

District 16 Scorecard

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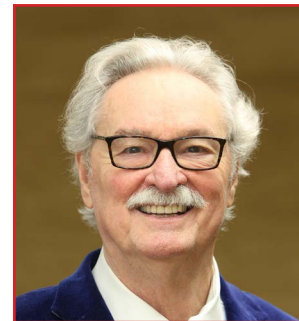
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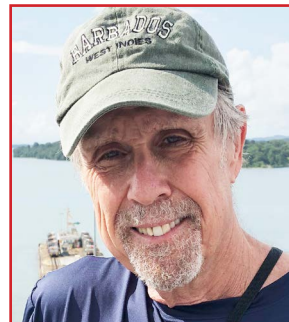
MEET THE NEW 2022 DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS



President
Betty Starzec



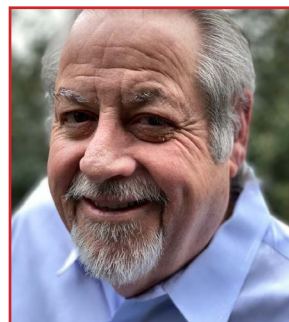
First Vice-President
Ken Monzingo



Second Vice-President
Dave Ticen



Secretary
Kristen Onsgard



Executive Treasurer
Tom Trudeau

Board members were elected on January 29th at the Houston Regional District Board Meeting and will serve for the next 2 years





A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Betty Starzec



The District 16 Board meeting at the Houston Lone Star Regional was the first face-to-face meeting of the board in two years. With the ability to “zoom” those board members unable to attend in person were still able to take part in the proceedings. The

board meeting also saw the election of new officers for 2022-2023. They are President – Betty Starzec; 1st Vice President – Ken Monzingo; 2nd Vice President, Dave Ticen; and Secretary – Kristen Onsgard. Tom Trudeau was reelected as Treasurer.

The board is excited to have some new faces step up to work as officers. Ken Monzingo, as most of you may remember as a past President of the ACBL, has an absolutely impressive resume as a bridge volunteer. You can read a short bio of him and the rest of the new officers on our district website. We also welcome Patricia Herrera as Education Coordinator. Patricia has been working with former coordinator, Kristen Onsgard, and is ready to assume her responsibilities.

Many thanks to our outgoing officers—Nancy Strohmer as President, Steve Shirey as 2nd Vice President and Tomi Storey as Secretary. Although all three continue on the board in various capacities, it is only fitting to salute them again for their dedication and hard work on behalf of our district, especially during this time of covid. Nancy is continuing to work on the many programs she initiated in her term which speaks to her amazing volunteer spirit. Tomi worked on the Executive Committee (EC) since 2014 (amazing) and still continues as STaC Coordinator. Steve gave the EC clear and decisive opinions on key questions and continues as Unit Representative. We salute you all!

The board approved at its prior meeting the

addition of a Presidential “Extra Mile” Award which Nancy presented at the board meeting. You can read Nancy’s article on the recipients. There are also separate articles on the Teacher of the Year recipient and the Award Celebration held on Saturday during the Lone Star Regional.

As we are once again playing face to face, we recognize how much we have missed the experience of playing together. Players were seemingly thrilled to be back in person and many told me it seemed like they were finally back home. While the tournaments and clubs may need time rebuilding their attendance, there is no doubt that the face to face game is an absolute different game from playing online.

Getting our “table feel” back is one of the key components in coming back together. It is still possible that some of our tournaments may be cancelled. If so, it is imperative that you contact Scott Humphrey with your decision – Scott is the first step in the cancellation process. Hopefully, we will come back soon to our pre-pandemic table counts and any cancellations will be behind us.

See you at the table!

Betty





DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Paul Cuneo

As we enter 2022, the ACBL Board stands at 20 members after the first round of regional director elections. 2021 was a good year financially for the league although final numbers have not been sent to the board. I'm expecting to see a profit of around \$750,000.

While the financial results are good news, disturbing trends continue:

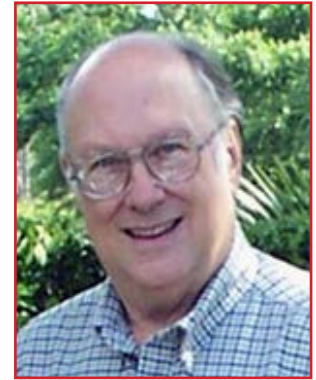
- Membership continues to decline – 141,000 members down 7% from a year ago.
- New member recruitment down at 4,193 versus 10,000 pre-pandemic.
- Rent paying clubs are in serious jeopardy as F2F attendance is about half of pre-pandemic. Without income from online VACB games, few can survive.
- F2F tournaments are around 50% as well.

Unless these trends can be reversed in 2022, the outlook is for a significantly smaller ACBL over time. The Board and Management will be working on this during 2022.

Two major decisions from the January 17 special Board meeting:

1. Beginning in Providence, the start times for the NABC level events will move to 10 am. The 2nd session will vary some as NABC+ events take more time and may have start times later than 3 pm.

2. For violations of the Code of Disciplinary Regulations after February 1, 2022, where the charging party seeks suspension for more than 6 months, the hearing will be held by the Institute for Bridge Arbitration which is under the auspices of the American Arbitration Association (AAA).



The Institute was created for the purpose of training high level bridge players in arbitration so they can be affiliated with the AAA. There are essentially no appeals of the decision this way.

I'm looking forward to the Reno Board meeting and NABC. Hopefully by then, masks will not be required at the event due to the reduced spread of Covid 19 and we'll have player choice as we do in our clubs.

Best wishes for success to those representing D16 in the North American Pairs finals.

Paul Cuneo



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2022 D16 TEACHER OF THE YEAR SAM KHAYATT OF HOUSTON



TEACHER OF THE YEAR WINNER SAM KHAYATT
From left: Betty Starzec, Sam Khayatt, Nancy Strohmmer, Ed Rawlinson

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The 2022 District 16 Teacher of the Year (ToY) Award was presented to Sam Khayatt at the Lone Star Regional. D16 recognizes and honors teaching excellence with the ToY award after a lengthy nomination and selection process by the ToY Committee chaired by Ed Rawlinson. Students as well as leaders in the bridge community nominate candidates. Candidates must provide sample materials and explain their teaching philosophy, methods and best practices. Sam had been named a finalist in 2020 by the committee and due to covid there was not a recipient in 2021. The award was announced by Ed and presented by Nancy Strohmmer, outgoing D16 President.

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Sam took her first bridge lessons 30 years ago but didn't know how to find a place to play. After a second set of lessons 10 years later, she played "a little", but a relocation and work responsibilities shut that down. In 2011 a friend re-introduced her to bridge, and this time she was hooked. A year later Sam arrived in Houston with 8 master points. She now plays 3-4 times a week. She became a Life Master in 2018 and is now a Silver Life Master.

The club manager at the Bridge Club of Houston saw her potential as a teacher and asked her to consider becoming certified. Recognizing how she had benefitted from the lessons she had received from her teachers and mentors, she decided to "pay it forward". She became an ACBL Accredited Teacher in 2016 and an ACBL Certified Best Practices Instructor in 2019.



Sam chose to utilize a “coaching” style rather than a “lecturing” style. In the 16-week Beginning Bridge classes, she recruits an “assistant coach” to serve as a host at each table to answer questions or provide feedback. This model was so effective on a face-to-face basis pre-Covid that she has used the same model for Zoom and BBO classes during Covid. Beginning players also had the option to play in daily Future Life Masters 99er games preceded by a lecture during Silver Linings and Stardust Weeks. Sam also facilitated four monthly 0-20 games with an expert-led hand review after the game.

For players with 100-300 points, Sam provides individual mentoring. In 2021, she had 2-4 official mentor games per month and at least 30 informal mentor games. Sam provides a review of the hands either in person or in writing after each game.

So what does Sam do when she’s not teaching or mentoring? For starters, there’s another impressive list of other contributions to bridge. She directs a BCOH game on Thursday nights. She helped with the setup of the virtual BCOH games on BBO. She has served on the BCOH Board of Directors. She was a co-editor of the Unit 174 newsletter and has been the hospitality chair of the Lone Star Regional for several years. She is currently the District 16 I/N Coordinator. And there’s more: Sam’s been teaching Microsoft Word as a volunteer instructor at the Kingwood Library since 2013 and is also an AARP volunteer tax counselor.



Congratulations, Sam and thanks for your exceptional service!



Sam receives the award from Nancy



District 16 Star Awards recipients, BJ Sanders, Gary Hercules, & Sam

PAST HONOREES

- 2021: No Competition/Award due to Pandemic
- 2020: Ed Rawlinson
- 2019: Robert “Buck” Buchanan
- 2018: Gary King
- 2017: Nancy Smalley
- 2016: Laura Delfeld, Dave Glandorf,
& Mary Jane Orock





DISTRICT 16 AWARDS

Betty Starzec

District 16 recognized its Jacoby, Star and Goodwill recipients in person for the first time in two years with an awards celebration between sessions on Friday of the Lone Star Regional in Houston. Betty Starzec, Awards Chair, read the names of all the recipients, while Nancy Strohmer, outgoing District 16 President, presented the awards to all recipients that were in attendance. (Unit Presidents were mailed the awards for those unable to attend.) The celebration was made even more of an event with a lunch of tacos, chips and salsa, compliments of the district.

The last Scorecard issue published the names of the 2020 Jacoby recipient as well as the 2021 recipients of the Star and Goodwill awards. The following is the 2021 Jacoby recipient and the 2022 recipients of the Star and Goodwill awards.

The Oswald & James Jacoby Service Award is District 16's premier service award. Established in 1982, this award honors volunteers who have worked diligently at both the Unit and District level after many years of service. The selection of the recipient is made by a committee of former Jacoby recipients.

The District 16 **Star Award** honors Unit volunteers who work steadfastly to promote Unit bridge and to further Unit activities. The Star Award was established in 1995 and as formerly known as the Texas Star Award. The Unit may choose one recipient each year.

The District 16 **Goodwill Award** recognizes and honors players who exhibit a spirit of courtesy, kindness and tact at the bridge table. These are the ambassadors of goodwill to all other players. The Unit may choose two recipients each year.



NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN FOR THE 2022 JACOBY AWARD

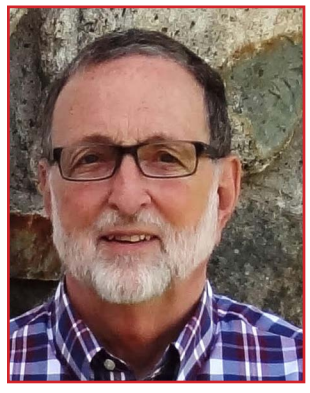
The Oswald and James Jacoby Service Award was established in 1982. It is designed to honor those volunteers who have worked diligently at the unit level and risen to recognition at the district level after many years of outstanding service. It is District 16's premier Service Award. The Awards Committee only considers volunteers nominated by a unit. Although the district only presents one award annually, qualified nominations of those not selected in a current year are still available for consideration in the future.

Nominations for the 2022 Oswald and James Jacoby Award must be received by the Awards Chair, Betty Starzec, (Lstarzec@comcast.net), by **July 1, 2022**. The Jacoby Award will be presented at the **Dallas Labor Day Regional** on Saturday before the second session.





UNIT 176 DALLAS JIM BAUER WINS D16 JACOBY AWARD



Unit 176 is pleased and proud to nominate Jim Bauer for the Oswald and James Jacoby Service Award. This is an award that is given to members who represent the best of service to the District and Jim, if you will pardon the pun, has done that in spades.

District service always grows from Unit beginnings. Jim has served 2 three-year terms on the Unit 176 Board. During that time, he served as Vice President and President multiple times. He also served as the Unit Game coordinator, at a time when that meant hauling supplies each month from Unit storage to the game site, giving him a true hands-on approach. He was chairman of the Nominating Committee for 5 years and in that time, his hard work and discerning eye brought some great candidates to the board. It is hard to say no when asked by Jim to serve alongside him. He was a member of the Unit Disciplinary committee for 10 years and handled issues with fairness and objectivity. He even found time to co-chair a sectional. It was a great financial success, although his co-chair admitted he refused to be in charge of the coffee. Even a great volunteer has his limits, it seems.

More recently, Jim and another one of our volunteers surveyed different venues for our regional tournaments to be sure the Unit was getting the best deal possible. Together they negotiated another 5 years of contract space for our Dallas Labor Day regional.

As Jim worked hard for our Unit, he also began to work at the District level. His interest in playing in the Grand National Teams led him to become the District GNT Committee Chair for two years. He also served as committee chair for an ad hoc committee created to establish goals and objectives for the District. He was appointed to represent Unit 176 on the District Board three years ago and continues to serve there. While in that position of the Board, he was appointed to chair yet another ad hoc committee, to review ways to reduce the costs of the Scorecard to the Units and develop and evaluated paper versus online methodologies. This resulted in substantial savings to Units that chose to go to digital only delivery, while maintaining costs to units who wanted to stay with paper issues. As a result, he was appointed and served as the Scorecard Committee chair for a year. Subsequently, he served on a follow-up ad hoc Scorecard committee whose recommendations were recently accepted by the District Board of Directors resulting in an all-digital format and a further reduction in the cost of publication.

Jim served as 2nd Vice President for District 16. We consider ourselves truly fortunate to have such able representation.

We would be remiss if we left out the honors Jim has already received. In October of this year he became an Emerald Life Master. He claims it is just from longevity, but his opponents know better. They also know that Jim is a true gentleman at the table, just a small part of the reason he has been presented the Texas Star (now known as the District Star) for service at the Unit level, but a huge part of his nomination to the National Goodwill Committee.

We look at Jim as the true definition of what it takes to win the Jacoby Award. He serves quietly but is always ready to take on projects that need leadership. We hope this helps the Award committee make a selection that will recognize his selflessness and dedication to the game of bridge.





2022 STAR AWARD RECIPIENTS

UNIT 174, HOUSTON GARY HERCULES

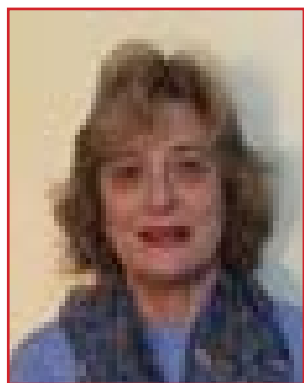


Gary Hercules has been volunteering in a variety of capacities since 2007. He has helped whenever asked or wherever needed including participation at numerous tournament set-ups, tear downs, working at the partnership or hospitality table, and taking inventory of our unit's supplies.

As our Unit Treasurer for over seven years, Gary donated his accounting services for the benefit of our unit, making himself available without hesitation throughout his tenure, managing our unit's treasury (which took countless volunteer hours monthly) and attending most every board meeting.

Previously honored for his good-natured way as a District 16 Unit Goodwill recipient, we now bestow the District Star Award to Gary Hercules with appreciation.

UNIT 176, DALLAS MARTHA YOUNG



If there ever was a definitive jack-of-all-trades, it is truly Martha Young. The woman can do anything - she is dynamic, persuasive, relentless and passionate when pursuing whatever goals she sets. She served two terms on the board of directors holding the offices of vice president, secretary and two of those years as a singularly incredible president.

She personally built the Learn Bridge in a Day program; lobbied for the online Scorecard in order to save the Unit money; created a workbook outlining all the procedures for running our sectionals; developed a calendar for what the board needed to do and when to do it; wrote the Unit news column for the Scorecard her first year on the board. The woman is the quintessential organizer. Martha loves people and was instrumental gathering her friends and acquaintances into our volunteer fold. She is truly a star and we are so proud to name her as the 2022 District Star Award recipient





UNIT 183, FORT WORTH KIM BRINKMAN



Kim Brinkman for a number of years has been the strength and stability and the heart and soul of the Denton Bridge Studio. She has enthusiastically promoted bridge in her role as Studio Manager, while serving on Unit committees and various assignments for the District including planning and directing a beginners' online game for district players with 0-50 points.

While teaching, directing, and organizing NLM tournaments, she has rapidly risen through the playing ranks supporting tournaments throughout the United States. We are happy to recognize Kim for her major contributions to bridge and Unit 183.



UNIT 187, SOUTH TEXAS MARY ANNE WILKINSON



Our nominee for the District Star is Mary Anne Wilkinson. Her story - she is a native of Corpus Christi. She attended Northwestern U. where she was a Delta Gamma, important because she started to learn to play party bridge at the sorority house. She majored in Spanish, returning to Corpus Christi after graduation to teach and continue to play bridge. She attended the University of Illinois for a Master of Arts in Spanish and a Ph.D in Spanish Linguistics. She returned to Corpus Christi again to teach at CC State University continuing to play bridge with friends. Mary Anne also worked at the Education Service Center, Region 2, and in central administration at CC ISD. After working with Austin ISD as the

magnate director at Fulmore Middle School she returned to Corpus Christi with partner Bill Samelson. Mary Anne and Bill upgraded their bridge by playing with Bill's mother Chris Samelson, a longtime life master in CC, approximately 20 hours a week for 3 years. She and Bill joined there So. Texas Bridge Assn. Unit 187 in 2019 and worked diligently to learn duplicate bridge. Mary Anne has over 400 MP's although her rank is still NABC Master. The next level is very close.

Mary Anne is a very valued member of our club. She serves as President and as a member of the Board of Directors of South Texas Bridge Assn. She has passed the Directors Test and is also a participating director of games at the club. She plays regularly in CC, in Rockport and on BAND. We feel she certainly is deserving of the District Star.





UNIT 197, LLANO ESTACADO LEANNE THORNBERRY



I am so glad I did not learn to play bridge in college as my husband did. I might have never graduated. He wanted me to learn and I went to a class. The second night, the instructor yelled at me. I never went back, but got a bridge book. I played party bridge with a group that wanted to continue to improve. I started playing duplicate, joined ACBL, and went to a couple of tournaments, but with the start of a family did not play until the kids were grown. On a TransAtlantic cruise, I played and was hooked. My husband did not want to play but his hunting buddy wanted to try duplicate and we started playing once a week as we were both still working.

After retirement I attended some classes and when asked if I would teach a beginners class, I wanted to help build back attendance at our club. I am sure I have learned a lot more than my fluctuating students. Changing my approach with teaching by doing and continually reteaching the basics, we have increased our 299er group, thus increasing our club attendance—my original objective.

UNIT 205, AMISTAD LANE GALLOWAY



Lane Galloway is a retired software architect living in Ajijic, Jalisco, Mexico. His parents taught him bridge during a blackout when he was a boy; sometimes he still feels like he is playing in the dark. He took up duplicate about 25 years ago and is currently a Silver Life Master. Formerly a member of the Unit Board in Seattle, Lane is currently the Club Manager for the Lake Chapala Duplicate Bridge Club.

No one has worked harder than Lane since the pandemic started in March of 2020 to keep bridge alive at the Lake Chapala Club. Lane was also recognized as ACBL's 2021 Goodwill Member of the Year.





UNIT 207, TEXAS CAPITAL BJ SANDERS



Along with husband, Mark, BJ Sanders came to Bridge via mentoring from two amazing people, Audrey and Ken Kennedy, who gave the Sanders a 9-page handout that taught (5-card major) Goren and Strong Twos. Through Audrey's prodding BJ sought out the local Duplicate Bridge Club in Austin, contacted Larry Davis in 2005, and the rest has been an amazing journey.

BJ has served on the Bridge Center of Austin Board as Secretary, taught and directed a Beginner's Bridge game as well as a Saturday Night Bridge game, worked with Fran Vanecko in San Antonio to create the "I-35 Cup," hosted Mike Lawrence twice as he came and taught in Austin, was District Coordinator for the GNTs, Chaired the I/N's at the Austin Regional in 2014 and 2016, and most recently Chaired, along with an amazing Team, the Fall 2021 NABC in Austin. She currently is the Unit 207 Representative on the District 16 Board and a member of the ACBL Goodwill Committee.

BJ and Mark love locating the local Bridge Club whenever they travel, both home and abroad. They have met and played with many folks in the US and Mexico as well as Rome, the Canary Islands, and Rio de Janeiro.

UNIT 225, EAST TEXAS SANDRA O'BANNON



Sandra O'Bannon is Unit 225's recipient of the District Star Award for 2022. Sandra has been serving as Treasurer for Unit 225 during the past 4 years. During this time, she undertook the arduous task of having our state tax exemption status reinstated. This process involved hours researching archives for past income tax documents, consulting with a CPA to submit the proper documentation, and numerous phone calls with various state and federal tax entities. Reinstating the Unit's tax-exempt status will save the Unit thousands of dollars in the future.

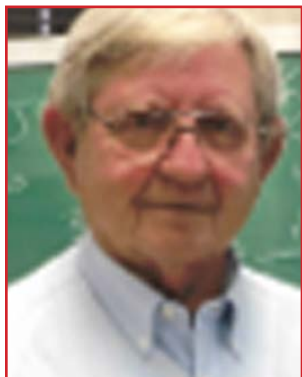
Beyond the job of Treasurer, Sandra has served as Chair of Nominating Committee, Co-Chair of the 2019 Tournament of Roses, Hospitality Chair, Awards Subcommittee, and others. And while accomplishing all this, Sandra achieved her Life Master in 2021.

Sandra's willing spirit serves the Unit and her clubs in a myriad of ways. She is very deserving of the District Star Award for Unit 225.





UNIT 233, CENTRAL TEXAS TOM CORLETT



Tom Corlett is the driving force behind the Sul Ross Bridge Clubs in Waco, Texas. He has kept the environment safe during the COVID-19 virus, making sure everyone was safe and that they had a safe place to play Bridge.

Tom has been a mentor for both Waco and Temple players. He traveled from Waco to Temple several years on Wednesday to play at the CAC, mentoring new players. He has chaired the Waco Tournament in the past and he has been a supporter of local tournaments and through the years he has supported the Regional Tournaments.

Throughout the years he has received many awards including the Oswald and James Jacoby Award in 2010. He teaches Bridge on Friday at Sul Ross. Tom encourages players to become Directors and helps guide them in making the right decisions. He has worked with committees for District 16 Board.



GOODWILL AWARDS

Unit 174 Goodwill Cindy Cox and Jimmy Breihan

Unit 176 Goodwill Jan Welsh

Unit 183 Goodwill Milt Birmingham and Tom Nute

Unit 187 Goodwill Terry Spang of Rockport and Mabel Byrnes of Corpus Christi

Unit 197 Goodwill Annette Sides and Phyllis Kinnison

Unit 201 Goodwill Lucille Armintor and Valerie Townley-Smith

Unit 205 Goodwill John Betz and Don Ross

Unit 207 Goodwill Harry Ingham and Melinda Simmen

Unit 225 Goodwill Lawrence Brough

Unit 233 Goodwill Cathy Valentine & Amy Wilson





RACHELL JACKSON & TOM TRUDEAU RECEIVE THE PRESIDENTIAL EXTRA MILE AWARD

The Presidential Extra Mile Award has been created to recognize volunteers in the District who have contributed over and beyond their normal duties. This Award is given by the District President and is presented at the Lone Star Regional-Houston. At the recent Lone Star Regional, Nancy Strohmer awarded the 2020 Presidential Extra Mile Award to Rachell Jackson and the 2021 Presidential Extra Mile Award to Tom Trudeau. Both have certainly “made a difference” to District 16 currently and for the future.

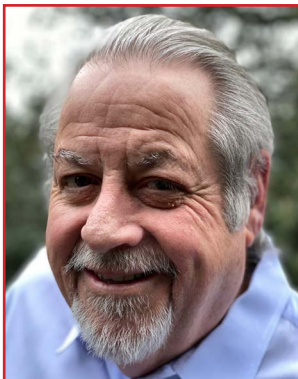
RACHELL JACKSON



When Rachell was approached to join the Board as Publicity Coordinator which developed into the Publicity/Marketing Coordinator, it wasn't long before she offered to create and manage a District 16 Group Page on Facebook. We now have 617 members and it's growing.

When asked to create a Policies, Procedures and Job Description Manual, Rachell accepted enthusiastically. This was no small task and became a 9-month daily project! The Manual is exceptional and is in high demand by other districts. The Manual will change how we operate in the future in a positive and productive way. Rachell is a member of Texas Capital, Unit 207.

TOM TRUDEAU



When Tom accepted the invitation to join the Board as Executive Treasurer, he dug in the books at lightning speed and made many immediate improvements to our accounting system. He reinstated our tax-exempt status as well as resolved outstanding tax issues successfully.

Under Tom's watch, the District has saved a lot of money. When the District joined the 99er Nite Club East game, Tom immediately

provided a structure to receive the money from these games and effectively distribute money to the participating clubs. Tom has taken the initiative to improve every aspect of our financial area.

Tom is a member of Unit 172, San Antonio.



Tom receives his award from Nancy Strohmer





Rebecca Brown receives the 2020 Jacoby Award from Nancy Strohmmer



Tomi Storey accepts the 2021 Jacoby Award for Jim Bauer from Nancy Strohmmer

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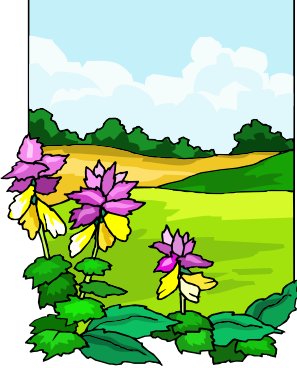
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D16-ScorecardEditor@twc.com

The next edition of Scorecard will be published in May, 2022.
Content submissions are due by April 15th.
If for whatever reason you need more time, please let me know in advance so I can plan space.



Kerrville Spring in the Hills



April 21st – 24th, 2022

Inn of the Hills

1001 Junction Hwy

Kerrville, TX

1-800-292-5690

Bridge Rate \$109 if booked by March 22, 2022

Request San Antonio Bridge League Rate

Full breakfast buffet for 12.95 daily if booked with room

Thursday, April 21st

Stratified Pairs	10:00 am
Stratified Swiss Teams	3:00 pm
499er Pairs	10:00 am & 3:00 pm

Friday, April 22nd

Stratified Pairs	10:00 am & 3:00 pm
499er Pairs	10:00 am & 3:00 pm

Saturday, April 23rd

Stratified Pairs	10:00 am & 3:00 pm
499er Pairs	10:00 am & 3:00 pm

Sunday, April 24th

Margaret Higgins Bracketed Swiss	10:00 am & TBA
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Unless changed to Stratified by Director

GAME SCHEDULE MAY BE CHANGED BY DIC

499er PAIRS WITH 3 TABLE MINIMUM

Card Fees: \$13/person/session
\$128/team/Sunday Swiss (includes lunch)

Stratifications:

A: 2500+ B:750-2500 C:0-750

All events average MP's

Tournament Chairs:

Karen Fillis 210-884-5613

Rosemary Kelley 512-825-1720

Partnership: Carol Ramberg 210-436-9523

carol.ramberg1210@gmail.com

Director in Charge – Tom Marsh



Unit 174 Proudly Presents the
2022



April 8th thru 10th



Vote one hour prior to each session on Fri/Sat and Sunday morning

Election Sectional

ARABIA SHRINE CENTER

10510 Harwin Dr,
Houston, TX 77036



Stratification

Stratified Open Pairs

A:3000+ X:750-3000 Y:0-750

Stratified 299'r Pairs

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

Bracketed Swiss

Brackets of 7-9 teams



Table Fees

Friday/Saturday: \$ 13 (\$4 more for lapsed members)
Sunday: \$ 15 (Sunday lunch included)

SPRINGHILL SUITES by Marriott

5851 Rogerdale Rd, Houston, TX 77072
(832) 300-0200 - Room Rate \$79 (AARP Discount)

HOUSTON MARRIOTT WESTCHASE

2900 Briarpark Dr., Houston TX 77042
(713) 978-7400 - Room Rate: \$99

Covid Safety

See Unit 174 website (acblunit174.org)
for latest guidelines

Playing Schedule

Friday and Saturday, Apr 8 & 9th

Stratified Open Pairs	10 & 2:30
Stratified 299'r Pairs (<i>single sessions</i>)	10 & 2:30
Side Game (<i>single sessions</i>)	10 & 2:30
0- 20 Apollo pairs (<i>Fri & Sat Only</i>)	10
Bracketed Swiss	10 & 2:30

Sunday, Apr 10th

Stratified Open Pairs (<i>single sessions</i>)	10 & 2:30
Stratified 299'r Pairs (<i>single sessions</i>)	10 & 2:30
Bracketed Swiss	10 & 2:30

Unit 174 annual meeting between sessions
Proposed bylaw change to be voted on
by our membership

Election Results & Awards (10 min) 2:20

Tournament Chairs

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Charles Dalton

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(713) 861-3399

Hospitality Chair

Karen Nimmons
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I/N Chair

Betty Westbrook
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Partnership

Carol Jewett
Pm8ck@aol.com
(713) 517-7436



Guest Speakers - 2:00 Friday and Saturday

Friday: **Joe Quinn**

Be Scent-sitive

Saturday: **Vinh Tran**

Unit 174 to Hold Board Election April 8-10, 2022

All members in good standing in Unit 174 will have the opportunity to vote for three members to its Board of Directors April 8-10, 2022, during the Election Sectional at the Marriott Houston Westchase. The three newly elected members will be announced prior to the second session on Sunday, April 10 and join Dave Becker, Charles Dalton, Greg May, Kathy McDougall, Karen Nussbaum, and Thomas Rush to complete the full nine-member Board. This year's Nominating Committee consisting of Paul Nimmons (chair), Hallie Eads, Nancy Guthrie, Terry Harrison, and Catherine Miller urges you to vote, either in person, early online, or absentee ballot.

John DuBose



I am a mostly retired programming geophysicist who has been an active duplicate player ever since college.

Having mostly let other people do the good work of organizing and running the tournaments and handling business details, I feel it is my turn to step up.

Byron Fackenthall

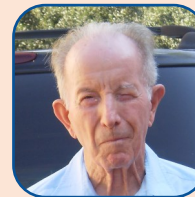


I am a retired Air Force officer and Xerox Manager. My academic background is Rutgers University, BBA; George Washington University, Master's degree in International Affairs; University of Northern Colorado, MBA; Air Command and Staff College and Air War College.

I have spent the last 40 years in Houston, 25 summers in Northeast New Mexico. I have been very active in both bridge communities. I served at the Hospitality desk during tournaments and the Partnership desk in New Mexico and in Houston and have been involved in the Mentor/Mentee program.

I wanted to give more back to the game and to my friends but was unable to serve due to split locations. I plan to stay in Houston and now I am able to serve. I am a team builder and made a difference wherever I have been.

Dick McGaughy



A native Texan, I received my BS from Texas A&M in Architectural Construction and was later certified as a P.E. in 20 states and a Surveyor in Texas. In addition to having my own firm for 25 years doing engineering design of low & midrise buildings, I was also a Lt Colonel in the Army Reserves.

I learned to play bridge in 1954 playing after school in Kansas City having my first experience with duplicate in college where I learned to score travelers. After a 50 year break with family & career taking priority, I started again first with party bridge again in 2011 and then duplicate in Jan 2013, playing 5 times a week and at tournaments.

I believe we need to find ways to interest the younger generation that bridge is more competitive and personal than computer games without the violence.

Ashok Shingavi



I am a Gold Life Master and a club director.

I started playing bridge by becoming captain of the Bechtel bridge team and playing in intercompany tourneys against teams from B&R, Kellogg, Exxon, and UH in 1973.

I became a life master with 300 points by playing in several club, sectional, regional and national tournaments which included a match against Bill Gates in Seattle.

I have volunteered in local clubs and feel I would be a great asset to Unit 174.

Sarah Springer



I practice law for a living, but I prefer to play bridge. Playing duplicate in the Houston area has enhanced my life immeasurably – while playing the best game ever I have made so many friends and now I want to give back to our bridge community.

As your representative on the Unit 174 Board, I will work to make our bridge odyssey the best it can be. Post Covid affords us the opportunity to forge a new and improved bridge experience for all players.

I will listen to your ideas and together we can build on the old and create the environment which best serves all players, new, intermediate and advanced.

Eric Watson



I first learned bridge from mother at age 13 and played socially until I joined the ACBL in 1990. Beginning in 2010, I began training as a director at Houston Bridge Studio. I became a Life Master in 2009, Bronze Life Master in 2015 and Silver Life Master in 2019.

In 2014, I began working as a director and was trained as a club manager by Sue Williams. I purchased the Sugar Land club from Sue in December 2015 and established a dba for Fort Bend County Duplicate Bridge Club. I have managed and directed the games since that time.

I have an MBA in Marketing and finance and life work experience as a banker and paralegal. Since I am retired, I have the time, experience, and willingness to serve the Unit on the board.

Voting Information

For a ballot to be counted, a member must vote for at least one candidate, which can include a write-in candidate. **In-person voting** will take place one hour before each session of the tournament on Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning. **Early online voting** will be available from March 14 until April 5 at 3pm. Go to www.acblunit174.org, click on the VOTE button on the right hand side of the page, and follow the instructions. **To vote by mail**, contact the Election Judge, Ken Hudson, by March 12 via U.S. mail, e-mail, or telephone to request an Official Ballot. His contact information is 1903 Park Lodge Ct, Houston, TX 77062; email is kghudson@comcast.net (281) 488-1781. The ballot must be returned per provided instructions and postmarked no later than March 25 and must be received by the Election Judges no later than April 5 to be counted.

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UNIT 174 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO DISTRICT SCORECARD

Karen Nussbaum



Our Unit 174 Lone Star Regional was a success, and those attending had a great time, and many players moved up in rank. Our two local speakers, Gary King and Bob Morris, were terrific as always. We also had three new guest speakers, Robert Todd, Ken Monzingo and Jacob Morgan. Their topics and handouts are available on the Unit 174 website. And a special Thank You to District 16 for providing the beautiful cakes on Friday afternoon for Teacher Appreciation Day, and for the chicken tacos lunch that was provided on Saturday.

The **Election Sectional** is coming up April 8-10. It will be at the Arabia Shrine Center, 10510 Harwin Dr., Houston 77036. On-line voting will be available March 14th thru April 5th, and in person voting at the Election Sectional will end when the morning game begins. Hope to see everyone there!

THANKS TO THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED MAKE THE HOUSTON REGIONAL A SUCCESS





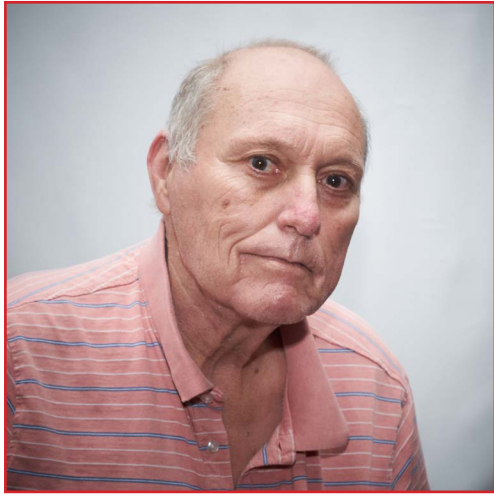
FRIENDS, FOOD & FUN AT A GREAT REGIONAL





HOUSTON REGIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW LIFE MASTERS



Far left:
Life Master &
Bronze Life Master
MORGAN PATRICK

Left
Life Master
PATTI DUNNELL

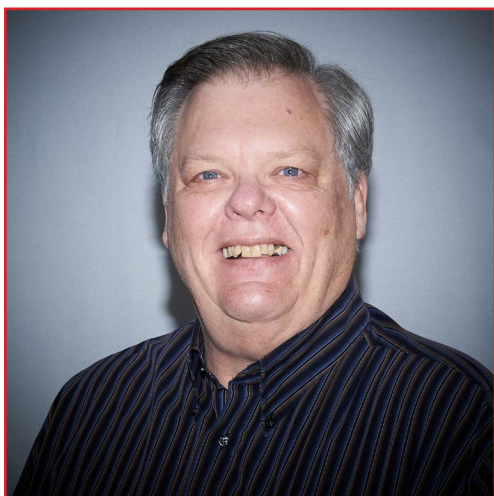


Life Master
CAROL MURRAY

A Special Congratulations to Our New Diamond Life Master



BARBARA PHILLIPS



Life Master
JOHN MUELLER





HOUSTON REGIONAL WINNERS



Thur A X Pairs X
Ted Bain III- Carolyn Lanier



Thur Bkt Swiss 1
Ralda St Pierre, John Erickson,
Mike Doyle, Eddie Bass



Thur Bkt Swiss 2
Janice Sandberg, Harold Copeland,
Eric Sandberg, Raleigh Williamson



Thur Bkt Swiss 5
Susan Stone, Marilyn Jordan,
Janet Smith, Carol Krug



Thur Bkt Swiss 6
Millie Ortego, Frances Kellner,
Kathy Young, William Freeman



Thur Bkt Swiss 7
Linda Conner, Barbara Fitz-Hugh,
Lynn Flynn, Molly Silvia



Thur Gold Rush Pairs Z
Gretchen Lindquist, Amy Grossman



Fri Bkt Swiss 2
Lisa Sommer, Dorothy Hyden,
Charles Sommer, Edward Texel



Fri Bkt Swiss 3
Kas Rangan, Courtney Coffman,
David Richard, Steven Bell





Fri Bkt Swiss 4
Carol Lombardino, John Montgomery,
Debbie Nash, Bill Nash



Fri Bkt Swiss 5
Donna Hrachovy, Marilyn Fraser,
Martin Hrachovy, Kathy Sinkin-Amor



Fri Bkt Swiss 7
Constance Javor, Kenneth Javor,
Ross Ramsey, Stuart Nelan



NAP A
Yang Song, Hua Yang



NAP A
Phillip Grothus, Kerr Godfrey



NAP C
Arvind Sharma, Sharon Harbach



Sat Bkt Swiss 2
Tomi Storey, Eddie Bass,
Scott Nason, Jeff Dater



Sat Bkt Swiss 3
Janice Sandberg, Harold Copeland,
Eric Sandberg, Raleigh Williamson



Sat Bkt Swiss 4
Courtney Coffman, Nile Gross,
David Richard, Steven Bell





Sat Bkt Swiss 5
Pamela White, Linda Drake,
David Littmann, Hasin Jinna



Sat Bkt Swiss 6
Scott Cantor, Ava Noble,
Gregory Andrews, Mike Davis



Sat Gold Rush Pairs
Debrah Chockley, Judy Bouska



Sat Morn Side Pairs
Paul Fafoutakis, Barbara Grantham



Sun 0-3000 Bkt Swiss 1
James Sells, Paddy Fiorino,
Jay Evert, Steven Gordon



Sun 0-3000 Bkt Swiss 2
Ava Noble, Rupa Shah,
Susan Domsalla, Scott Cantor



Mon Aft Ed Fund B
Clif Rice, Chris Kollenberg





Mon Bkt Swiss 2
James Sells, Paddy Florino,
Gregory Andrews, Jay Evert



Mon Eve Ed Fund B
Harry Ingham, Jeffrey Walker



Mon Gold Rush Pairs
Ava Noble, Scott Cantor



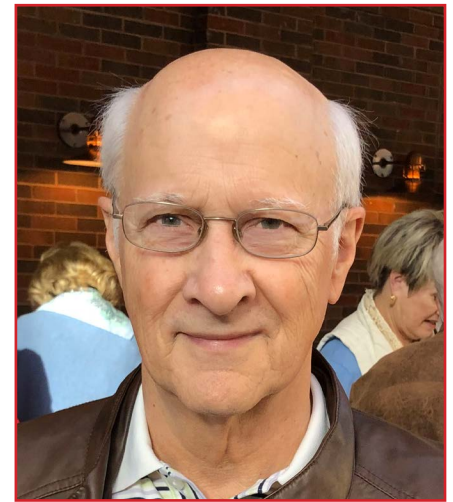
FEBRUARY SEES 3 PLAYERS REACH 10,000 STATUS
CONGRATULATIONS TO
RON, ELLEN, & JACK
OUR NEWEST PLATINUM LIFE MASTERS



RON LACOUR



ELLEN HESSEL



JACK LAVIGNE





SILVER POINTS ! SILVER POINTS! SILVER POINTS!

499/NLM Tournament

Apr 21 – Apr 24, 2022

4688 Louetta Rd., Spring TX (next to Tuesday Morning)
281-651-6550 | thebridgeclub@sbcglobal.net

Partnership

Need a partner? Contact **Janice Hardcastle** at 832-643-1704 or janice_hardcastle@hotmail.com.

Stratification

A = 500 **B** = 300 **C** = 100

Strats may vary at the director's discretion

Lunch / Snacks

Free snacks and drinks available all days. Lunch available for \$5 on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, if ordered by 10am.

Entry Fees

ACBL Member (current)

\$10 per session per player

Lapsed ACBL Member

\$14 per session per player

Tournament Chair
Bill and Judy Farrar

bfarrar1@swbell.net

Pre-registration highly recommended on our website (www.bridgewebs.com/bcoh) for pairs and swiss teams

A swiss team sign-up sheet will also be available at the tournament

Event Schedule

Thursday, April 21

♠ 499r Pairs 10am
♠ 499r Pairs 2pm

Friday, April 22

♠ 499r Pairs 10am
♠ 499r Pairs 2pm

Saturday, April 23

♠ 499r Pairs 10am
♠ 499r Pairs 2pm

Sunday, April 24

♠ 499r Swiss Team 1:30pm

Ask the Expert

On **Sunday, Apr 24, from 12:30-1:15pm**, expert players will answer questions about your tournament hands. They will also discuss hands which demonstrate an interesting bidding, declarer or defense situation.

*Proof of Covid vaccination required to enter
Masks optional
Club HVAC system, filters recently upgraded*

Next 499/NLM tournament
Jun 23-26, 2022



FEBRUARY & MARCH RANK CHANGES*

— FEBRUARY —



JUNIOR MASTER

Gwendolyn Atchison (207)
Michael Atchison (207)
Tere Gomez Junco (173)
Robin Hughes (209)
Marci Keller (174)
William King (207)
Larry Koenig (174)
Paul Marino (207)
Catharine McDonald (174)
Tim Mulkey (207)
Gregory Phillips (207)
Kay Rankin (207)
Dianne Robbins (183)
Suzanne Sebo (174)

CLUB MASTER

Robert Ball (187)
Ethan Collins (225)
Gerald Fritz (174)
Patti Klein (207)
Fred Leyrer (176)
Traci McCaskill (174)
G Maxine Moye (201)
Monica Orozco (173)
Raymond Orriss (174)
Karen Schmidt (225)
Kathy Toothaker (183)



SECTIONAL MASTER

Jack Bailey (174)
Barbara Beach (172)
Karl Beach (172)
Bill Brady (174)
Colin Everitt (207)
Charles Good (187)
Patricia Good (187)
Bill Jenkins (174)
Sharon Jenkins (174)
Cindy Johnson (207)
Gary Koenig (207)
Christine Pillow (174)
William Price (174)
Cynthia Williams (197)

REGIONAL MASTER

Joan Byers (176)
Anne Miraglia (174)
Kim Satterfield (183)
Tina Spera (174)

NABC MASTER

Karen Elaine Dameron (207)
Melissa Gordon (176)
David Holcomb (172)
Julie Holloway (176)
Cassie Jean (225)
Valerie Lawlor (176)
Phyllis Maddox (174)
Ron Sassen (207)
Valerie Townley-Smith (201)
Mary Vagnoni (174)

ADV NABC MASTER

Robert Christophel (172)
Paul Fafoutakis (172)
John Foley (207)
Martin Hrachovy (174)
Lois Kertesz (207)
Evelyn Pitman (172)
Ann Roe (207)
Sally Sassen (207)
Michael Schwimmer (207)
Jeff Skillin (207)
Lori Slocum (183)

LIFE MASTER

Judy Alpert (207)
Mark Alpert (207)
Tawana Arnett (183)
W Kenneth Davis (207)
Patricia Ducayet (176)
Edwin Ducayet Jr (176)
Gwendolyn Faherty (183)
Linda Gaston (207)
Rose Goodwin (207)
Thomas Hughes (207)
Annetta Hughson (207)
Loren Nyer (207)
Rupa Shah (174)
Yesh Singh (172)
Sarah Springer (174)
Lew Spurlock (172)
Sunny Won (172)
Twyla Woody (174)
Alice Wright (183)

BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Susan Breeding (207)
Abid Mumtaz (174)
Bill Nash (174)
Ying Peng (174)
Robert Penksa (207)
Carol Thibodeaux (207)
Twyla Woody (174)

SILVER LIFE MASTER

Jo Dee Bowen (207)
Sarah Chen (207)
Lawrence Chow (176)
Linda Drake (174)
Ronald Kunkel (207)
Wayne Outlaw (201)
Andrew Remson (174)
Rupa Shah (174)
Gary Wright (183)

RUBY LIFE MASTER

Lazaro Brener (207)
Feza Buyukdura (176)
M Howard (183)
Gina Schultz (197)
Peggy Singer (225)
Kathy Sinkin-Amor (172)
Ari Sippola (176)
Lesly Van Dame (174)

GOLD LIFE MASTER

Robert Arnett (174)
Eddie Bass (201)
Rebecca Brown (207)
Bob Dowlen (174)
Wiley McMinn III (207)
Mary Pennington (176)

SAPPHIRE LIFE MASTER

Jerry Barrett (207)
Debra Bellan (174)
Janis Lilie (207)

DIAMOND LIFE MASTER

Gerry McKim (176)
Vinh Tran (174)

PLATINUM LIFE MASTER

Ellen Hessel (172)
Ron LaCour (207)
Jack LaVigne (174)



— MARCH —

JUNIOR MASTER

Susie Barnett (176)
William Belford (174)
Rebeca Bueron (173)
Aaradhya Chandak (207)
Mukesh Chandak (207)
Aimee Donnel (174)
Patricia Garzavillarreal (173)
Janet Gorrie (176)
Carolyn Hardy (174)
Abby Kaighin (207)
Niels Kastrup (174)
Rhea Parramore (204)
Patty Romigh (174)
Marjorie Strayer (172)
John Thomas (207)
Maryann Wolff (207)

CLUB MASTER

Robert Adams (197)
Harley Bennett (201)
Maryanne Boerner (207)
Enrique Cepeda (173)
Sanjeev Dambal (207)
Brenda Gray Martin (183)
Nanci Horton (207)
Athena Leung (176)
Richard Lira (225)
Dianne Morris (207)
Karen White (174)
Nada Wood (174)

SECTIONAL MASTER

Mark Clawson (254)
Richard Eisenach (174)
Marsha Gibbons (176)
Carolyn Joost (176)
Janie Kobes (174)
Richard Kobes (174)
Teresa Mack (207)
Linda Monroe Wall (174)
Mark Reynolds (225)
Audrey Romonosky (207)

Sharon Van Tyne (176)
Mary Waller (176)

REGIONAL MASTER

Mary Waller (176)
Karen Bell (225)
Zane Bolen (174)
Gary Britt (172)
Jo Britt (172)
Leslie Brittain (207)
Jim Brown (176)
Allie Eilers (254)
George Frondorf (174)
Jane Gerik (225)
Kathleen Hubbard (174)
Narayana Kamath (183)
Katherine Low (174)
Donna McJunkin (207)
Martha McWilliams (174)
Cordelia Montemayor (173)
Betty Murray (174)
Gloria Pierce (176)
Stuart Schlackman (176)
John Schumacher (176)
Sandy Souchon (172)
Gregory Werbaneth (176)
Ella Windisman (207)

NABC MASTER

Debbie Ballard (174)
James Bishop (176)
E Edgar Cosman (174)
Mike Davis (174)
Amy Grossman (174)
Sue McCulley (174)
Amy Puchot (174)

ADV NABC MASTER

Cheryl Bradford (176)
Carolyn Clapp (174)
Brian Eaton (183)
Tim Elsea (207)

Lynn Hershey (174)
Terrie Kolvoord (207)
Ava Noble (174)
Johara Nour (174)
Billie Ogens (207)
Danuta Parzych (174)
Tom Russell (174)
Betty Westbrook (174)

LIFE MASTER

Patricia Dunnell (174)
Robert Hannasch (174)
Gregg Jernigan (176)
Douglas Lilly (174)
Carol Murray (176)
David Petkus (174)

BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Jenelle Chamberlain (174)
Alberto Fernandez (173)
Jerry Hoffman (174)
Douglas Lilly (174)
Susan Moss (176)
Suzanne Murphy (176)
Carol Murray (176)
David Petkus (174)
Edith Purgason (174)
Bob Townley-Smith (201)

SILVER LIFE MASTER

Alberta Birk (204)
Chuck Eastin (176)
Marylin Hicks (183)
Sandy Lansing (176)
Christy Morrissey (207)
Marvin Stewart (183)
Susan Stone (174)
Kalyan Venkat (207)
Carol Welch (183)

RUBY LIFE MASTER

Margie Brown (353)
Jay Evert (174)
Jabeen Farooki (174)
Jo Ann Robertson (172)
Ann Van Volkenburgh (174)

GOLD LIFE MASTER

Carol Cortez (187)
Kimi Lambert (207)

SAPPHIRE LIFE MASTER

Arthur Giovannangeli (174)

DIAMOND LIFE MASTER

Barbara Phillips (174)

EMERALD LIFE MASTER

David Pearlman (183)
Victor Sitton (174)

*as reported by the ACBL.



GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS (GNT) UPDATE

Scott Nason



As we announced in January, we will again run the D16 GNT Finals on BBO, taking registrations and payments on Bridgewinners, and running the Four Flight competition over Memorial Day weekend (5/28-30). The schedule may be found in the tournament flyer, which you will find at:

<https://web2.acbl.org/Tournaments/Ads/2022/05/2205616.pdf>

No qualifying was required, so anyone who meets the masterpoint and residency requirements may play. We will charge only \$10 per person per session, a discount to the normal in-person rates. The Conditions of Contest are posted on the ACBL and D16 websites. The general CoCs are posted at

<http://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/play/coc/gnt/GNT2021-22.pdf> and the District CoCs may be accessed at <https://d16acbl.org/COC/Grand%20National%20Teams%20Conditions%20of%20Contest%20D16.pdf>

It is required to register your team and set up payment via credit card. You should go to <https://bridgewinners.com/tournament/view/2022-district-16-gnt/> to sign up.

Registration will close on May 25.

Hope to see you online in May.

Scott Nason

D16 GNT Coordinator

NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS (NAP) WINNERS

FLIGHT A

1. Hua Yang ♦ Yan Song
2. Chris Compton ♦ Mark Levine
3. Kerr Godfrey ♦ Phillip Grothus

FLIGHT B

1. Mark Rosen ♦ Lilly Justman
2. Wes Peirce ♦ Kurt Zhang
3. Ann Kuehler ♦ Cindy Cummins
4. Dale Remmers ♦ Valarie Remmers

FLIGHT C

1. Arvind Sharma ♦ Sharon Harbach
2. Sarah Springer ♦ Martin Hrachovy
3. Steve Luning ♦ Jamie Southerland

FORT WORTH REGIONAL



MAY 9-15, 2022

Monday, May 9

Bracketed Teams (2 sessions) 2:30 PM & 7:30 PM
Afternoon Side Game (1 of 6) 2:30 PM
Evening Side Game (1 of 6) 7:30 PM

Tuesday, May 10

Bracketed Teams (2 sessions) 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions) 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
Stratified (AXY) Pairs 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
Morning Side Game (1 of 5) 10:00 AM
Afternoon Side Game (2 of 6) 2:30 PM
Evening Side Game (2 of 6) 7:30 PM

Wednesday, May 11

Bracketed Teams (2 sessions) 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions) 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
Stratified (AXY) Pairs 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
Morning Side Game (2 of 5) 10:00 AM
Afternoon Side Game (3 of 6) 2:30 PM
Evening Side Game (3 of 6) 7:30 PM

Thursday May 12

Bracketed Teams (2 sessions) 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions) 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
Stratified (AXY) Pairs 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
Morning Side Game (3 of 5) 10:00 AM
Afternoon Side Game (4 of 6) 2:30 PM
Evening Side Game (4 of 6) 7:30 PM

Friday, May 13

Bracketed Teams (2 sessions) 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions) 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
Stratified (AXY) Pairs 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
Morning Side Game (4 of 5) 10:00 AM
Afternoon Side Game (5 of 6) 2:30 PM
Evening Side Game (5 of 6) 7:30 PM

Saturday, May 14

Bracketed Teams (2 sessions) 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
Stratified (AXY) Pairs 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM
Morning Side Game (5 of 5) 10:00 AM
Afternoon Side Game (6 of 6) 2:30 PM
Evening Side Game (6 of 6) 7:30 PM

Sunday, May 15

Flight A/X/Y Swiss Teams
(2 Sessions) 9:30 AM & TBA
Bracket 0 - 3000 Teams
No player over 3,000 MPs 9:30 AM & TBA
Side Pairs (single session) 9:30 AM & TBA

Hyatt Regency Hotel

Location: DFW Airport
972 453 1234
Bridge Room Rate, \$114.
Reserve by April 28
Free Parking w/validation

Tournament chair: MB Howard
817 946 2983 - mbhtx1@gmail.com

Director in Charge: Kevin Perkins

Partnership Chair: Darlene Shirey
817 689 8180 - shireysa@yahoo.com

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- Covid Protocols to be in place.
 - Vaccination required.
 - Mask policy, based on community transmission, will be decided by ACBL one week out.

Bracket Events by Average MP

Stratified Events by Average MP
(A = 5000+ X = 2500-5000 Y = 0-2500)

Sunday Flight A/X/Y Swiss by Average MP
(A = 5000+ X = 3500-5000 Y = 0-3500)

Gold Rush Events by Average MP
(B = 500-750 C = 200-500 D = 0-200)

Side Games by Average MP
(A = 3000+ B = 1500-3000 C = 0-1500)

Card Fees - Credit Cards Only
Monday thru Saturday \$14
Sunday \$15 - Meal Included
Unpaid ACBL Members \$4 Extra



OUR CARING COMMUNITY

THE ACBL CHARITY FOUNDATION CONTINUES ITS MISSION



Paul Cuneo, Region 9

Early in my bridge experience, I began to see that playing bridge is also membership in a community. I've seen that community act to volunteer for many activities at tournaments – to help one another with care, transportation and meals in times of need. When I attended my first regional, I was amazed that so many players knew people from all over the country and had built relationships over many years.

When I started serving on my unit board, I saw the energy that went into picking a local charity to benefit from the unit charity games. Over time, I've seen great enthusiasm from members raising money for charity, especially for The Longest Day, which funds Alzheimer's research. It is heartening to be a member of such a caring community.

April is the ACBL Charity Foundation month where clubs can offer special games which award more masterpoints and raise money for local charities, as well as for the Foundation. The Foundation has a direct grant process as well as annual gifts through the districts and directors to qualifying charities; it's fun to browse through the Foundation's website and see the charities throughout North America that have benefited through our bridge community over the years.

The Charity Foundation has been adversely impacted by the COVID 19 pandemic. Face-to-face bridge essentially shut down in late March of 2020, and income for the Foundation was minimal that year. 2021 was not much better, as clubs did not begin reopening in significant numbers until after April. With the help of a week of virtual club games, the Foundation has stabilized the drain on assets, but grants were severely curtailed. It was a joy to see the host committee of the Austin NABC present the \$5000 gift from the ACBL Charity Foundation to two worthy recipients: **The Central Texas Food Bank** and **Texas Parent to Parent**.

The Central Texas Food Bank is a non-profit hunger relief organization with a mission to nourish hungry people and lead the community in the fight against hunger. It does this by soliciting, receiving, storing, and distributing donated food in manageable quantities to community service partner agencies that directly serve individuals in need. Last year, they provided more than nearly 64 million meals to area residents.

Texas Parent to Parent provides support, information, and education for families of children and adults with disabilities, chronic and mental health conditions and other health care needs. The group helps families through parent-to-parent support, resource referral, and education.

I'd like to encourage local clubs to hold as many special games as possible to benefit the Charity Foundation in April and the rest of 2022. Individuals might make a donation to the Foundation and consider designating a portion of their estate for the benefit of the Foundation. By supporting the Charity Foundation, we can continue the positive impact of bridge in our local communities!

2022 ACBL NATIONAL CHARITY & GOODWILL COMMITTEE APPOINTEES

Goodwill: Laurie-Ann Levin, Larry Levin, Karen Nussbaum, and Neal Perlman.

Charity: Cindy Cox and Jeanne Phelps

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THE BRIDGE CENTER OF AUSTIN INVITES YOU TO ITS

2022

Austin Spring Sectional

April 28th – May 1st

BRIDGE CENTER OF AUSTIN ❁ 6700 Middle Fiskville Rd.

512-300-2743

bcabridge@gmail.com

CASH-FREE

STRATIFICATIONS

(PAIR AND TEAM GAMES BASED ON AVERAGE MPs)

OPEN PAIRS & STRATIFIED SWISS:

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

499ER PAIRS:

A: 300-500, B: 100-300, C: 0-100

SUNDAY AX:

A: 3000+, X: 0-3000,

DIRECTOR HAS DISCRETION ON A/X MP BREAK;

DIRECTOR HAS DISCRETION TO ADJUST STRATS

SUNDAY BRACKETED SWISS:

NOTE: TO PLAY IN THE SUNDAY BRACKETED SWISS,
NO TEAM MEMBER CAN HAVE OVER 2000 POINTS.

BASIC CHART FOR 499ERS & SUNDAY BRACKETED SWISS;
OPEN CHART FOR ALL OTHER EVENTS.

ENTRY FEES: \$12/SESSION

\$136/SUNDAY SWISS TEAMS (INCLUDES MEAL)

(\$4 additional per session for unpaid ACBL members)

PLAYERS WITH FEWER THAN 5PTS PAY \$7 PER SESSION

THURS, APRIL 28TH- FRI, APRIL 29TH

STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS, SINGLE SESSION
10AM, 2:30PM

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS, SINGLE SESSION
10AM, 2:30PM

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**SAN ANTONIO
UNIT 172
JON TRAMER**

*“it was the best of times,
it was the worst of times...”*

When Charles Dickens wrote this In 1878, I never realized how apropos it would be to the duplicate bridge world over the past several years.

“It was the best of times”(Pre Covid). My mother was an avid card player, and introduced me to bridge by the time I was a teenager. By the time I went to college, all night bridge games were the rule rather than the exception. Lunchtime during medical school was no exception. During that time I met my my first mentor, a true bridge bum named Max, and we played in many weekly games as well as local tournaments in Cleveland, Ohio.(I wonder whatever happened to all my decks of ACBL playing cards.)

Even during my time in the army in San Antonio, my wife and I played in a social bridge group.

My private surgical practice put a serious dent in my playing time, but as I got closer to retirement, my wife re-introduced me to duplicate bridge, and I was fortunate enough to have David Mitchell as my second serious Bridge tutor. The Fiesta Bridge Club was our second home,

Playing several days a week, making new friends in a wonderfully warm environment.

Duplicate bridge continued to

be a wonderful experience, with tournaments in Kerrville, Dallas,Houston, and Rockport, just to mention a few, as well as Boca Raton, where the club had Close to 100 tables. Most recently, I was flattered enough to be elected to the board of Unit 172.....

Then along came Covid-19,and for me “It was the worst of times..” No in person bridge at all. On-line games for me were less than satisfying, although better than nothing, and it is not my intention, in this column to deal with the controversies that have arisen over the BBO format.

Things looked very bleak, but a minor reprieve occurred until Omicron came along, adding asymptomatic carriers to the mix,

Not to mention vaccination status, mask or no mask, cancelled tournaments, and so forth..

Medical issues precluded my wife and I from playing with unmasked players, so once again we had to forego in person games.

Could it be “ The best of times again?”

Let me finish on an upbeat note. Fiesta Bridge Club has survived, even with the loss of a lease and a change in venue, while many other clubs have folded.

We have survived due to the efforts of Laurie and Larry Levin, with the fantastic support of the Unit 172 board. This is a most committed and dedicated group. They would not let duplicate bridge fail in San Antonio.

It is my deepest wish that in the near future, Covid-19, whether Pandemic or endemic, will become a thing of the past, so that in

person duplicate bridge can again flourish “in the best of times.”

Jon Tramer
Unit 172



**HOUSTON
UNIT 174
JACK LAVIGNE**

LONE STAR REGIONAL 2022

Do you remember the movie *Groundhog Day*? Every day Bill Murray awakened to the sound of Sonny & Cher’s *I Got You Babe*. Then he experiences the previous day’s events repeating exactly.

This scenario was what has been happening in Unit 174 ever since March of 2020. The Unit planned the April tournament and then canceled it due to covid. Then, they planned the June tournament and canceled it. This repeated in August and November of 2020, January, April, June, August, and November of 2021.

Finally, the spell was broken. The 2022 **Lone Star Regional** was held from Jan 24 thru 30th! Tournament Chairs **Karen Nussbaum, Thomas Rush**, and their team made everything very special for this first face-to-face tournament in two years! Safety was of prime importance and players showed proof of vaccination, wore masks and had hand sanitizer readily available.

The players truly enjoyed play-





ing live bridge at the tournament and were very complimentary of the organization and volunteers: Sam Khayatt – Hospitality, Joyce Gore – Event Naming, Kathy McDougall – Intermediate/Newcomer and Clif Rice – Partnerships.

Because of the pandemic the 2021 awards were postponed. Both the 2021 and 2022 awards were presented at the Lone Star Regional. Congratulations to the recipients:

Nice to see the good guys also be a winner. If you have played against either Jimmy Breihan or Cindy Cox you may be caught by their infectious laughter. Jimmy was co-owner of Westside Bridge Academy. We were all sad to see it close when Covid kept face to face bridge from occurring. Cindy is from Clear Lake and very active in the newcomer/intermediate program at that club.

Eddie Wold was Houston's top

	2021	2022
District 16 Star	Sam Khayatt	Gary Hercules
Goodwill	Charles Dalton	Jimmy Breihan
	John Erickson	Cindy Cox
Teacher of the year		Sam Khayatt

A word about the recipients. Sam Khayatt has been doing the hospitality at the LSR for the last six years. She teaches at Bridge Club of Houston and was the Unit 174 Newsletter co-editor. Congratulations Sam for both the District 16 Star award and Teacher of the year award. Houston is truly blessed to have Sam in our Unit.

Gary Hercules served as the Unit treasurer for several years. Gary attended every board meeting. Thank you, Gary, for your service and keeping the unit in the black.

Congratulations to Charles Dalton, John Erickson, Jimmy Breihan, and Cindy Cox for the Goodwill award. We also would like to thank Charlie for stepping up and filling in on the Unit 174 board when one of the directors resigned. John Erickson was #2 in the masterpoint total for Houston.

master point winner by winning the Monday, Bracketed team; placing third in the Tuesday, mini-Solway; winning the Thursday mini-Soloway and Saturday bracketed team. Eddie played on the Mike Levine team with Texans Mark Lair and Mike Passell, and Floridians Kevin Dwyer and Shan Huang. The Levine team won the trials to represent the US in the d'Orsi Senior Trophy at the World Championships that will be held from Mar 27 thru Apr 9, 2022 in Salsomaggiore, Italy.

Houston will be well represented at the World Championships. Congratulations to Shawn Quinn who played on Pam Wittes team with Cheri Bjerkan, Rozanne Pollock, Emma Kolesnic and Amber Lin. They won the trials and will represent the US in the Venice Cup at the World Championships.

Election Sectional April 8-10

The board is working on the Election sectional which will host Unit 174 Annual Membership Meeting **on Sunday morning, April 10**. Take note, the tournament will be held at a new playing site, the **Arabia Shriners** located at **10510 Harwin Dr** (*one block East of the Beltway on Harwin*). Players should park on the West side and enter the Shriener Ballroom there (i.e., **not** where you see the statue).

The board would appreciate your attendance so that they might achieve a quorum. Election results to fill three board positions and the annual award presentations will occur just prior to the afternoon session.

News from Unit 174 Clubs

(all club links at: <http://www.acblunit174.org>)

Bridge Academy of West Houston, www.bridgeacademyofwesthouston.com

opened on Feb 16, 2022. It is a new club initially targeted for the I/N players. Their plans are to add an Open game and they ask the professionals and top players to be patient and wait for the next step. The games are held at the Arabia Shriners every Wednesday at 10:30.

Bridge Club of Houston, www.bridgeclubofhouston.com

held a 499er tournament from Feb 24 thru Feb 27. At the time of this writing, the results of the tournament were not known.

The next 499er tournament will





be held from Apr 21 thru Apr 24 (see flyer in this issue).

Clear Lake Bridge Club, www.clearlakebridgeclub.org, is having their Annual Dues Drive. The Annual dues of \$20 helps them sustain the Club and keep their Game Fees low. Members have the following privileges:

- A Club Directory
 - Game fee of \$5
 - Listing in their email System
 - A vote in their Annual Meeting
- To pay the dues please mail a check to Clear Lake Bridge Club at 16614 Sea Lark Road, Houston, TX 77062.

Special Games

Breakfast, Bridge & Lesson*

- When:** March 9, 2022 – 9:20 a.m.
- Who:** Dave Glandorf
- When:** April 13, 2022 – 9:20 a.m.
- Who:** TBA
- Where:** At the club!
- ***BB&L:** Breakfast starts at 9:10, Lesson begins once everyone is settled, Game starts at 10:00

Mentor Mentee Game

- When:** March 16th ~ 2:00 PM
- When:** April 13, 2022, 2:00 p.m.
- Where:** At the club!

Jack LaVigne

Unit 174



**DALLAS
UNIT 176
SCOTT NASON**

As of this writing, it is our hope that – this first week in March – we are conducting our first tournament in two years. With the closing of the conference facility at the Richardson Civic Center, we have moved to a new venue at the Walnut Hill United Methodist Church.

The Unit conducted its annual election of the Board of Directors (online) and welcomed the new Board and a new slate of Officers in January.

New members elected to three-year terms are Jerry Frankel and Debor Cassen. Stu Nelan was reelected to a second three-year term.



DALLAS BOARD

The other Board members are Eileen Davidoff, Jim Rider, Debrah Chockley, Scott Nason, Joe Gill and Milt Neher. A photo of the new Board – together for the

first time in a very long time – is shown here.

We said goodbye – and sincere “thank you”s – to retiring Board members Rich Brandenburg and Robbie Ogle. The new Officers are President Stu Nelan, Vice President Debrah Chockley, Treasurer Debor Cassen and Secretary Eileen Davidoff. And a heartfelt thanks to Joe Gill, the out-going President, who saw us through the difficult last two years of pandemic-constrained bridge.

After San Antonio was forced to cancel their January tournament, the North American Pairs were moved to the Lone Star Regional in Houston, where the Unit qualified some pairs for the Nationals this month in Reno. First in Flight A were Hua Yang and Yan Song. Second was Chris Compton and his partner. And Valerie and Dale Remmers qualified in Flight B. Also in Houston,

Jim Bauer was honored by District 16 with the Oswald and James Jacoby Award.

The Mini-McKenney races for 2021 produced the following list of winners in

Unit 176 in their respective masterpoint groups: David Proctor, David Chavenson, Nancy Goble, Donna Beatty, Gail Wingfield, William Keys, Amy Schumacher,



Allan Chernov, Robert Bender, N. J. Tripode, Scott Nason, Brady Allen, Milt Neher, Jim Bauer, and Mike Passell.

And in a year with so few tournaments, where most points were won in online club games, all of them also won the Ace of Clubs in the Unit except for the last one (over 10,000 points), where Marion Gebhardt won. Donna Beatty, Gail Wingfield, Robert Bender, Scott Nason and Milt Neher also finished first in the District.

Hope to see you at our sectional. Fingers crossed 🍀 that it is a success.

Scott Nason
Unit 176



FORT WORTH
UNIT 183
TOM NUTE

As with many others, Unit 183 is getting back to face-to-face games; this despite another cold and snowy week in Feb. We owe a great deal to Kay Jones who has stepped in when we were shorthanded and directed several games as well as performing many other duties – thank-you Kay.

Our Board of Directors Officers are now: Cynthia Benton, President; Steve Shirey, Vice-President; Laura Nash, Secretary; and Stephen Bennett, Treasurer. They are assisted by other board

members, committees, directors, and the many volunteers who support the Unit. We are indebted to these individuals who's behind the scenes work and administrative efforts are essential to the Unit's success. Links to a list of the individuals and their responsibilities can be found on the Unit's web page.

Several members attended the Lone Star Regional/NAP collecting those pretty Red and Gold Master Points. Of special note are the first place win in Flight C of Arvind Sharma and Sharon Harbach, and the Flight A First Alternative of Greg Resz and Jeff McKee. Others doing well include Cary Jennings & Jim Harpe, Cynthia Benton & Randy Eads, Melody Gann & Nancy Peterson, Anne & Lawrence Fritz, Ross Ramsey & Constance & Kenneth Javor, and Bill Staats.

Kudos to Kim Brinkman 2022 District 16 Star Award; Milt Birmingham & Tom Nute Unit 2022 Goodwill Award; belated recognition to Jacque Montgomery 2021 District 16 Star Award; and Kim

Dorsey-Newman & Jean Helmers Unit 2021 Goodwill Award.

Did you know ... (interesting bridge facts, history and trivia – more in future newsletters)

- You are still required to announce the range of partner's 1NT opening – confusion exists because clubs such as BBO have relaxed the requirement for those who use the 15-17 HCP range.
- You *can not revoke* on the 12th trick. If it is noted that you failed to follow suit then you are required to correct your play, but these is no additional penalty.
- If you are defending and your partner tries to claim/concede the hand then you, as well as the declarer, can deny the request.

Tom Nute
Unit 183



left to right: Jean Helmers, Steve Bennett, MB Howard, Laura Nash, Lauren Brown, Cynthia Benton, Linda Spangler, Steve Shirey - not pictured is board member Hal Schultz.





**SOUTH TEXAS
UNIT 187**

**MARY ANNE
WILKINSON**

Unit 187 applauds Beaula Mae's achievement!

Congratulations!

You are an inspiration to us all!

Mary Anne Wilkinson

Unit 187



**SABINE NECHES
UNIT 201**

DON MOSS

To all of you who loved Linda Briggs columns, it is my sad duty to inform you that she roped me into doing this for a while.

First things first:

We are going to be hosting a SECTIONAL Tournament at the Beaumont Bridge Studio on March 3-5, 2022. The Bridge Studio is located at 950 North Street, Beaumont, TX. Call us at 409-838-2447 for more details.

All of the Covid guidelines will be enforced, so be sure to bring your vaccination card.

We started a new open game on Tuesday, February 8 at 7:00 PM.

We will also have a brief lesson beginning at 6:30 PM.

Again, we will be enforcing the ACBL's Covid guidelines.

As I am sure is common, we are struggling with declining participation. If anyone has any ideas on increasing participation, please pass them along.

Big Games—Orange

April 6, 2021

Ruby Colins and Wayne Outlaw

74.31%

Carol McGill and Kris Cherry

70.81%

April 9, 2021

Juinez Moss and Don Moss 70.83 %

Jerry Triggs and Ruby Colins

70.83 %

April 23, 2021

Wayne Outlaw and Martha Oliver

72.61%

May 7, 2021

Robert McG ill and Carol McGill

70.83 %

May 18, 2021

Dee Payne and Martha Oliver

70.69 %

June 18,2021

Dee Payne and Martha Oliver

77.50 %

July 2, 2021

Robert McGill and Carol McGill

72.50 %

July 20, 2021

Wayne Outlaw and Dee Payne

72.40 %

Sept. 24,2021

Wayne Outlaw and Martha Oliver

70.83 %

Oct. 15, 2021

Wayne Outlaw and Billi Elanter

72.22%

Big Games—Beaumont

July 22, 2021 Mentor Pairs

Don Moss and Glenda Bass

70.83 %

Dec. 1, 2021 499er

Unit Championship

Lucille Armintor and Patrica Woods

77.50 %

In Unit 187, we have had a member from the Rockport Duplicate Club attain the coveted Silver Life Master rank.

In recognition of attaining the rank of Silver Life Master Beula Mae Pearce is congratulated.



This is a highly prized achievement in Duplicate Bridge. Of the 146,000 members only 22% attained this elite status. This achievement requires 1,000 master points including various "colors" of points. These points are a measurement of achievement in Duplicate Bridge and are gained at various competitions and tournaments held in North America.

Beula Mae had told her son recently that her goal was to make Silver Life Master prior to her 90th birthday in August. So,



Open games

September 20, 2021

Martha Sigler and Arlene Meyers
72.22 %

Sept. 27, 2021

Aryglndar Bharthi and John Smalley
70.00 %

Sept. 29, 2021

Aryglndar Bharthi and Tipton
Golias 70.00 %

Don Moss

Unit 201



**FORT CONCHO
UNIT 204
NEAL PERLMAN**

In person bridge resumed 2-21-22, Mondays and Fridays, 1:30 at the Sue Barber Bridge Center in San Angelo. The Tuesday evening game is being moved to Thursday evening at 6:30 as a test. Steady play has continued on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 1:30 at the Country Club location. Pat Bitner does great reporting of activities of the bridge community in the San Angelo Standard Times newspaper.

2021 Helen Shanbron Ace of Clubs race leaders were Janis Dismukes (0-5), Judie Williams (5-20), Kay Knight (20-50), Pamela Scott (50-100), Charlotte Sisco (100-200), Jo Ann Beauchamp (200-300), Tootie Whitworth (300-500), Dodie Whitworth (500-1000), Nancy Harris (1000-

1500), Peggy Jackson (1500-2500), Barbara Wright (2500-3500), Neal Perlman (3500-5000), Norma Walker (5000-7500), and Virginia Noelke (7500-10,000). The results of the 2021 Mini-McKenney races are all the same except Joy Foster was the leader in the 300-500 points range. **Congratulations to all.** There were many close races and the ranks in each category can be seen at the ACBL website.

The following was posted 4-6-21 on the District 16 Facebook page and I am sharing it here in case scorecard readers have not seen it.

“From Unit 204, Fort Concho (San Angelo and surrounding), Neal Perlman

What a strange period we have lived. Our game is the best, I think most of the 160,000+ ACBL members agree. What a great mix of fun and interesting people.

Augie Boehm ended his book *Big Deal* (2014) with the following: *“Hope to become a feared, yet respected, opponent while being a sympathetic and coveted partner. Then you will have achieved something much grander than being a good card player.”*

I want to thank all the District 16 folks who embody and carry on in this fashion; we know who you are. Here are some other pearls from the same book:

“Be careful of premature conclusions, both in bidding and defense. Bridge is a game

of collaboration, and experts constantly try to help each other solve problems...time and again their careful, detailed approach in the bidding carried the day, they relied on remorseless accuracy.”

What a great description of the dominant Blue Team from Italy.

Boehm further advises us on the danger of misunderstandings and suggests being practical in calls that say something simple. *“Except for concentration, logic is the most important attribute of a good player. If this is true, then what must logically follow?”* *“Improving card play technique to take your tricks is most important because you use these skills every session.”*

Neal Perlman

Unit 204



**AMISTAD
(WESTERN MEXICO)
UNIT 205
MARY ANN WHITE**

The return to face-to-face bridge has had its starts and stops in Unit 205. But we are hopeful that Omicron will soon be behind us, allowing our complete return to the bridge tables. That's the plan anyway...

In spite of it all, the Ajijic Valentine Sectional was held from February 10-13 at the Real de Chapala Hotel in Ajijic. I think everyone would agree that it was





great to get back to tournament bridge and to see some people we haven't seen in a while. Attendance was approximately 45% of our previous tournament, but that was expected. We will be bigger and better in 2023!

Overall tournament winners were Nicci Beninger and Lane Galloway from Lake Chapala. They won the Flight B Open Pairs on Friday morning and the 2-session Flight B Pairs on Saturday, and were on the winning Flight A Sunday Swiss team along with teammates Tom Gillett and myself.



Lane Galloway & Nicci Beninger—Fri Morn and Sat Open Pairs Flight B

My fantastic partner, Tom Gillett, also pulled me through to win the 2-session Saturday Open Pairs for Flight A by a bare half match-point over Dick and Norinne Nelson of Hot Springs Village, AK.



Tom Gillett & Mary Ann White—Sat Open Pairs Flight A

Gloria Kreimerman and Stefan Reich of Mexico City also had a great tournament, winning the Thursday evening and Friday morning Open Pairs for Flight A.



Gloria Kreimerman & Stefan Reich—Thurs Eve and Fri Morn Open Pairs Flight A

Flight C was dominated by Maria Castillejos and Enriqueta Belden from Monterrey, who won the 2-session Flight C Open Pairs on Saturday.

Alicia Reyes Retana and Marcela Guerra won the Thursday evening Open Pairs for Flight B.



Alicia Reyes Retana & Marcela Guerra—Thurs Eve Open Pairs Flight B

Cindy Thomson and John Olsen of Lake Chapala won the Friday afternoon Open Pairs for Flight B.



Cindy Thomson & John Olsen—Fri Aft Open Pairs Flight B

The winning Flight B Sunday Swiss team included Lake Chapala players Marjorie and David Wandler and Louise and Michael Creaghan. Thanks to everyone who played and supported our tournament.

The Puerto Vallarta Sectional slated for February 23–25, sadly, was cancelled. Maybe next year! But don't forget to make your plans to attend the **Puerto Vallarta Regional** from October 31–November 6 at the Westin Resort & Spa. Although we were forced to cancel the tournament in 2021, we will be going forward with the tournament in 2022. See [Microsoft Word - PV Flyer 2022.docx \(acbl.org\)](#) for a copy of the tournament schedule.

Your health and safety are important to us. We will adhere to all ACBL health guidelines that are in place, as well as local guidelines for Puerto Vallarta and the Westin Resort & Spa, at the time of the tournament.

Congratulations to Mollie Nadler who advanced to the rank of Silver Life Master. Well done!



Congratulations also to our winners in the 2021 Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney races: Peter Luciano (20-50); Dee Lynn (50-100); Deborah Camp-Simpson (100-200); Ivan Sherman (200-300); Norm Rosenblatt (300-500); Rob Johnson (500-1000); Dagmar Rettberg (1000-1500); Helen Lawson (1500-2500); Tom Gillett (2500-3500); Mike Roney (3500-5000); and William Woodfine (7500-10000). It will take more than online play to win it in 2022! Game on!

The Unit 205 Championship Game on February 10 was won by Boyce Robbins and Lane Galloway from Lake Chapala with a score of 62.04%. Nice game!

A shout out to the following players scoring 70% since our last report: Diane van Brocklin and Donna McElroy posted a 70.45% game in Lake Chapala on January 7 (5.5 tables).

Also from Lake Chapala, Tom Gillett and Dagmar Rettberg hit the 70% mark twice—they scored 73.61% on December 27 (4 tables) and 70% on December 23 (2.5 tables).

In Mazatlan, Buz Trevor and Jessie Lawrence posted 72.22% on January 12 (5 tables); Kay and Nathan Higer hit the mark with 74.48% on January 10 (5.5 tables); and Joy Wilson and Vinette Howell showed us how it's done with 72% on December 15 (3 tables).

At the Baja Bridge Club, George and Paula Jauch scored 72.31% on January 25 (5.5 tables). Congratulations to all!

Mary Ann White
Unit 205



**TEXAS CAPITAL
UNIT 207
RACHELL JACKSON**

Table count is going up . . . we're not where we were pre-pandemic, but we're improving. Come out and play, we're missing you!

And even the pandemic can't keep the players in Unit 207 down! Jean Durocher hosted our first milestone luncheon since the pandemic interrupted face-to-face play.

And now to congratulate our latest top-tier players, here are the bridge stories of Ron LaCour, Platinum Life Master, and Diamond Life Masters Beth Tobias, Joe Black and George Watkins.



Ron LaCour

With over ten-thousand masterpoints, Ron LaCour achieved Platinum Life Master.

Ron started playing bridge in the summer of 1961, before his Freshman year of college. Growing up in Louisiana he learned most of the French card games played for money, i.e., Bouray, Euchre. His early days were mostly average until



**Milestone Achievers: Back row L-R: Paul Marino, Ron Kunkel, Jerry Barrett, Wiley McMinn, B J Sanders, Thomas Hughes, Sue Breeding, Ken Davis
2nd Row: Esther Ellis, Beth Tobias, Linda Anthony, Joe Black
Seated L-R: George Watkins, Ron LaCour, Sally Sassen, Sandy Potts, Linda Gaston**





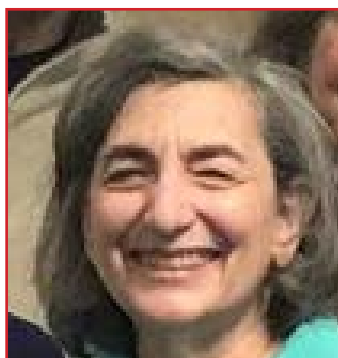
my learning curve on bidding structure improved thanks to a well-known book *Five Weeks to Winning Bridge* by Kaplan-Sheinwold.

Ron says, “In 1964 I joined the Navy and received shore duty in Japan. My activities included Golfing and Bridge. Luckily I found a member of the best team in Japan who also played golf. We became partners in both golf & bridge and won most team events generally held in Hotel New Otani, a new hotel in Tokyo.

Unfortunately, I received a severe injury via Viet Nam duty and wound up in Tripler Army Hospital for fifteen months in Hawaii. During my recuperating time I met and played bridge with some lifelong friends.

Returning to college in 1969, I didn’t have time for bridge until graduating in 1971. That summer I met Mike Passell and we began touring the country together, winning virtually everywhere we played bridge, and became well-known enough that we began playing professionally fulltime. Since then over the next fifty years I returned to married life, raised two kids, and played bridge sparingly until my wife finally retired nine years ago.

That’s about it with so many wonderful times and stories I could fill a book or two. Bridge is terrific recreation!”



Beth Tobias

With over five-thousand points, Beth Tobias achieved Diamond Life Master. Beth’s parents played bridge with friends, so she was around bridge from early childhood but didn’t learn to play until college.

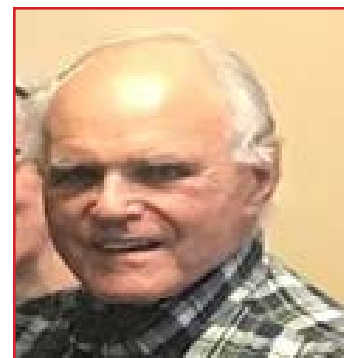
Beth says, “I played some in graduate school and lunchtime at the office, but really had no clue what good bridge looked like.

I took lessons and started playing duplicate bridge in 1974. I love both problem solving and competition so bridge is a good fit for me. I was hooked early on.

I love bridge, both for its intellectual stimulation and for the wonderful people that I meet at the table. I met some of my best friends through bridge – including my husband.

Bridge has been more than a hobby for me. I was involved in bridge administration early on. In Poughkeepsie, where I started playing duplicate bridge, I held a number of positions on the Unit Board of Directors, including president. After moving to Austin, I served on the Unit Board and later was a founding owner of the Bridge Center of Austin,

where I have served on the Board of Directors since its inception.”



Joe Black

Joe Black is another of our Diamond Life Masters. From my earliest days, I always enjoyed competing whether it was in sports or cards. Baseball, hockey and swimming were my favorite sports. Euchre, Cribbage, Hearts and Poker my favorite card games.

Joe discovered bridge after finding *Point Count Bidding in Contract Bridge* by Charles Goren in his home. Intrigued by the game, he formed a partnership with a cousin and played against another pair. They would play Saturday afternoons in a magazine distribution warehouse that was closed for the weekends. They played for 1/10 of a cent a point to make the game more interesting. From that point, they joined a men’s city contract bridge league and enjoyed success.

Joe said, “After that experience we moved on to duplicate bridge, where we placed in our first game... I was hooked! ... In my last career posting before moving to the US, I got to play with life masters, a lofty accomplishment in the early ‘70’s.

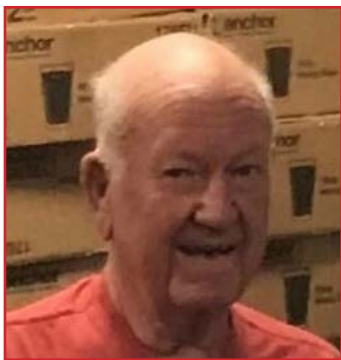




After moving with a young family from Canada to Austin, Texas, I focused on building a career and didn't play a lot of Bridge until 2004. During those years, I always kept up my ACBL membership, read those monthly bridge bulletins, and a lot of bridge books. I always knew I would come back to the game when my career wound down. . .

While successes at the bridge table are exciting and enjoyable, the most rewarding aspect of bridge for me, aside from competing, is the people you meet. Many of them become not only friends but almost extended family.

Since the pandemic began, online bridge has flourished, but nothing will replace the value I receive from competing face to face in club games!"



George Watkins

George Watkins also achieved Diamond Life Master. George started playing bridge about fifty years ago. He says he was terrible, which is really hard to believe.

George said, "I always played in the more experienced games and the friendly good players would give me hints as to what to

look for, George Pisk and Patsy Hood were very helpful. I read everything and worked on the bridge puzzles. I can remember looking at newspaper hands before I had a clue what bridge was. The social aspect was really good for me. I find the bridge player to be good for stimulating thought."

Though George is quiet and unassuming, I don't often play a round of bridge when someone doesn't say, "According to George, down one is good bridge."

*Congratulations to you all.
You're an inspiration
to the rest of us.*

Sharon Hoger, the Unit 207 Board President, announced the slate of candidates running for the Unit Board. Please remember to vote. Ken MacMorran and Sharon have made voting so easy—all you have to do is vote for your favorite three candidates.

Rachell Jackson
Unit 207



Back to the table at the Bridge Center of Austin





GREATER PERMIAN BASIN UNIT 209 ANN PARISH

Elections

The members of Unit 209 started the year with elections. The Permian Basin Bridge Club (in Midland) elected new officers for 2022. **Lonnie Yee** will serve as President, **Mark Beckstrom** as Vice-President, **Marty Massie** as Treasurer, and **Robin Hughes** as Secretary. **Paula Bayley** was appointed Hospitality Chair, **Bill Brooks** Club Manager, and **Ann Parish** *ScoreCard* columnist.

The club also elected/re-elected Board members for 2022: **Paula Bayley, Mark Beckstrom, Bill Brooks, Flo Curry, Robin Hughes, Jimmie Jenson, Patti Heard, Marilyn Matthews, Marty Massie,** and **Lonnie Yee.**

The Caprock Bridge Club (in Odessa) also held elections in January. **Amanda Shaw** will serve as President, **Delores Schuler** as Vice-President, and **Lonnie Yee** as Secretary/Treasurer. We give special thanks to **Travis Woodward**, who served as Club Manager last year!

Parties

Despite Covid restrictions and harsh West Texas weather, we managed to party throughout December, January, and February. The last Potluck Luncheon of 2021 was held on December 21. **KC Evans** and **Betty Dickerson** came in first, and **Paula Baggett**

and **Marlene Blumentritt** were second.

The last birthday party of the year was on December 29, with **Ann Servatius** and **Charlie Grimes** coming in first, and **Flo Curry** and **Marlene Blumentritt** second.

The Friday afternoon group welcomed the New Year with some goodies and some bridge on December 31. **Linda Buzan** and **Lonnie Yee** came in first, with **Charlie Grimes** and **Ann Servatius** second.

The Thursday Night Novice group held our New Year's Eve Party on January 6, with eggnog, spiced tea, and great snacks. We had six tables in play. First overall in A were **Ann Servatius** and **Kay Sewell**. First overall in B were **Greg Keys** and **Paula Baggett** tied with **Mike Robinson** and **Dorothy Blair**.

The January Birthday night was January 26, with **Ann Servatius** and **Charlie Grimes** coming in first, and **Greg Keys** and **Kay Sewell** coming in second.

February 10 was "Valentine's Night" for the Thursday evening players. The bridge house was flooded with chocolate—lava cake, brownies, candy, cookies, and even a little Valentine box with three pieces of chocolate for each player (thanks, **Sandy** and **Robin!**).

We had eight tables, and we woke up from our chocolate comas long enough to play a little bridge, with **Paula Bayley** and **Charlie Grimes** coming in 1st Overall in A, and **Lonnie Yee** and **Shirley Davenport** coming in 1st Overall in B.

70% Games

- Scott Johnson** and **Scott Vaughan** — 74% on December 18
- Marlene Blumentritt** and **Dale Linton** — 78% on December 28
- Marlene Blumentritt** and **Flo Curry** — 70.83% on January 9
- Mike Robinson** and **Sarah Wright** — 75% on January 24



Players at one of the Christmas parties in the remodeled Allison Bridge Center in Midland



Technology/Publicity

Our website is www.permianbridgeclub.com, and Webmaster **Lonnie Yee** updates it regularly to keep members current on bridge events.

It includes Odessa players as well. The *Midland Reporter Telegram*, our Midland newspaper, has published several stories about our bridge club, and they publish our duplicate game results in the paper every week.

We hope the *Odessa American* will start publishing results as well, thus helping the community learn more about our clubs.

We also want to try new media outlets, such as Facebook and Nextdoor.

Novices

Belle Harris finished a course in "Intro to Bridge" in December. She is now conducting non-ACBL games for novices and party bridge players from 12 to 3 on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

We hope to encourage more players to attend our regular ACBL novice games on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Tournament

We will be hosting the 2022 Tall City Sectional on June 10-12 at the Allison Bridge Center in Midland.

We are still in the planning stages, but we will have flyers out soon with all the details. Mark your calendars now!

Happy Spring

May the Bridge Fairy bring you great cards throughout the season!

Ann Parish

Unit 209



FORT PHANTOM UNIT 224 BETTE BYRD

Unit 224 is coming out of "covid mode" after operating for over a year on automatic. New board members were elected, and the board of directors met in January, electing Janece Tucker President, Darla Mawson Vice President, Richard Pike Treasurer, and Cindy Taliaferro Secretary.

Other board members are Coleen Grisham, Glynda Groves, Jo Smith, and Becky Barton.

Coleen Grisham and Beverly Walker have kept bridge going at our building except for a few weeks and we have consistently had three and four tables. Many have played online and Jo Smith, Janece Tucker and Becky Barton even ventured to Austin and brought home points.

One of the most exciting events we have had was a "SUR-PRIZE" one hundredth birthday party we had for Margie Dawley on January 11. Her daughter, Jeanne Dawley came from Austin and played with her and made sure she got to bridge to enhance the surprise. Her son James and

his wife don't play bridge but brought pictures with memories and events from her life in Abilene as a teacher and long-time resident.



Margie Dawley

We asked for donations for a new computer as ours was fading away. Coleen Grisham installed and connected all the wires and has it working for us.

We had to revamp our dealing machine and purchase new Bridge Mates. She has the games going well and we are excited to play more bridge.

The Board met and we are working on a new directory for the unit. I have called everyone in the old one and have found some have moved, passed away or cannot play any longer.

I was happy to find that some disabled players have been playing on BBO. They are so happy to have that outlet so there have been good things come from the bad times.

A party for Jeff Lewis was discussed. He won the Texas Star award, and we plan to recognize him and present his pen to him. He is a relatively new player and has been a "jack of all trades"





to the unit. We appreciate all the work he has done. It was decided we would have a potluck game on a Saturday of his choice.

We need to look at our budget and consider raising the playing fees and the charge for clubs. This will be investigated further.

Glynda Groves will be the second signature on the bank account. She and Richard Pike will take care of this.

Bette Byrd

Unit 224



EAST TEXAS UNIT 225 SUSAN FORD

70% or more games

Judy Adams and Gloria Rowland
- 71% game - Van Zandt DBC
-12/12/2021



Carol Ann/Curtis

Carol Ann/Curtis -- 76.39%--
Shelia Bell DBC - 1/26/2022

Peggy Singer & Mike Graham --
77.78% -- Longview DBC on 1/17

Mary Bartley & Brenda Baker --
72.09% -- Unit Game on 1/8

Shirley Shelton & Mike Graham --
80% -- Longview DBC on 1/6

Mary Bartley and Nancy Green -
70.83% game—Rose City 1/19



Cassie/Kat

Cassie/Kat -- 70.19% -Shelia Bell
DBC -2/14

District 16 Star Award and Unit 225 Good Will Award Winners Announced

The Unit 225 Board of Directors has selected Sandra O'Bannon to receive the 2022 District 16 Star Award and Larry Brough to receive the 2022 Unit Good Will Award.

Congratulations!

Longview DBC

LDBC held a luncheon & sendoff party honoring Ethan Collins who is interning in Washington DC in the spring of 2022. Club members donated \$750 as a scholarship for Ethan during this new adventure.

Mary Graham, the mother of Longview DBC Director and unit 225 Director Mike Graham, passed away at the age of 89 just 3 days shy of her 90th birthday peacefully at home on February 2. Mary was a regular fixture at all of the unit 225 tournaments as well as the unit games and the Longview DBC games. Her sweet smile and gentle spirit will be missed by all of us.



Peggy Singer

CONGRATULATIONS

Peggy Singer becoming Ruby Life Master



Sandra O'Bannon and Larry Brough



Van Zandt County Duplicate Bridge Club

The holidays were celebrated by players at Nannie's House on Dec. 14th. Sandy Hilliard furnished the ham and all the players brought their favorite side dishes and desserts.

The players showed their gratitude to Sandy for being our director by presenting her with a large cash gift and a resounding version of "For She's A Jolly Good Director"!

Also, a large contribution was raised for Santa's Kids, a charity that provides Christmas gifts for foster children in Van Zandt County.

On Friday, Dec. 12th, Judy Adams and Gloria Rowland had a 71% game. *Congratulations ladies!*

Also, Patsy Gordon attained Silver Life Master in late November. *Way to go, Patsy!*

Sadly, we have to say goodbye to Phyllis and Manuel Alvarez as they move to Michigan in February. They have been devoted bridge players for years, usually playing together as partners.

Phyllis has served on our Unit 225 Board and also taught "Easy Bridge" lessons at the Bridge Studio at Cedar Creek.

Both Phyllis and Manuel assisted Sandy Hilliard and Charles Ford for 3 years with the Canton Intermediate School after school bridge club.

They also were volunteers for our unit's tournaments in Tyler. They will really be missed, but we wish them well as they move to their new, beautiful home up north.

We have tried to stay open as much as possible this winter, but have struggled the last 2 months to have enough tables to make a game.

Hopefully 2022 will bring a return to a more normal duplicate bridge club experience. We truly appreciate those players from other clubs who have come to Canton when they could to help us out.

Rose City DBC

Rose City DBC was celebrating Valentine's Day with sandwiches and cupcakes. What fun we have food and bridge what could be better???

Shelia Bell DBC



Pam Lott

Congratulations to Pam Lott on becoming a Life Master.

We are celebrating Pam's accomplishment with a pizza party and cake.

The club is very excited with the progress of our Novices. Keep up the good work.

Susan Ford

Unit 225



ROSE CITY DBC





**CENTRAL TEXAS
UNIT 233
PAM & GEORGE
HOLMES**

Unit 233 has been providing a safe and secure face to face bridge experience since late May of 2021. Each club requires full vaccination and masks are optional.

Although table counts have been a little on the low side, the players are enjoying the comradery and challenge of bridge in these Covid times.

The Holiday party hosted by the Temple bridge clubs in December was a lot of fun and made 7 tables for the two session game.

Thanks to all the people who organized the event and made sure that great eats were made available and that a good time was had by all.

UNIT 233 AWARDS

Goodwill Award

Cathy Valentine and Amy Wilson received the Goodwill Award

Cathy took on the responsibilities as manager of the Monday Slammers when Joan Cation was no longer able to manage the club.

Cathy trained to become a director and successfully passed her director's test. She has worked very hard keeping the club together. If a regular player is out for a couple of sessions, she calls them to make sure they are well and helps them get back to bridge.

She has established an overall goodwill attitude with the Monday Slammers players and the bridge community in general.

Amy with her diligence has kept Unit 233 moving forward during the COVID-19 epidemic by setting up a face-to-face board meeting early in 2021. She made sure everyone had their vaccinations and ensured a safe environment for the meeting.

Amy planned and hosted the Annual Meeting and Unit 233 Board Election. Searching for a place to have the meeting, and with assistance from Unit 233 members, she had a safe and secure meeting.

Amy undertook the job of revising the by-laws to match our current Unit status. She did this with minimal assistance from Unit members. She had the revisions sent to members of Unit 233 for their input and the revised by-laws were overwhelmingly approved.

Texas Star Award

Tom Corlett has received the Texas Star Award

Tom is the driving force behind the Sul Ross Bridge Club in Waco, Texas. He has been diligent in keeping the environment safe during the COVID-19 virus, making sure everyone had a friendly and safe place to play bridge.

Tom has mentored many Waco and Temple players. He would travel from Waco to Temple on Wednesdays to play at the CAC mentoring new players. He has

chaired the Waco Sectional Tournament in the past as well as being a supporter of all the local tournaments.

Throughout the years he has received many awards including the Oswald and James Jacoby Award in 2010. He teaches Bridge every Friday at 12:30 at the Sul Ross Senior Center in Waco followed by the Friday session.

Tom encourages players to become Directors and helps guide them in completing their studies.

Congratulations to Ron Elliott and Russell Kliebert for their 76% game at the Waco 0 – 500 club on January 27th.

A BIG WELCOME to Susan Raphael who has joined the Sul Ross Bridge Club after moving to Waco from California.



Tom Corlett
teaching on 1/27/2022



The UNIT 233 Bridge Community is sad to report that they have lost many dedicated players in the past two years. Some losses are due those that moved from the area, some from the passing of our friends. We miss them all. Everyone hopes that players that have not returned yet will consider the fun and challenge of face-to-face bridge and rejoin their clubs.

Pam & George Holmes

Unit 233



**WICHITA FALLS
UNIT 353
MARSHA MAY**

Unit 353 is lucky to have two clever and dedicated directors. When the Coronavirus attacked our world, our unit shut down like most of the units in ACBL. However, our directors, Dave Hertzog and Pat Robinson, started thinking about how they could open their clubs up safely. They did open their clubs in June, 2020, and we are still playing bridge face-to-face in 2022. This might seem irresponsible but let me explain all that they did.

They purchased 2 ultraviolet lights that were used after every game to sanitize the room. Dave

made wooden card holders to hold the cards upright individually so that they could also be sanitized after every game. Each table was made by putting 4 card tables together with the players sitting at the corners. Dave also made a board for the dummy's cards that would slide closer to declarer at these larger tables. Every player had their own bidding box which they carried from table to table. Masks were required and temperatures were taken before players entered the Center.

Pat posted a set of rules. Sanitizers were placed at each table and each player was to use them before and after they played at a table.

Players had to social distance at all times remaining at their tables until it was time to move. Players could not have food or drinks at the tables. A drink with a top could be kept on a special table at the back of the Center and taken outside to drink on breaks.



Dave and Pat

These rules were enforced at all times.

Unit 353 is a small, aging group of dedicated bridge players and our directors and the Board of Directors took the Coronavirus threat very seriously. This effort was a trial and I am happy to say that we never had an outbreak at the Center. When the vaccine was approved and our players were all vaccinated, a few of the rules were adjusted. We now play at single tables again and do not carry our bidding boxes with us. We still all wear masks and sanitize before and after play at each table.

Unit 353 appreciates all that our directors do to keep bridge alive in Wichita Falls, Texas. It is no surprise that Dave Hertzog and Pat Robinson earned the 2021 Goodwill Award.





**THE
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**GREAT PLAY, LESSONS
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District 16 now has a BBO game just
for the 0 to 99 player—
the "99er Nite Club"!

When: 6pm, 7 days a week
Where: Your Online Club*

Perks:

- ✓ **More Masterpoints**
(cross club scoring)
- ✓ **Mini-Lessons**
by Lynn Berg at 5:30 pm

*Check to make sure your club is participating.
 If your club has questions they should
 contact Nancy Strohmer at:
nastrohmer@yahoo.com



PASSINGS TO NOTE**

— End of December through End of February—

TEXAS

- Karen Barber, Jasper
- Beverly Beazley, Aledo
- *Shirley Bond, Wichita Falls
- Linda R. Ebeling, Bellaire
- *Celeste Godfrey, Woodway
- *Tim Green Jr., Carrollton
- *Barbara Hamman, Dallas
- *Charles Hill, Keller
- *Nelda Holland, Dallas
- Sharon Kaplan, Cypress
- *Elton Lipnick, Houston
- Jo Ann Manfredi, New Braunfels
- *Jack McLamore, Dallas
- *Betty Kyle Moore, Houston
- *Madhusudan Patel, Houston

- *Flora Pettit, Fort Worth
- * Edith Reid, Houston
- *Teddy Rhodes, Mission
- *Judy Staser, Fort Worth
- Walt Thome, Houston
- Nona Tipps, Gainesville
- *Mrs. Jerry Triggs, Lumberton
- Dani Woods, Austin

MEXICO

- *Alberto Cohen, Naucalpan
- *Moises Ganc Kolodner, Mexico City
- *Martin Luis Guzman, Mexico City
- * *Life Master*
- ** *List is based on passings reported to
the ACBL after December, 2021.*



ACBL TO INTRODUCE NEW CONVENTION CARD MID 2022

Size is still 8x8.5 and I assume they kept it this way so that any type of Card sleeve wouldn't need to be modified to fit a new convention card size.

Here it is. It looks a bit tight to me. I think I would have liked a letter page size, something that I could fold in half, to give me a bit more writing space. What's your opinion?

DOUBLES	Negative <input type="checkbox"/> Thru _____ Penalty <input type="checkbox"/>	NT OVERCALLS	Direct 1NT ____ to ____ Systems On <input type="checkbox"/>	OVERVIEW	Names _____
	Responsive <input type="checkbox"/> Thru _____ Maximal <input type="checkbox"/>		Balance 1NT ____ to ____ Systems On <input type="checkbox"/>		General Approach _____
OVERCALLS	Support <input type="checkbox"/> Thru _____ Rdbl <input type="checkbox"/>	vs 1NT OPENING	Conv <input type="checkbox"/> _____	MINORS	Min Expected HCP when Balanced: Opening _____ Responding _____
	T/O Style _____		Jump to 2NT: 2 Lowest Unbid <input type="checkbox"/>		Forcing Open: 1♣ <input type="checkbox"/> 2♣ <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ 1NT Open: Str <input type="checkbox"/> Wk <input type="checkbox"/> Variable <input type="checkbox"/>
DIRECT CUEBIDS	Other _____	vs TAKEOUT DBL	Other _____	MAJORS	Bids That May Require Preparation _____
	1-Lvl ____ to ____ Often 4 Cards <input type="checkbox"/>		Vs _____ Vs _____		1♣ Min Length: 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> NF 2 <input type="checkbox"/> (4432 only <input type="checkbox"/>) NF 1 <input type="checkbox"/> NF 0 <input type="checkbox"/> Art F <input type="checkbox"/>
PREEMPTS	2-Lvl ____ to ____	vs PREEMPTS	Dbl _____ Dbl _____	NOTRUMP	Resp _____ Transfer Resp <input type="checkbox"/>
	Jump Overcalls: Wk <input type="checkbox"/> Int <input type="checkbox"/> Str <input type="checkbox"/>		2♣ _____ 2♣ _____		1♦ Min Length: 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Unbal <input type="checkbox"/> NF 2 <input type="checkbox"/> NF 1 <input type="checkbox"/> NF 0 <input type="checkbox"/> Art F <input type="checkbox"/>
SLAMS	Responses _____	SIGNALS	2♦ _____ 2♦ _____	2 LEVEL	1♦ Resp _____ Same as over 1♣ <input type="checkbox"/>
	New Suit: F <input type="checkbox"/> NFConst <input type="checkbox"/> NF <input type="checkbox"/> Tfr <input type="checkbox"/>		2♥ _____ 2♥ _____		1NT _____ to _____
LEADS vs SUITS	Jump Raise: Wk <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed <input type="checkbox"/> Inv <input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER	2♠ _____ 2♠ _____	OTHER	2NT _____ to _____
	Cuebids _____ Support <input type="checkbox"/>		Other _____		1NT _____ to _____
LEADS vs NT	Other _____	OTHER	Other _____	OTHER	2NT _____ to _____
	3-Level Style (Seat/Vul) _____		New Suit F: 2 Lvl <input type="checkbox"/> Tfr <input type="checkbox"/> _____		1♥/♠ _____
LEADS vs NT	Resp _____	OTHER	Jump Shift: Wk <input type="checkbox"/> Inv <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> Fit <input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER	1st/2nd Length: 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/>
	4-Level Style _____		Rdbl: 10+ <input type="checkbox"/> Conv <input type="checkbox"/> _____		3rd/4th Length: 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/>
LEADS vs NT	4♣/4♦ Tfr <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	OTHER	2NT Over: Nat _____ Raise _____ Range _____	OTHER	1NT: F <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-F <input type="checkbox"/> Bypass <input type="checkbox"/> _____
	4♣ Gerber: Directly Over NT <input type="checkbox"/> Over NT Seq <input type="checkbox"/> Non-NT Seq <input type="checkbox"/>		♣♦ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ to _____		♠ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ to _____
LEADS vs NT	4NT: Blackwood <input type="checkbox"/> RKC 0314 <input type="checkbox"/> RKC 1430 <input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER	♣ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ to _____	OTHER	Other _____
	Control Bids _____		♠ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ to _____		Art Raises: 2NT <input type="checkbox"/> 3NT <input type="checkbox"/> Splinter <input type="checkbox"/>
LEADS vs NT	Vs Interference _____	OTHER	Other _____	OTHER	Drury: 2♣ <input type="checkbox"/> 2♦ <input type="checkbox"/> In Comp <input type="checkbox"/> _____
	Other _____		2NT Overcall _____		Jump Raise: Wk <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed <input type="checkbox"/> Inv <input type="checkbox"/>
LEADS vs NT	Suits _____	OTHER	T/O Dbl Thru _____ Penalty <input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER	After Overcall: Wk <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed <input type="checkbox"/> Inv <input type="checkbox"/>
	Standard - Attitude <input type="checkbox"/>		2NT Lebensohl Resp <input type="checkbox"/> _____		Other _____
LEADS vs NT	Standard - Count <input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER	Cuebid _____	OTHER	1NT _____ to _____ (Seat/Vul _____) 1NT _____ to _____ (Same Resp: Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>)
	Upside Down - Attitude <input type="checkbox"/>		Jump Overcalls _____		5-Card Major <input type="checkbox"/> Sys On vs _____
LEADS vs NT	Upside Down - Count <input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER	Other _____	OTHER	2♣ Stayman <input type="checkbox"/> Puppet <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>
	Exceptions _____		Other _____		2♦: Nat <input type="checkbox"/> Tfr <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
LEADS vs NT	Other Carding: _____	OTHER	Other _____	OTHER	2♥: Nat <input type="checkbox"/> Tfr <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
	Smith Echo: Suits <input type="checkbox"/> NT <input type="checkbox"/> Reverse <input type="checkbox"/>		Other _____		2♠: Nat <input type="checkbox"/> Tfr <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
LEADS vs NT	Trump Signals _____	OTHER	Other _____	OTHER	2NT: Nat <input type="checkbox"/> Tfr <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
	CIRCLE CARD LED (if not bold): _____		Other _____		Smolen <input type="checkbox"/> Tfr: 4♣ <input type="checkbox"/> 4♦ <input type="checkbox"/> 4♥ <input type="checkbox"/>
LEADS vs NT	Length Leads: 4 th <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd /5 th <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd /Low <input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER	Other _____	OTHER	Dbl: Neg <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Pen <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ Lebenslohl <input type="checkbox"/> : _____
	Attitude <input type="checkbox"/> Small from xx <input type="checkbox"/>		Other _____		2NT _____ to _____ Puppet <input type="checkbox"/> 3♠ <input type="checkbox"/> _____
LEADS vs NT	xx xxx xxxxx xxxxx	OTHER	Other _____	OTHER	Conv <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Tfr: 3Lvl <input type="checkbox"/> 4Lvl <input type="checkbox"/> Neg Dbl <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
	Hxx Hxxx Hxxxx		Other _____		3NT _____ to _____ One Suit <input type="checkbox"/> _____
LEADS vs NT	After 1 st Trick _____	OTHER	Other _____	OTHER	2♣ _____ to _____ _____ 2♦ Neg <input type="checkbox"/> Waiting <input type="checkbox"/>
	Honor Leads: _____		Other _____		Very Str <input type="checkbox"/> Str <input type="checkbox"/> Nat <input type="checkbox"/> Conv <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Other _____
LEADS vs NT	AKx (+) Varies <input type="checkbox"/> _____	OTHER	Other _____	OTHER	2♦ _____ to _____ _____ New Suit NF <input type="checkbox"/>
	K Q x Q J x J T x T 9 x		Other _____		Wk <input type="checkbox"/> Int <input type="checkbox"/> Str <input type="checkbox"/> Conv <input type="checkbox"/> Rebids over 2NT: _____ Other _____
LEADS vs NT	Interior Seq: _____	OTHER	Other _____	OTHER	2♥ _____ to _____ _____ New Suit NF <input type="checkbox"/>
	K J T x K T 9 x Q T 9 x		Other _____		Wk <input type="checkbox"/> Int <input type="checkbox"/> Str <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Suits <input type="checkbox"/> Rebids over 2NT: _____ Other _____
LEADS vs NT	Exceptions _____	OTHER	Other _____	OTHER	2♠ _____ to _____ _____ New Suit NF <input type="checkbox"/>
	Exceptions _____		Other _____		Wk <input type="checkbox"/> Int <input type="checkbox"/> Str <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Suits <input type="checkbox"/> Rebids over 2NT: _____ Other _____
LEADS vs NT	Exceptions _____	OTHER	Other _____	OTHER	Jump Shift Resp _____
	Exceptions _____		Other _____		Vs (Very) Str Open _____ NMF <input type="checkbox"/> 2Way NMF <input type="checkbox"/> XYZ <input type="checkbox"/> 4 th SF: 1Rnd <input type="checkbox"/> GF <input type="checkbox"/>



FORT WESTERN SECTIONAL WINNERS



BACK AT THE TABLE AT THE FORT WORTH BRIDGE STUDIO



FW Sectional Director
Carolyn Pinto



1st Place Friday AM Open Pairs A
Sheri Gautier, Mark Bumgardner



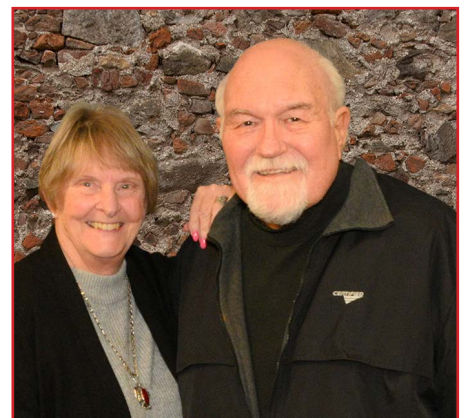
1st Place Friday AM Open Pairs B
Pam Pickrell, Connie Chamberlain



1st Place Friday PM Open Pairs A&B
Brian Eaton, Randy Eads



1st Place Saturday AM Open Pairs A
Nancy Kornegay, Steve Kornegay



1st Place Saturday AM Open Pairs B
Ginger Kennedy, Ivan Uys





1st Place Saturday PM Open Pairs A
Bill Staats, Hugh Hillaker



1st Place Saturday PM Open Pairs C
Brian Eaton, Mike Blanchard



1st Place Sunday Swiss Bkt 1
MB Howard, Hal Schultz,
TR Sartor, Wiltie Creswell



1st Place Sunday Swiss Bkt 2
Lynn Long, Brian Eaton,
Randy Eads, Cynthia Benton



1st Place Sunday Swiss Bkt A
Michael Haymann, Mary Jane Orock,
Gary Neisler, not shown (Billy Leeper,
Ken Monzingo)



1st Place Sunday Swiss Bkt X
Margot Hirsch, Theresa Brantley,
Nancy Peterson, Melody Gann





THE MOST BEAUTIFUL GAME IN THE WORLD

By Patricia Herrera



Bridge is the ultimate mind and social sport. It keeps us socially active and cognitively challenged. Yes, we all feel pretty dumb after a misplay, but it only means that we are improving our thinking (and patience) skills.

Like all beautiful things in life, bridge has its own language. And it is only fair and necessary that we all understand it if we aim to become good bridge players. And this is the reason why the convention card was created. Also, our opponents need to be able to know our agreements and we are entitled to the same.

A convention card, usually known as CC, is a great source of knowledge and helps us to learn and improve our bridge. Yet sometimes we just don't know how a card is organized and what kind of information goes in it.

If this is your case, please don't worry, you are not alone.

A convention card is a summary of the conventions and treatments that a particular pair is using. It is comprised of many sections that make it easy to understand what do we need to disclose.

On the front we state how do we open and rebid NT, majors, minors and strong hands. On the back we should put how do we interfere in the bidding; how do we ask for values to bid slams and grand slams. And how do we lead and what is our leading and carding systems.

It also tells us what needs to be announced, what needs to be alerted and it is was considered standard. If you feel lost, please don't worry. There are many resources, mainly online about how to fill out a convention card and what does every section mean.

I am going to share two of my favorite ones. One is a guide written by Larry Cohen about [how to fill a basic 2/1 convention card](#) and the other is the [Bridge Winners CC editor](#). There are plenty others online so to do a little bit of research on this topic and feel free to contact me if you have any comments or questions.

Remember that we are all learning together.

Please join us and encourage others to come and practice in a fun environment with others newcomers (0-50points) every Monday from 4:00 to 5:40 pm CST on BBO. Email Kim Brinkman at beginner20bridge@gmail.com She will follow up and give you instructions on how to find the game

Patricia Herrera
Education Coordinator



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Austin Sectional

April
2nd & 3rd

0-200

STRATIFIED PAIRS
1:30 pm

Entry Fee: \$8 per session
(\$12 for unpaid ACBL members)

♠ **Strat A** : 100-200

♥ **Strat B** : 50 - 100

♣ **Strat C** : 0 - 50

Strats may be adjusted
at Director's discretion

♦ *This is a fragrance-free tournament* ♦

Chair, Partnerships, & Safety Coordinator

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the 0 to 99 Game?*

**D16'S 199ER NITE CLUB GAME
ON BBO IS YOUR NEXT STEP!**

7 DAYS A WEEK AT 6:05 PM CST

- ✓ Recent graduates of the 0 to 99 group can play in a game with players of the same ability.
- ✓ Work during the day? Graduates continue to grow skills at a time that's "worker friendly".
- ✓ Safe environment where no sharks are allowed, because the game is limited to 199 mpts.
- ✓ Clubs benefit too and continue to receive payments for their participating players.

Clubs must be signed up to participate, just like for the 99ER NITE CLUB game.

*Contact Nancy Strohmer for details:
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New Game in Town



Got an online game you'd like mentioned in Scorecard?

Pop me a note: D16-Scorecardeditor@twc.com