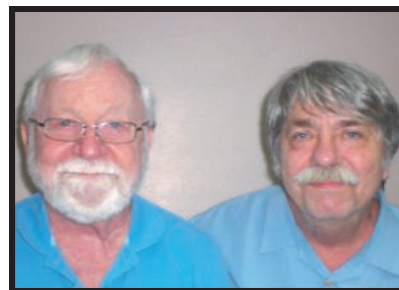
Saturday Aft Open Pairs A, B, C  
Saturday Morn Open Pairs C  
Paul Keedy, Sandra Allison



Thursday Aft Open Pairs C  
Jeannie Stone, Laura Chandler



Friday Morn Open Pairs C  
Martha & Wayne Oliver



Saturday Morn 299ers  
David Badertscher, Greg May



Friday Morn 299ers  
Ronnie Martin, Russell Chandler

**Unit 205  
Amistad  
Western Mexico**



**Mary Ann White**

Tournament season in Unit 205 has officially come to a close, with two successful sectionals in Ajijic and Puerto Vallarta. The Ajijic sectional was held from February 8-11 at the Real de Chapala Hotel. Overall tournament winners were Gonzalo Herrera and Beto Cohen, followed closely by Gloria Kreimerman and Stefan Reich, all of Mexico City. Ken and Rosemarie Masson of the Lake Chapala Club also had an excellent tournament, winning the Friday morning Open Pairs. Others from Unit 205 who fared well in the tournament included: Peter and Marilyn Miller (Thurs Open Pairs—C); Bernita Cooper and Marguerite Brown (Fri Aft 0-750 Pairs—A); Lena Roberts and Rhonda Price (Fri Aft 0-750 Pairs—C); Catherine Gonzales and Louise Morel (Sat Open Pairs—C); and Doug Oke and Ann Szarka (Sat 0-750 Pairs—A). Also, Laura Kelly's team was first in C in the Sunday Swiss. Thanks to Lew Crippen, Mary Ann White, John Betz, Mollie Nadler, Cindy Thomson, Donnie van Rooy, Charles Chartier, Bernita Cooper, and Marguerite Brown for their help with organization, prizes, registration, hospitality, and everything else that goes into making a successful event.

Congratulations to Mary Seggerman, Anne Bergman, Maxine Webb, and Kathy George on another successful sectional in Puerto Vallarta. The tournament was held from February 14-16 at the Lions Club. Now in its second year, the 3-day tournament attracts a respectable 95 tables, and seems destined to continue. The overall tournament winner was Jerry Ranney of Morrison, CO. Maxine

Webb and Linda Lake from the Puerto Vallarta Club also had an outstanding tournament, winning the Thursday morning Stratified Pairs. Other winners included: Janet and Doug Larson (Wed Aft Pairs—A); Anne Bergman and Mary Seggerman (Thurs Morn Pairs—B and Thurs Aft Pairs—A); and Rosaire Chaput and Johanne Pare (Wed Morn Pairs—B, Wed Aft Pairs—C, and Thurs Aft Pairs—C). The Friday Swiss Teams were won by Debra Dallas, Alice Kinningham, Jane and Jerry Ranney. Thanks to all who participated!

Congratulations to the following LCDBC players who advanced their ACBL ranking: Kate Gunn and Donnie van Rooy (Regional Master) and John Betz and Joann Nash (Club Master). And we also need to recognize our Unit 205 Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney winners for 2017: Deborah Camp-Simpson (0-5 Ace of Clubs), John Betz (0-5 Mini-McKenney), John Gray (5-20), Olga Kaplounenko (20-50), Donnie van Rooy (50-100), Mary Ann Waite (100-200 Ace of Clubs), Norman Webb (100-200 Mini-McKenney), Judy Wells (200-300), Jeane Treloar (300-500), Charles Chartier (500-1000 Ace of Clubs), Louise Morel (500-1000 Mini-McKenney), Mary Ann White (1000-1500), David Hoogenberg (1500-2500), Jimmy Reynolds (2500-3500), Dick Nelson (3500-5000), and Norinne Nelson (5000-7500). Also, Mary Ann White finished 9<sup>th</sup> overall in District 16 for the Mini-McKenney (1000-1500) and Jimmy Reynolds finished 10<sup>th</sup> overall in the District for the Mini McKenney (2500-3500). Way to go!

**Club News.** Congratulations to the following players who posted 70% games at the Lake Chapala Club during February and March: Lena Roberts and Madeleine Lusoka scored

70.79% on February 16<sup>th</sup> in the 299r game (12 tables). At the Puerto Vallarta Club, Ian and Connie Gledhill posted 71.71% on March 21 (5½ tables) and Andre Gaudet and Ken Baughan scored 71.39% on March 20 (16 tables). The Baja Bridge Club also had a big month, with Jan and Philip Coulson posting 73.81% on March 8 (7 tables); Karen Lynn Higgins and Joyce Hunter scoring 73.92% on March 11 (6 tables); and Carl Froebel and Bob Brown coming in at 76% on March 29 (3 tables). And at Mazatlan, it was Barry Pask and Barbara Thomasson who hit the mark with 71.48% on March 17 (6 tables). Great job everyone!

The GNT Qualifier on February 22 at the Lake Chapala Club was won by Ellen Kuiper, Joe Melton, Tom Henson and Doris Denny. Lake Chapala also held a Charity Pro-Am Swiss on February 13. The event was battled to a tie between Jimmy Reynolds, Mary Ann White, Kate Gunn and Iain Morris and Maggie Smiley, Thomas Letson, Joe Melton, and Deborah Camp-Simpson. Good going!

Lake Chapala also participated in the ACBL-Wide Senior Pairs on March 19. High scorers at the club were Diane van Brocklin and Mike Roney with 66.80%. Still waiting to see if that was good enough to scratch at the District level. We hope so!

And, finally, the Lake Chapala Club wrapped up another successful season of Wednesday Supervised Bridge at the end of March. Classes will resume on November 14 when the snowbirds return. Thanks to Catherine Gonzales for teaching and to Louise Morel, Tom Henson, and Mollie Nadler for helping with the supervised play. The Club appreciates your efforts to introduce new

people to the game of bridge and to the Lake Chapala Club. Speaking of snowbirds, thanks to Mary Ann Waite for organizing the LCDBC's farewell party for our Canadian friends on March 14. A good time was had by all!

**In Memoriam.** We are sad to report the passing of two dear friends of the Lake Chapala Club. Philip Nowell left us in March to join his beloved Bobbie in heaven. As his partner Donnie van Rooy so aptly stated, "Philip was a great guy, and I miss him." Don't we all. And one of our regular snowbirds, Karen MacDonald, passed away on April 1. A girl after my own heart, she reportedly posted on her Facebook page, "Heck, yes, I'm short. God only lets things grow until they're perfect. Some of us didn't take as long as others."

## Ajijic Sectional

Ajijic JA  
Feb 08-11 2018  
123 players 165 tables.

- 1 21.57 Gonzalo Herrera
- 2 21.57 Alberto Cohen
- 3 20.94 Stefan Reich
- 4 20.94 Gloria Kreimerman
- 5 14.22 Rosemarie Masson
- 6 14.22 Kenneth Masson
- 7 13.79 Mauricio Smid
- 8 13.79 Enrico Pagani
- 9 13.22 Patricia Herrera
- 10 13.22 Miriam Rosenberg

**Thu Eve Open Pairs-17.5 Tables**  
A1. Gonzalo Herrera-Alberto Cohen  
A2. Mary Ann White-Jimmy Reynolds B1. Thomas Poisson-Thomas Poisson Jr B2C1. Peter Miller-Marilyn Miller C2. Michael Creaghan -Louise Creaghan

**Fri Morn Open Pairs-18.5 Tables**  
AB1. Kenneth Masson-Rosemarie

Masson AB2. Gloria Kreimerman-Stefan Reich C1. Thomas Poisson-Thomas Poisson Jr C2. Tom Moore-Dorothy Moore

**Fri Morn 0-750 Pairs-8.5 Tables**  
ABV1. Carmen Ruppner-Anton G Baron A2. Gabriela Castaneda-Marta Rendon

BC2. Magdalena Roberts-Rhonda Price

**Fri Aft Open Pairs-16.5 Tables**  
ABC1. Kris Wong-Gail Gabiati A2. Miriam Rosenberg-Patricia Herrera BC2. Miriam Pagani-Raul Bouffier Jr Sp

**Fri Aft 0-750 Pairs-10.0 Tables**  
AB1. Bernita Cooper-Marguerite Brown AB2 1 Magdalena Roberts Lac Brome QC; Rhonda Price Knowlton QC 59.23%

1.19 3/4 3/4 2 Laura Kelly Laredo TX; Gloria Alden Cuernavaca Mexico 58.04%

**Sat Open Pairs-19.0 Tables**  
A1. Gonzalo Herrera-Alberto Cohen A2. Enrico Pagani-Mauricio Smid B1. Gloria Kreimerman-Stefan Reich B2. Joseph Melton-Doris Denny C1.

Catherine Gonzales- Louise Morel C2. Ellen Kuiper-Michael Farebrother

**Sat 0-750 Pairs-6.5 Tables**  
A1. Douglas Oke- Ann Szarka A2BC1. Susan Lightfoot-Jim Lightfoot C2. Donald Van Rooy- N Rosenblatt 2

Laura Kelly- Gloria Alden  
**Sun Swiss Teams-22 Tables**  
AB1. Jorge Rosen-Stefan Reich- Juan Carlos-Alvaro Obregon-Gloria Kreimerman A2. Kenneth Masson-Rosemarie Masson- Simon Farrer-Laura Farrer B2. Gail Gabiati-Kris Wong- David Wandler-Marjorie Wandler C1. Laura Kelly- Anton G Baron-Carmen Ruppner- Gloria Alden

# AJIJIC SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS



Beto Cohen, Gonzalo Herrera  
Thurs & Sat Open Pairs A



Rosemarie and Ken Masson  
Fri Morn Open Pairs A.



Gail Gabiati, Kris Wong  
Fri Aft Open Pairs



Gloria Alden, Laura Kelly,  
Anton Baron, Carmen Ruppner  
Sunday Swiss C



Doug Oke, Ann Szarka  
Sat 0-750 Pairs



Thomas Poisson, Thomas Poisson Jr  
Thurs & Fri Morn Open Pairs B



Susan and Jim Lightfoot  
Sat 0-750 Pairs



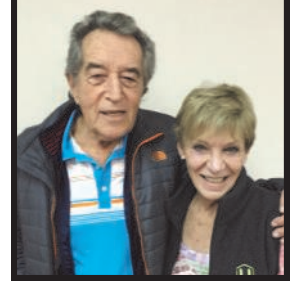
Peter and Marilyn Miller  
Thurs Open Pairs C



Friday Morn 0-750 Pairs  
Anton Baron, Carmen Ruppner



Marguerite Brown, Bernita Cooper  
Fri Aft 0-750 Pairs



Stefan Reich, Gloria Kreimerman  
Sat Open Pairs B

**Unit 207  
Austin**

**Sandy Potts**

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www.austinbridge.org  
www.bridgecenteraustin.com  
www.d16acbl.org/D16Scorecard.html

**Upcoming events:**  
April 14: Unit qualifying GNT event at the BCA  
April 28: Eight is Enough TEAM event  
May 10 - 13: Open Sectional and NLM Regional at the Holiday Inn on Middle Fiskville Road (Julie McKenna and Rachell Jackson, chairs)  
June 16: Pairs City Championship—two sessions with lunch provided by the Unit  
July 2 - 8: Austin Firecracker Regional (Larry Davis and Sally Sassen, chairs)

**Milestones: 100 points:** Pat Baitz, Jean Durocher, Pat Finnigan, Dyanne Kerr, Michael Rainbird and Elliott Turley; **200 points:** Sally Disanza; **300 points:** Costa Triantaphilides; **New Life Master:** Shirley Churchill, Dave Collins, Laura Craft and Bill Kalmbach; **Bronze Life Master:** Mark Anderson, Josh Bank, Dave Collins, Mickey Goldwater, Ron Lanz, Jean Marsh, Annette Ruth, George Steele and Cathy Supple; **Silver Life Master:** Ossie Ahmed, Aqeel Ansari, Sunny Laird, John Moore, and Art Widen; **Ruby Life Master:** Sharon Dameron; **Gold Life Master:** Lois Goodman and BJ Sanders. This is exciting not only for each of you, but for me! I LOVE seeing bridge folks advance! Good for you!

The Annual Unit meeting was held on February 17 and many awards were announced. Rachell Jackson, our Unit President, organized and ran the meeting. We thank her for her talents. She makes us all look good! Those attending the meeting were given a free play by the Unit. Julie McKenna took pictures and Ken MacMorran posted these on the Unit website.

**Special Awards were given to the following people:**  
**Joyce Cooper** received the Texas Star Award. This is the most honorable award given to a Unit member for service. Joyce served six years on the Board, had many ideas, many roles, and she served as the unofficial historian. She has worked hard mentoring and giving to the game of bridge. We appreciate Joyce's service to our entire community!

**Sally Sassen** received the Goodwill Award for 2017. She has taught bridge, served as the Intermediate/Novice coordinator, and written a weekly newsletter for newer players. She has chaired a Non-Life Master Regional and will be co-chairing the upcoming July "Firecracker" Regional for the Unit. Students enjoy her bridge enthusiasm and continue to return for more bridge.

**Pat Berry** also received a Goodwill Award for 2017. Pat has chaired the mentoring program, been partnership chair for many events and is a "good ambassador" for the game of bridge. Pat has an enthusiasm for people and it shows in her work on behalf of the many members of our bridge community. Congrats to Pat!

**Ken MacMorran** received a special service award for the variety of continued work that he does for our Unit. He is our Unit website extraordinaire and the Unit requested that Alex Labry take his picture. Ken's photo and Joyce Cooper's photo are on the back wall at the Bridge Center of Austin. We wanted to honor the achievements of these special people. If anyone wants to book a great photographer, contact Alex at alexlabry.com  
Alex, you make everyone look nice and we appreciate you!

**2017--Mini McKenney Awards**

<b>0-5</b>	Peter Naimoli
<b>5-20</b>	Eric De Rouffignac
<b>20-50</b>	W. Kenneth Davis
<b>50-100</b>	Robert Imme
<b>100-200</b>	Jarek Langer
<b>200-300</b>	Laura Craft
<b>300-500</b>	Gary Anders
<b>500-1000</b>	Jerry Barrett
<b>1000-1500</b>	Anita Albert
<b>1500-2500</b>	Sandy Potts
<b>2500-3500</b>	Joe Black
<b>3500-5000</b>	Charlene San
<b>5000-7500</b>	David Sokol
<b>7500-10,000</b>	Ron La Cour
<b>Over 10,000</b>	Tobi Sokolow

**Ace of Clubs 2017**

<b>0-5</b>	Jimmy Reed
<b>5-20</b>	Eric De Rouffignac
<b>20-50</b>	W. Kenneth Davis
<b>50-100</b>	Robert Imme
<b>100-200</b>	Simone Scumpia
<b>200-300</b>	Lucy Adcock
<b>300-500</b>	Robert Tyler
<b>500-1000</b>	Jerry Barrett
<b>1000-1500</b>	Stan Pushkarsky
<b>1500-2500</b>	Harry Ingham
<b>2500-3500</b>	Nancy Joe
<b>3500-5000</b>	Larry Davis
<b>5000-7500</b>	Mary Anne Laier
<b>7500-10,000</b>	Ron La Cour
<b>Over 10,000</b>	Jack Lacy

**New Board Member elected:** Barbara Clements, congrats!

**Recently re-elected Board members:** Dean Truair and Sandy Potts

**Unit 207 Officers for 2018 are:**  
**President:** Sandy Potts  
**Vice-President:** Rachell Jackson  
**Secretary:** Jo Dee Bowen  
**Treasurer:** Barbara Clements

Also supporting our Unit this year will be: Julie McKenna (Publicity/Photographer), Dean Truair (Supplies), Tracy Bruce (Education Coordinator/Hospitality/Membership), George Watkins (Tournament Coordinator/Hospitality), Larry Davis (Business Manager), Ken MacMorran (Webmaster, Electronic Contact), Rick Clements (NAP), and Jerry Barrett (GNT), Pat Berry (Partnership Coordinator), Nancy Joe (Caddy Coordinator), Pam LaShelle (Bulletin Board/Disciplinary Chair), Jo Dee Bowen (Recorder), Larry Davis (District 16 Representative/Tournament Coordinator), Financial Review (Robert Donathan, Virgil Massey, Flora Pettit), BJ Sanders (NABC 2021 Committee Head), Sally Sassen (Novice Chair), and Sue Caulfield (Scorecard).  
As we work together to bring you some bridge events, please know that we will need help from our membership. Each job is multi-faceted and together we can do a much better job! Please let me know how you can give back to the game we have come to enjoy! **V o l u n t e e r , p l e a s e !**  
Sandy.potts5@yahoo.com

The bridge folks in Georgetown recently welcomed Barbara Sterling, a relocated bridge gal. Several folks including Nell Dale Sanders, Bonnie Dennis, Larry Frantz, Suzanne Patterson, and Annette Ruth were helpful in helping her get her bridge feet wet in a new area. Interesting how word of mouth can assist us in finding transportation and bridge games in a new-to-us region. Thanks to each of you!

Several BCA instructors were nominated by bridge players for teacher of the year. Those nominated included: Pam LaShelle, Gayle Moyers, and Sally Sassen. We are lucky to have bridge players who are actively also teaching and recruiting new players. I feel proud to have each of these ladies and Laura Delfeld, an ACBL National Teacher of the Year, in our Austin bridge community.

Austin has had the opportunity to host bridge workshops with Robert Todd of Adventures in Bridge, Inc. Simone Scumpia has helped set up a workshop "Finding Fits in Constructive and Competitive Bidding" at the BCA on Sunday April 22. If you have not experienced one of Robert's workshops, consider going to one in

the future. I love watching people teach and Robert is a hands-on instructor, patient, and willing to discuss bridge topics on many levels. He has the rare gift of being able to inform, yet not intimidate. There is usually something for everyone at one of his lectures.

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FastResultsHelpDesk@gmail.com  
OR  
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Get results delivered to your email and/or mobile device immediately following the game.  
Recaps and board summaries along with hand records are currently supported.  
Login with your ACBL # to access tournament-wide results and personal results:  
www.BridgeFinesse.com/FastResults/D16

**Special thanks to Rachell Jackson for two years of service as President of our Unit.** Rachell, your leadership has been inspiring and I hope that you will continue your guidance for us. We appreciate your positive attitude, dedication, love of people and hard work. With that said, I will take the baton and pass the torch. The next writer of the *Scorecard* will be Sue Caulfield, as I try my hand as President. May we each have a productive and happy year!

**BCA Spring Sectional**  
Austin TX  
Feb 22-25 2018  
334 players 332 tables.

1	25.45	Scott Humphrey
2	23.78	Pam LaShelle
3	23.70	Donna Swarthroat
4	23.70	Dave Swarthroat
5	22.59	Anne La Cour
6	20.93	Yan Song
7	20.93	Tiger King
8	20.93	Lunhui Lin
9	20.93	Hua Yang
10	19.57	Stephen Toplansky

**Thursday Morn Open Pairs-23.0** Tables / Based on 32 Tables AB1. Tricia Kane-Clara Wood A2. R Harry Akin-Jack Lacy B2. Jerry Barrett-Gary Anderson C1. Marjorie Butler-Catherine Supple C2. Sheila Milner-Julie Johnson  
**Thursday Morn Swiss Teams-8** Table A1. Sharon Dameron-James Moody-Thomas Smith-Augustyn Ortynski AB2. Richard Frankeny-Diana Frankeny-Joyce Cooper-Anita Albert C1. Patricia Webb-Genie Nyer-Laurene Jacob-Robin Tucker  
**Thursday Morn 299er Pairs-8.5** Tables A1. Jimmy Rutledge-Sheila

Moser A2. Marie Russiello-Emil Russiello B1. Annetta Hughson-Lois Kertesz B2. Cynthia Rivet-Cindy Johnson C1. Ann Roe-Susie Flynn C2. Betty Salvo-George Salvo  
**Thursday Aft Open Pairs-21.5** Tables / Based on 28 Tables A1. Alexander Labry-Scott Humphrey A2. Tobi Sokolow-Claudette Hartman B1. Khalifa Ahmed-Sally Landrum B2. Raymond Borrego-Sharon Brown C1. Diana Whitfield-Joanie Gates C2. Marilyn Sharratt-June Beck  
**Thursday Aft 299er Pairs-7.0** Tables AB1. Bob Allen-Eric De Rouffignac A2. Simone Scumpia-W Kenneth Davis B2. Cynthia Rivet-Cindy Johnson C1. Jenny Kimball-Linda Gaston C2. George Holmes-Pamela Holmes  
**Thursday Aft Swiss Teams-7** Tables A1. David Ticen-Venkatrao Koneru-Dave Swarthroat-Donna Swarthroat A2B1. Richard Frankeny-Diana Frankeny-Joyce Cooper-Anita Albert B2C1. Charles Afill-Danna Redford-Shirley Holland-Leona Rieger  
**Friday Morn Open Pairs-21.0** Tables / Based on 32 Tables A1. Swadesh Mahajan-Kalpna Sutaria A2. William Charowhas-Bob Bockemuhl B1. John Moore-James Moody B2. Anita Albert-Linda Anthony C1. Orlin Johnson-Julie Johnson C2. Alberta Birk-Linda Reichenau  
**Friday Morn 299er Pairs-11.0** Tables A1. Jean Durocher-Earrestine Broyles AB2. Marjorie Abell-Susan Breeding C1. Jenny Kimball-Linda Gaston C2. David Staab-Matt Stephans  
**Friday Morn Swiss Teams-17** Tables A1. Scott Humphrey-Charlene Sands-Gary Powell-Virgil Massey A2B1. Lucerne Bunch-Patricia Berry-Clara Wood-Elaine Jordan B2/3 Michael Harris-Sandra Harris-Liz Cooper-Elizabeth Ling B2/3C1 Richard Clements-Barbara Clements-David Mead-Spencer Ledlow 2 Mary Caudill-Ramona Schiraldi-Phyllis Jordan-Lucretia Dennis Small  
**Friday Aft Open Pairs-19.0** Tables / Based on 27 Tables A1. Eddie Bass-Phillip Grothus A2. Donna Swarthroat-Dave Swarthroat BC1. Alberta Birk-Linda Reichenau BC2. Patricia Rutledge-William Whittle  
**Friday Aft 299er Pairs-8.0** Tables ABC1. Jenny Kimball-Linda Gaston AB2. J Patrick Finnigan-W Kenneth Davis C2. Donald Gable Hervey-David Staab  
**Friday Aft Swiss Teams-15** Tables A1. Gary Powell-Marcia Powell-Charlene Sands-Virgil Massey 3.44 2 1 James Glathar-Blair Lapwing-Julie Valentine-Steven Hollahan B2. David Warner-Ken Rochlen-Marvin Schrage-Larry Smith C1. Ken Hanson-Karen O'Shea-Bob Allen-Kathryn Papermaster  
**Saturday Morn Open Pairs-27.0** Tables / Based on 40 Tables ABC1. Venu Chintam-Zaem Lutfi A2. Louis Sachar-David Sokolow B2. Anita Albert-Linda Anthony C2.

# AUSTIN FEBRUARY SECTIONAL WINNERS

Yaoguang Zhu-Peter Naimoli  
**Saturday Morn Swiss Teams-13**  
 Tables A1/2 Hua Yang-Yan Song-Tiger King-Lunhui Lin A1/2 Steven Andersen-Robert Tyler-George Watkins-Dean Truair B1. Shawn Drenning-Jarek Langer-Gary Anderson-Jerry Barrett B2C1. Sharon Dameron-Karen Elaine Dameron-Lazaro Brenner-Laura Craft C2. Patricia Webb-Laurene Jacob-Michele Abriol-Robin Tucker  
**Saturday Morn 299er Pairs-12.5**  
 Tables AB1. George Holmes-Pamela Holmes A2. Linda Dawson-Paul Dawson Austin B2. Ann Wheeler-Harriett James C1. Ann Roe-Nora Fallon C2. Jenny Kimball-Linda Gaston  
**Saturday Aft Open Pairs-17.0**  
 Tables / Based on 26 Tables A1. Pam LaShelle-Scott Humphrey A2BC1. Yaoguang Zhu-Peter Naimoli B2. Arthur Widen-Jo Dee Bowen C2. Venu Chintam Tallahassee FL; Zaeem Lutfi  
**Saturday Aft 299er Pairs-9.0**  
 Tables AB1. Gary Amaon-Paula Amaon A2B1. Susan Breeding-

Marjorie Abell B2C1. Nancy Schiller-Dorothy Foster C2. Sue Ellen McAnally-Sandra Searls  
**Saturday Aft Swiss Teams-15**  
 Tables A1. Hua Yang-Yan Song-Tiger King-Lunhui Lin A2. Sam Dinkin-Lynn Baker-Lee Stokes Hilton-Nancy Joe B1. Shawn Drenning-Jarek Langer-Jerry Barrett-Gary Anderson B2. Kyong Shuey-Kimi Lambert-Julie Valentine-Julianne McKenna C1. Elizabeth Ling-Linda Griffith-Liz Cooper-Mark Anderson  
**Sunday A/X Swiss Teams-20**  
 Tables / Based on 36 Tables A1. Hua Yang-Yan Song-Tiger King-Lunhui Lin A2. Bill McCarty-Rosemary Kelley-Daniel Jackson-Mike Doyle B2. Elizabeth Tobias-Paul Tobias-Geoff Blandy-Louis Sachar  
**Sunday B/C/D Swiss Teams-16**  
 Tables B1/2C1. David Mead-Spencer Ledlow-Ken Hanson-Wynnell Noelke B1/2 Ken MacMorran-Sharon MacMorran-John Moore-Roxann Swenson C1. David Goodwin-Rose Goodwin-Tom Bell-Cindy Bell



Fri Morn Swiss Teams Flt B  
 Lucerne Bunch, Elaine Jordan, Pat Berry, Clara Wood



Fri Morn Open Pairs Flt B  
 James Moody, John Moore



Sunday BCD Swiss Teams Flt D  
 Tom & Cindy Bell, David & Rose Goodwin



Thurs Morn Swiss Teams Flt C  
 Laurene Jacob, Genie Nyer, Robin Tucker, Patty Webb



Sat Morn Swiss Teams Flt C  
 Lazaro Brenner, Sharon Dameron, Laura Craft, Karen Elaine Dameron



Sunday BCD Swiss Teams Flt B (Tie)  
 Winnie Noelke, Spencer Ledlow, David Mead, Ken Hanson



Sunday BCD Swiss Teams Flt B (Tie)  
 Sharon MacMorran, Roxann Swenson, Ken MacMorran, John Moore



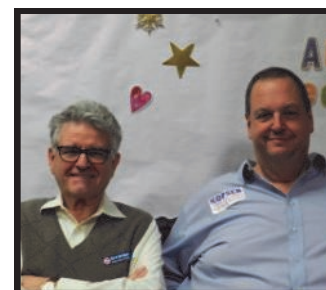
Sat Morn & Aft Swiss Teams Flt B  
 Gary Anderson, Jerry Barrett, Jarek Langer, Shawn Drenning



Thurs Aft Swiss Teams Flt B  
 Joyce Cooper, Diana Frankeny, Anita Albert, Richard Frankeny



Fri Aft Swiss Teams Flt B  
 Jim Glathar, Steve Hollahan, Blair Lapwing, Julie Valentine



Thurs Aft 299er Pairs  
 Eric de Rouffignac, Bob Allen,



Fri Morn 299er Pairs  
 Earnestine Broyles, Jean Durocher



Sat Morn 299ers  
 Ann Roe, Nora Fallon



Thurs Morn 299er Pairs  
 Sheila Moser, Jimmy Rutledge



Sat Morn 299ers  
 George & Pamela Holmes



Sat Aft 299ers  
 Susan Breeding, Marjorie Abell



Thurs Aft Open Pairs Flt B  
 Sally Landrum, Khalifa Ahmed



Fri Aft 299er Pairs  
 Linda Gaston



Thurs Morn Open Pairs Flts A&B  
 Tricia Kane, Clara Wood



Thurs Aft Open Pairs Flt A  
 Alex Labry, Scott Humphrey



Fri Morn Open Pairs Flt A  
 Kalpana Sutaria, Swadesh Mahajan



Sat Aft Open Pairs Flt A  
 Pam LaShelle, Scott Humphrey



Thurs Morn Open Pairs Flt C  
 Margie Butler, Cathy Supple



Thurs Aft Swiss Teams Flt A  
 Dave Ticen, Donna & Dave Swarthroat



Fri Aft Swiss Teams Flt A  
 Marcia Powell, Charlene Sands, Gary Powell, Virgil Massey



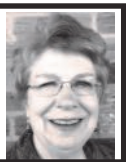
Friday Morning Swiss Teams Flt A  
 Charlene Sands, Gary Powell, Virgil Massey, Scott Humphrey



Saturday Morn Swiss Teams Flt A  
 Sun AX Swiss Teams Flts A  
 Lunhui Lin, HuaYang, Yan Song, Tiger King

## Unit 209 Permian Basin

Ann Parish



Don Troy was a bridge player and World War II hero (a Flying Tiger). He died on March 18, 2018. The following column was written by Stewart Doreen, a novice bridge player and the editor of the Midland newspaper, the *Midland Reporter-Telegram*. The article was published on March 25, 2018.

There Was A Lot to Learn from Don Troy  
 I am fortunate to meet some remarkable people at the Allison Bridge Center, but I have never met anyone like Don Troy.

Donald Wesley Troy was a 95-year-old marvel of a man, who, sadly, died last week. I write *sadly* but Don is probably smiling. In a 2011 interview with the renowned Ed Todd, Don told Mr. Ed that after his wife of more than 60 years died in 2009 that he cried for her "every day." My guess is that Don is again feeling lucky to be with Mary Troy.

I met Don at the bridge center on a typical Thursday when the good players (like Don) played with the players who weren't as good (like me). He usually played with Belle Harris, a masterful player, and when it was my turn at their table the sharks smelled blood in the water. It was a given that Don and Belle would come out on top, but that didn't matter. I was in observation mode. I would watch Don act like he was 95 years young. One hand, he would play the board like a maestro, the next he would sheepishly raise a bid to a place he knew would make Belle have to work that much harder. Occasionally, you'd hear a more-spirited Don pro-

vide some emotion during a hand that didn't go as he expected. Whatever the case, he was mentally sharp and a pleasure to be around.

But to know and appreciate Don Troy was to understand he was of the heralded "Greatest Generation." He didn't talk the talk of what his generation did for our country--and therefore for people like myself. He walked the walk.

He fought in World War II and Korea. Ed Todd's article indicated that Don flew 260 combat missions, 171 in the China-Burma-India theater and 89 in Korea, "without a scratch" to

pilot or airplane. He also earned more than a dozen medals and awards, including the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medals, and the Bronze Star for heroism or meritorious service in combat. Respect goes out to a man with that type of record. People like Don know what real service is. They lived it. We didn't use the word as a cliché to describe something less significant.

Upon hearing of Don's passing, I immediately thought of the opportunity lost. I had always told myself I needed to sit down with Don for an interview to talk about the life he experienced. I wanted to know more

## MIDLAND TALL CITY SECTIONAL

JUNE 8-10 2018  
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### Friday, June 8, 2017

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

### Saturday, June 9, 2017

Stratified Pairs Single Session 9:30 am & 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm  
199er Side Game (3 tables Minimum) 9:30 am & 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm

### Sunday, June 10, 2017

Stratified Swiss 10:00 am & TBA  
Donuts and coffee available before this game  
Lunch between sessions on Sunday Free coffee & refreshments

### HOST HOTEL

**Fairfield Inn & Suites**  
2300 Faulkner Drive

Rate \$89.00 king \$89 double+ taxes.  
Ask for bridge rate. 432-570-7155 cutoff May 25<sup>th</sup>

STRATS: A (2000+) B (750-2000) C (0-750)

All Strats determined by  
average master points

Non-smoking with breaks

Director: Scott Humphrey

Entry Fee \$10.00/ SWISS \$120.00 per Team

**\$4.00 additional per session for non and unpaid ACBL members**

about the man who said "I have been lucky my entire life" referring to his life as a World War II and Korean War aviator, a post-war engineer, and a man who married exceedingly well.

I will be among the many who will miss Don at the bridge table. I can't speak for the others, but seeing Don there just made it feel like a better game. Maybe he reminded me of my grandmother who played well into her 90s and could teach someone half her age a lesson or two about "getting to game" or winning big.

It probably had more to do with Don being a hero and a person who fully experienced and appreciated life. Don, I hope you and the love of your life are together again. You will be missed.

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Our regular bridge games resumed in February when the Odessa Caprock Bridge Club hosted the ACBL-Wide International Fund Game on February 3 with 5 1/2 tables in play. Coming in 1st in A and B were **Amanda Shaw** and **Shirley Davenport**. Tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> in A and B were **Kay Arrell-Martha Poss** and **Bob Bacon-Jim Hawkins**.

In the ACBL-Wide Charity Game, held in Midland on February 21, first place winners were **Bob Bacon** and **Jim Hawkins**. Second place winners were **Lena Nichols** and **Betty Dickerson**.

We were glad to have five tables for our ACBL-Wide Senior Game on March 19<sup>th</sup>, despite a number of players with conflicts and out-of-town plans. **Lena Nichols** and **Marlene Blumentritt** won first, and **Charlie Grimes** and **Ann Servatius** won second. Third in A and first in B were **Shirley Davenport** and **Brenda Brauner**. Fourth in A, 2<sup>nd</sup> in B, and 1<sup>st</sup> in C were **Greg Keys** and **Linda Scarpelli**.

Both Midland and Odessa celebrated holidays with bridge games. Midland's Thursday night group celebrated Valentine's Day one day late and had 7 1/2 tables. They had lots of

food and gave away two free games. N/S first place winners in A, B, and C were **Linda Buzan** and **Betty Moore**. Second in A and B were **Helen Davis** and **John Seymour**, and third in A were **Ann Servatius** and **Dorothy Baird**. E/W winners were **Belle Harris** and **Sarana Savage** first in A and B, **Scott Vaughn** and **Deborah Brookins** second in A and B. Third in A and B and first in C were **Gloria Jackson** and **Mike Schlueter**.

Midland celebrated St. Patrick's Day a little early, and Odessa celebrated right on the money. Midland's March 15 game had 10 1/2 tables, with "desserts" as the theme and lots of green clothes on the players. N/S winners first in A, B, and C were **Helen Davis** and **John Seymour**. Coming in 2nd in A were **Dorothy Breneman** and **Paula Baggett**, 3<sup>rd</sup> were **Linda Scarpelli** and **Charlie Grimes**, and 4<sup>th</sup> in A and 2<sup>nd</sup> in B and C were **Mike Schlueter** and **Les Neal**. **Georgia Temple** and **Phyllis Maxwell** were 3<sup>rd</sup> in B and C. E/W winners in A were 1<sup>st</sup> **Marilyn Matthews** and **Mike Robinson**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Belle Harris** and **Manessa Smith**, 3<sup>rd</sup> in A and 1<sup>st</sup> in B and C were **Ann Brooks** and **Mary Tift**. Second in B and C were **Sarana Savage** and **Kay Sewell**, and third in B and C were **Linda Buzan** and **Iris Foster**.

On March 17, Odessa hosted a St Pat's party with five tables in play (but alas, no green beer!). Coming in 1<sup>st</sup> in A and B were **Deborah Brookins** and **Paula Baggett**, 2<sup>nd</sup> in A were **LaDoyce Lambert** and **Ann Servatius**, and 2<sup>nd</sup> in B were **Brenda Brauner** and **Shirley Davenport**.

A special party was held on March 2 to celebrate **Bob Bacon's** 97<sup>th</sup> birthday! Bob is still an active Club Director and frequent player. He often arrives first and enjoys his drive to Midland four times a week to direct and/or play. **Ricki Perry** served as the hostess for the game, and Midland Country Club served chicken and cheese quesadillas, margaritas, and a birthday cake for Bob. He even dressed up in a coat and tie. With seven tables in play, Bob and his

partner **Betty Dickerson** came in first in A (N/S). Second in N/S were **Lena Nichols** and **Jim Hawkins**. First in E/W were **LaDoyce Lambert** and **Ann Servatius**, and second were **Kay Sewell** and **Gloria Jackson**.

Midland held its usual monthly Tuesday salad luncheons. In February first place winners were **Bob Bacon** and **Jim Hawkins**, and second place were **Audie Brooks** and **Ricki Perry**. The March luncheon had five tables, with first place winners **Lena Nichols** and **Marlene Blumentritt** and second place **Brenda Leonard** and **Patti Witt**.

On Sunday, March 11, Unit 209 held their Unit Awards ceremony. The Texas Star was awarded to **Marlene Blumentritt**. **Bill Brooks** from Midland and **Debra Jones** from Odessa won the Goodwill Ambassador awards. Players from Midland and Odessa, including some new players, were awarded Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs awards. With six tables in play, **Flo Curry** and **Scott Vaughn** won first, and **Debra Conly** and **KC Evans** won second.

Saturday morning lessons started in February and will continue through May. There are sessions for beginners and for more advanced players, both from 10:00 am to noon at Allison Bridge Center. Winners for the individual novice game (0-20 points) on March 10 were 1<sup>st</sup> **Patricia Lawrence** (with an individual score of 74%), 2<sup>nd</sup> **Linda McDonald**, tied for 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> **Sonya Hopkins** and **Suzanne Boudreaux**, and 5<sup>th</sup> **Shiree Sager**.

The bridge teachers who work with students at Greenwood Elementary want to congratulate Mrs. Latham's classes for their success in Destination Imagination. They are moving on up to the state level! Their bridge lessons are suspended while they prepare, but other students are continuing their Wednesday afternoon lessons.

Players with games of 70% or more were **Charlie Grimes** and **David Hudson** (70.24% on 2-1-18), **Amanda Shaw** and **Jay Maher** (71% on 2-2-18), **Ann Servatius** and **Charlie Grimes** (72% on 2-12-18), **Betty Dickerson** and **KC Evans** on (76.39% on 2-23-18), **Bob Bacon** and **Jim Hawkins** (75.52% on 2-28-18), and **Charlie Grimes** and **Ann Servatius** (70.83% on 3-31).

We are happy to welcome back **Les Neal** to the bridge house. He has been out with multiple surgeries and a lengthy rehab. As of this writing, **Jean Pistole** is also recovering from two stays in the hospital and rehab. We hope all players get through the rest of the flu season and our lovely west Texas dust-and-pollen allergy season without further illness.

Keep well and keep playing!

Unit 224 Fort Phantom	
Bette Byrd	

We have a new roof and ceiling and it looks so nice. Just in time for Spring rains and we don't have to put out buckets. Thanks City of Abilene and all who helped get this done.

The Change did not work out well and Beverly Walker was gracious enough to return to directing the Friday game. Thanks, Beverly.

Coleen Grisham, who is an innovative director, registered Bridge Etc. for an Inter Club Championship game with ACBL and it was held on March 6. With a five table local game, Ed Grant and Bette Byrd had a 66.67% game placing fifth in the overall A flight in the country. Glynda Groves and Jeff Lewis had a 63.10% locally and placed sixth in the overall in B. Lots of fun and thanks Coleen.

Ed Grant directed for Coleen while she was on vacation and he did a great job of keeping it going for two weeks. Thanks, Ed.

There was an Over/Under game held with five tables. The winners were: 1st Mike Sadler, Beverly Walker; 2nd Bob Young, Richard Pike, 3rd Coyita Bowker, David Samuelson, 4th Glynda Groves, Karen Turner. Robert Patton and Jo Smith had a 74% game with 3 tables. We have been happy to have Tony and Carol Fisher join us while they were waiting for the snow to melt in Iowa. Hopefully the will be back next year.

### LOOKING BACK:

April 1998, Four tables of beginning bridge players were started on Thursday mornings with Bette Byrd and Coleen Palmer (Grisham) teaching. The board approved a "Bridge Plus" game which would be open to players with less than 5 masterpoints. The financial statement for Unit 224 showed \$3,679.63 with a money market account balance of 20,550.43. Glad to see Candace and David Samuelson back after David being transferred to Odessa for two years. Gracie Craig and Ann Spitzer took a section top in Kerrville. Betsy Duncan and Mary Tecson earned 9.98 and 9.28 Masterpoints in March with Ginny Wisdom and Ann Wise leading the 0-300 pairs. The weekend Charity Tournament was set for May 1,2,3. Saturday will be a Swiss Team game directed by Ed Grant. Charities were 1998 ACBL Charity and Food Bank of Abilene.

Bob Young has gotten a sign to advertise the lessons being given by Coleen teaching 2/1. It is a great looking sign and hopefully will encourage new bridge players to find a new hobby. Coleen had seven students for the first free lesson and hopefully more will come as they progress past the starting stage. Welcome the new players and encourage them please. It is important to increase the numbers for the survival of bridge in Abilene. Play more bridge everyone.

Thanks, Bette Byrd

Unit 225 East Texas	
Greg Cooley	

### 70 PERCENT GAMES

Brenda Baker & Don Bartley had a 73.34% game at Rose City DBC on March 5. Friday Afternoon Pairs Friday Aft Session February 9, 2018. The Bridge Studio at Cedar Creek Lake had a 72.92% game on February 9th. with Lee Lunsford and Norma Lunsford. Longview DBC had two pairs achieve 70 percent or better ranking recently. Beth Hankins & Dorothy McCasland had a 70.83 percent game as well as Cliff Smith & Mike Graham who scored a 73.96 percent.

Dottie Pirkle's DBC in Athens reported three 70% games. On March 3, Bari Hart and Chester Neel had a 70.84%, and on Feb. 19, Judy Adams and Nell Velvin 77.08%, and guess what, on March 5, Judy Adams and Nell Velvin had a 72.62 % game.

### UNIT 225

In February, Unit 225 Board voted that starting at the March 10th unit game, we would have Dealer Machine hands. Some benefits to our players include: 1. Great learning tool; partners can discuss hands and work on improving their game. 2. These hands are similar to the pair game hands at tournaments. There will be a 6-month trial period and our membership can vote on whether to continue the Dealer Machine hands at Unit game.

On April 14th Unit 225 hosted our usual monthly game as well as a lunch and awards program, recogniz-



### REVISED HOTEL RATE

## Tyler Tournament of Roses

**July 27, 28 & 29, 2018**

**Holiday Inn South Broadway, 5701 S. Broadway, Tyler, TX 75703**

**Ph: 903-561-5800**

**Revised Bridge Rate \$89.00 includes full breakfast buffet- Reserve by July 12, 2018; use code G 53 for special rate.**

### Friday – July 27th

Stratified 500 NLM Pairs 10:00AM & 2:30PM  
Stratified Open Pairs 10:00AM & 2:30PM

### Saturday – July 28th

Stratified 500 NLM Pairs 10:00AM & 2:30PM  
Stratified Open Pairs 10:00AM & 2:30PM

Stratifications (Based on average master points of pairs/teams)

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

### Sunday – July 29th Swiss Teams at

#### 10:00AM

Bracketed Swiss Teams - 2 Sessions  
10:00AM and TBA (lunch provided)

#### Tournament Chairpersons

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**Entry Fees: \$13.00/ACBL members - \$17.00 Non/unpaid ACBL members**  
**Sunday Swiss Teams \$128.00 – Sunday Lunch Provided for Swiss Teams**  
ACBL Tournament Director-in-charge Sanction # 1807067  
**FRAGRANCE FREE PLEASE**

ing 2017 winners for the Ace of Clubs and Mini McKinney. In addition, the 2017 Goodwill awards were presented to Janie Wolaver and Jimmy Hubbard.

Mark your calendars early and plan to attend the **Tyler Tournament of Roses July 27-29th** at the Holiday Inn, 5701 S. Broadway, Tyler, TX. (ph. 903-561-5800). Bridge rate (code G 53) is \$89.00 with full buffet breakfast included. Stratified pair games on Fri and Sat and Swiss Teams on Sun. Come and enjoy the warm East Texas hospitality and fun bridge!

**Pittsburg Duplicate Bridge Club and Lake Cypress Springs Bridge Club-**

Linda Harrison started a new series of lessons at both clubs. Jackie McElhaney and Dotsy Miller are assisting with learning table/lessons for several new players.

Several of our players attended Jeff Brown and Curtis Bourland's Life Master party/game in Texarkana on March 5th.

**BRIDGE STUDIO AT CEDAR CREEK LAKE**

The flu really hit our club HARD! We are so glad the flu season is over!

Inspired by the Shreveport regional, some of our players thought we should have a Mardi Gras celebration. So the Monday before Lent, we had "Mardi Gras Monday". Jo Ellen Wade greeted everyone as they came in by offering them long strands of colored beads. Kathy Weaver brought masks for door prizes. Many of the players dressed in purple, green & gold with various hair adornments and masks. The most beautiful was an elaborate mask worn by Lynda Pillans. Mary Adams furnished the King Cake, Gail Beaupre made a bread pudding and jambalaya, Lana Mock brought a seafood jambalaya, and everyone else brought an assortment of yummy food. What a fun day!

After Sandy Molander completed her lessons on Defense & Play of the Hand, Gloria wanted to have an event to ease the new players into duplicate. The Mentor/Newbie Swiss provided a comfortable, fun atmosphere with the more experienced players helping them transition from attending lessons to enjoying a day of duplicate. From Gloria: I want to thank all of our Life Masters/experienced players for participating in today's Swiss Team with the "Newbies". Everyone seemed to enjoy it - every team got "points", and most of all I heard, "Let's do this again". AND SO WE SHALL! Gloria

The semi annual charity game for the Library at Cedar Creek was a great success. The cumulative total raised over the years is now up to \$68,300. 1st place N/S was Larry Laudig & Barbara McMinn; 1st place E/W was Norma & Lee Lunsford.

**NANNIE'S BRIDGE HOUSE IN CANTON**

Mary Ann Peden, a long time member of the Van Zandt Duplicate Bridge Club, passed away in March after a lengthy illness. When she wasn't playing bridge, she was busy helping out the Van ISD, the Child Welfare Board, and Kiwanis. She & her husband Johnny had been married 62 years and we extend our deepest sympathy to him and also to her long-

time duplicate partner, Pat Hargrave. Mary Ann & Pat would usually team up with Bonnie Burch & Jo Ann Parten for tournaments. She achieved her Life Master in 2015 (?)

One of our favorite Tournament Directors, Sue Doe, now retired, played with Ursula Brooks at our Tuesday game in early March. It was great to have a chance to visit with her during lunch and between rounds.

We want to remind everyone that we have a game on Monday NIGHTS at 6:00 which is preceded at 5:30 by a potluck and a free lesson from Jimmy Hubbard & Jonathan Ernest. If you would enjoy a comfortable, non-intimidating atmosphere, especially if you are new to duplicate, please join us whenever you can. Give Sandy Hilliard a call to let her know you plan to come.

**LONGVIEW DBC**

Congratulations are on order for long-time club member, Edwyna "ET" Testerman, who attained Sapphire Life Master status in 2016, honoring players with 3,500 or more masterpoints.

LDBC held a Pre-New Year's Eve party on Saturday, December 30, with 9 tables in attendance. Champagne punch and snacks were in abundance and a good time was had by all. Party coordinator was the multitalented Janie Wolaver.

**DOTTIE PIRKLE'S DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB**

Dottie Pirkle's Duplicate Bridge Club held a "Gold Life Master" party for Bari Hart. Bari is our first Athenian to achieve the rank. The studio was decorated with gold balloons and gold dipped roses, White cloth table cloths accented in gold lined place mats topped with gold napkins and gold lined plates and gold candles in the centers. Thirteen tables of player and one table of guests attended the catered barbecue with great home made desserts. Bari gave a brief talk encompassing 45 years of East Texas duplicate bridge and the many people who have kept it going over the years including past and present directors, teachers and unit leaders, (a few anecdotes were included). Thanks to all those who had helped her and partnered over the years. After the party we all played bridge.

**ROSE CITY DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB**

The winners of the March Masterpoint Race were:  
January  
1st. Nancy Green  
2nd. Emily Leake  
3rd. Mary Bartley

Non-Lifemaster  
1st. Susan Sensenbach  
2nd. Bill Scheibal  
3rd. Colleen O'Neal

February  
1st. Brenda Baker  
2nd. Mary Bartley  
3rd. Nancy Green

Non-Lifemaster  
1st. Colleen O'Neal  
2nd. Pud Patterson  
3rd. Cheryl Landers

**NACOGDOCHES DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB**

The club had a chicken-and-dumplings Life Master Party on January 29, for Steven and Susan Jennings. At the Life Master party, Melba Lee got enough points to put her over the top for her Life Master

honor. We will be having a party for Melba Lee on April 9th.



Perhaps it is because I am impacted by the realization that I am now an octogenarian, that I find springtime in Texas has been especially beautiful this year. Forty years! - it seems impossible that we have called this wonderful place our home for such a long time. Following the widening of IH35 between Austin and Temple those thoughtful folks at TexDOT sowed magnificent wildflowers on the roadsides. It was breathtaking to make the drive between Temple and Austin. Enjoying the flowers has been a spiritual experience this spring. Just imagine how beautiful the drive north will be once the construction between Temple and Waco is complete.

Many bridge players are alarmed that the bridge playing population in the United States is shrinking as the result of ageing and death. This is a sad fact as our society succumbs to the high-tech world that seems to consume every facet of our world today leaving the bridge world behind. Temple's own Mary Adams has contributed much to the propagation of the bridge world in central Texas about which many of you are unaware. Over the years she has taught numerous bridge classes. Mary taught honors classes in English at Temple High School for many years. During her lunch time and after school she taught bridge to her teen students. She frequently teaches classes in bridge at the Temple Bridge Studio. Many have become members of ACBL following instruction in her classes. Those of us who are privileged to know Mary realize the contribution she has made to the many young people whose lives she has impacted, the citizens of the City of Temple and the bridge community in Texas. It came as no surprise when Mary was awarded the *Texas Star Award* at the Houston Regional in February. She is most deserving of this recognition! Congratulations to Judy Mathews, a Temple and Waco bridge player, who became a Life Master at the Richardson tournament this spring. She loves the game as do we all and it is always a pleasure to have Judy at your table. We extend apologies and congrats to Nell Carpenter who achieved her life master last fall. Can bronze be close for these two?

Make your plans now to attend the Waco Sectional Tournament to be held August 10-12, at the Waco Convention Center. Last year's tourney had the most attendees in their history. It is interesting that we have just learned that Chip and Joanna Gaines' *The Silos of Waco* have surpassed *The Alamo* as the most visited tourist attraction in Texas. The Waco folks felt that greatly impacted their tournament. Please check the [acbl.org](http://acbl.org) website for additional information. Oops! I failed to mention that the hummers have returned from Central America. Those tiny creatures are consuming a quart of nectar daily from the three feeders hanging under the oak trees. The wild turkeys have also returned. All is right with the world!



Spring is here and all kinds of new things are happening in Wichita Falls! Our downtown area continues to come alive again with the addition of new restaurants, food truck venues, music and food festivals, dramatic performances, and evening artwalks. Some of our new downtown stores include works by local artists, handmade goods, antiques, and clothing. Old buildings are being renovated and updated. Our famous Holt Hotel is now an apartment complex for downtown living and it is always a treat to stop by our Farmers Market to find fresh produce. Our city is truly blossoming for those who want to venture downtown!

Our prayers have been with Susan Bower as her mother-in-law passed away; with Amy Conley who is still recovering from her shoulder surgery; and our deepest sympathy is with Wanda Hughes on the death of her son, Brady.

Our bridge players continue to support one another at the bridge center. We presented the 2017 Unite 353 Awards to the following players. The Mini-McKenney and Helen Shambrom Ace of Clubs awards were presented to Betsy Smith (0-5), Jody Elgin (20-50), Ladosca Kincaid (20-50), Rosemary Barrington (50-100), Martha Keller (100-200), Douglass Jeffrey III (200-300), Donna Lorance (300-500), Carole Tucker (500-1000), Margaret Kirkland (1000-1500), David Hertzog (1500-2500), Tomie Johnson (2500-3500), and Susan Couch (5000-7500).

The Unit Game Winners for February were Rosemary Barrington and Betsy Smith with 53.33; Cathy Zinn and Trudy Downey with 62.50. The Unit Championship Winners were Gladys Barley and Julia Lucas with 62.50; Tomie Johnson and David Hertzog with 67.01.

Bridge Club Master Point Leaders for February were Dave Hertzog and Tomie Johnson with 2.60. High Percentage Games for February were Tomie Johnson and Dave Hertzog with 66.50.

Bridge Paradise Master Point Leaders for February were Kathleen Brown, Patty Hofer, Margaret Kirkland, and Nancy Purcell with 0.60.

Bridge A-Gap Master Point Leaders for February were Martha Keller at 2.32 and Cathy Zinn at 2.01. High Percentage Games for February were Julia Lucas and Faye Morrison at 66.67; Margaret Kirkland and Kathleen Brown at 66.25.

The Vernon Duplicate Bridge Club Master Point Leaders for February were Susan Couch with 8.95 and Anne Halsell with 5.66. High Percentage Games for February were Anne Halsell and Susan Couch with 71.00; Carole Tucker and Ruth Streit with 63.00.

The Unit Game Winners for March were Bernie Lange and Nancy Purcell with 58.93; Tomie Johnson and David Hertzog with 59.23. The Unit Championship Winners were Wanda Hughes and Bennie Young with 57.86; Tomie Johnson and David Hertzog with 64.59.

Bridge Club Master Point Leaders for March were David Hertzog and Tomie Johnson with 4.09. High Percentage games for March were Tomie Johnson and Dave Hertzog with 70.23; Trudy Downey and Barbara Cunningham with 67.50.

Bridge Paradise Master Point Leaders for March were Robert Phillips with 2.13 and Tomie Johnson with 1.84.

High Percentage Games for March were Robert Phillips and Leon Vaccarella with 61.85; Tomie Johnson and Dave Hertzog with 61.50.

Bridge A-Gap Master Point Leaders for March were Nancy Purcell with 3.04 and Marilyn Waggoner with 2.48. High Percentage Games for March were Nancy Purcell and Marilyn Waggoner with 65.84; Tomie Johnson and Dave Hertzog with 61.80.

Suite 16 Bridge Master Point Leaders for March were Margaret Kirkland with 4.20 and Kathleen Brown with 3.76. High Percentage Games for March were Nancy Purcell and Bernie Lange with 70.24; Jolene Brantley and Kathleen Brown with 66.67.

The Vernon Duplicate Bridge Club High Percentage games for March were Carrol Green and Susan Couch with 73.0; Patsy Cox and Beverly Patriquin with 68.0.



Greetings from the San Angelo and the Concho Valley! In this edition we'll offer recognize some of our high-achievers and recognize our club manager Suzanne Dorris who has been playing bridge for nearly half a century.

Starting off with the 2017 results for the Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race, we offer congratulations to first place winners in their respective masterpoint tiers including: Jana Barnard (1-5), Joy Foster (5-20), Charlotte Sisco (20-50), Michelle Hester (50-100), Larry Hettick (100-200), Carol Diminnie (200-300), Carolyn Reed-Jones (300-500), David Watson (500-100), Linda Cole (1000-5000), Barbara Wright (1500-2500), Suzanne Dorris (2500-3500), Neal Perlman (3500-5000), and Virginia Noelke (5000-7500). Virginia Noelke gets a special shout-out, having earned 433.85 points in 2017!

Congratulations also to Mary Bloodworth and Michele Hester who scored a 72% game in April, and to Debbie Farr and Marifranicis Watson who scored a 70.24% game in March. Kudos also go to the awesome Swiss Team featuring Linda Cole, Marifrances Watson, Carol Diminnie, and Joy Foster who won first in C at the recent Kerrville tournament.

Finally, we want to recognize Suzanne Dorris for her many years of bridge and service to this club. Suzanne has been and continues to be our local club manager, making sure that everything works well! Suzanne started playing bridge at the ripe old age of 10, learning the game from her mother and father, and she has played duplicate bridge for 48 years.

Suzanne's most memorable moments included placing well at the NAP finals several years back. She also fondly recalls good times at the Grand National Team Game when she, along with Sue Henry, Norma Walker, and Virginia Noelke placed well.

Suzanne is great at helping new players, and offers them this advice: "have fun, and keep learning." When asked about any stories she wanted to share, she grinned and said, "nothing I want to share, but we've sure had some wild times."

Thanks, Suzanne for all that you do for the game.

# Austin Firecracker Regional

July 2-8, 2018

Doubletree Hotel

## 299er Novice-Newcomer

Monday Pairs - 1:30pm & 6:30pm  
 Tue.-Sat. Pairs - 10:00am, 2:30pm & 7:30pm

## Two-session Pairs Games

Monday A/X/Y & Gold Rush Pairs - 1:30pm & 6:30pm  
 Tue.-Sat. A/X/Y & Gold Rush Pairs - 10:00am & 2:30pm  
 Sunday Stratified Open Pairs - 10:00am & TBA

## Stratified Side Game Pairs Series

Tue.-Sat. 10:00 am, 2:30pm & 7:30pm

## Team Events

KO 1 - Tuesday-Friday 7:30pm  
 KO 2 - Thurs. & Fri. 7:30pm; Sat. 10:00am & 2:30pm  
**Two-session Bracketed Swiss** -  
 Monday 1:30pm & 6:30pm  
 Tuesday-Saturday 10:00am & 2:30pm  
**Single-session Swiss** -  
 Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday; 7:30pm  
**Single-session Board-a-Match** - Wednesday 7:30pm  
**Sunday Swiss Teams** - (Strati-flighted A/X/Y and Bracketed BCD) 10:00am & TBA

## Stratification & Flighting

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

**Stratified Events:** A: 2500+, B: 750-2500, C: 0-750 Novice/Newcomer Pairs: A: 200-300, B: 50-200, C: 0-50  
 (Director has discretion on Novice strat settings)

**Strati-flighted Pairs:** A: 3000+; X: 1500-3000; Y: 0-1500  
 (A/X/Y play together); B: 0-750; C: 0-300 (B/C play together in Gold Rush)

**Sunday Strati-flighted Swiss:** A: 4000 +; X: 2500-4000; Y: 0-2500 (A/X/Y play together); 0-2000 Bracketed Swiss. Director has discretion on A/X/Y MP break

## Entry Fees

\$12/person/session Monday - Friday  
 \$13 Saturday (includes surcharge for Texas NABCs)  
 \$60/pair Sunday for open pairs & \$120/Swiss team  
 Meal provided Sunday between sessions  
 \$4 additional per session for unpaid ACBL members

## Gold Rush and Bracketed Swiss

Monday		Thursday
Tuesday		Friday
Wednesday		Saturday

## Doubletree Hotel

6505 IH 35 North, Austin, TX 78752  
 Reservations: 512-454-3737 or 800-347-0330  
 Booking Code: TCB  
 Room Rate: \$125 - Cut-off date: June 11

**This is a fragrance-free tournament.**

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