

District 16 Scorecard

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PLAN TO PLAY!!

We have multiple tournaments coming up with a fun Regional in Fort Worth in May, plus several Sectionals in June, and the Austin Firecracker Regional starting end of June.

If you haven't started going back to f2f play, the time is right. Try out one of the D16 tournaments in your neighborhood or plan a trip to one a little farther away. Plus, for a great bridge-playing, beach-going vacation, Acapulco is definitely a place to consider.

CHECK OUT THE FLYERS

FORT WORTH REGIONAL
MAY 9-15 (PG 43 HAS A FLYER LINK)

SAN ANTONIO SUMMER SECTIONAL
JUNE 1-4 (PG 9)

HOUSTON EARLY SUMMER SECTIONAL
JUNE 3-5, (PG 23)

ACAPULCO FUN IN THE SUN SECTIONAL
JUNE 7-12 (PG 26)

MIDLAND TALL CITY SECTIONAL
JUNE 10-12 (PG 31)

AUSTIN NON-LIFE-MASTER SECTIONAL
JUNE 11-12 (PG 37)

AUSTIN FIRECRACKER REGIONAL
JUNE 27-JULY 3 (PG 57)





A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Betty Starzec



With the Spring NABC in Reno in the books, the trend to return to the tables is continuing to climb. Whether you enjoy playing online or not, we can hopefully agree, that playing in person brings back not only the companionship of friends

and competitors, but also lets us again experience the “table feel” of the game, something I am very happy to return to.

As you know, the entire ACBL has experienced a significant decline in membership. The same is true in our district—as of March 31st the membership in D16 is 7,392, versus one year ago when it was 7,706. At the start of the pandemic in April, 2020, we had greater than 8,500 members.

The ACBL provides various reports to help districts and units assess their effectiveness in gaining and maintaining its membership base. Each month every unit receives an In-and-Out Report. This report tells the units who their new members are, whether they have moved into the unit or are new to the ACBL. At the same time it tells the units who moved out, haven’t paid their membership fees or have died. Our D16 ranks 6th in gaining new members but ranks 5th in member losses.

This report is a basis of information to assist in maintaining our membership base. Most of our units already recognize new members coming into the unit with a “welcome letter”. We want these members to feel that they are part of our bridge family and a welcome starts the process. This letter can be accompanied by a free play(s) at a local club, guaranteed partner, etc. At the same time, the units can address members who have not yet paid their membership fees with a gentle reminder or phone call—maybe they forgot, the need a new partner, etc.

The point is that there is a process where units can be effective agents to assist their own membership numbers. As unit members, you can offer assistance to your unit board to join a committee to make these contacts. We all can be effective representatives of our great game. If your unit is doing something special and going the “extra mile” with these activities, please share this information with our District Membership Chair, Sandy Potts at Sandy.Potts5@yahoo.com, who will spread the word!

By the way, everyone is always interested in the age of the membership—over the entire ACBL it is 73.96 and D16 is 74.26 years. We rank 17th.

Betty Starzec
President, District 16



REMINDER: NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2022 JACOBY AWARD DUE JULY 1ST

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.





DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT, REGION 9

Paul Cuneo

The Reno NABC had 6204 total tables up nearly 1000 tables from Austin. Overall declines in Covid cases should help future NABC attendance and I'm looking forward to Providence.

Reno marked the debut of **Entry Express** where players can get their entries electronically. It had been tested previously at a couple of regional tournaments. According to the post-tournament survey, players who used it were quite satisfied.

Membership continued to decline at a 6% per year rate during the 1st quarter of 2022. As more clubs reopen for face-to-face play, we expect teaching programs and new member recruitment to pick up through the remainder of 2022. Management is planning a campaign to encourage lapsed members to rejoin.

The Board continues to work on cleaning up the codification and delegating to bridge-related volunteer committees as we continue to downsize over the next few years.

Online cheating continues to be a problem and you may have seen the announcement of **EDGAR**, named in honor of Edgar Kaplan; the father of modern bridge ethics. This system will be a step change in both our ability to detect cheating and the transparency of the data for those accused of ethical violations, as well as those involved in hearing the cases. There is a good article on Bridge Winners by A.J. Stephani, chairman of the Board's Appeals and Charges Committee. We all owe Franco Baseggio and Brian Platnick a huge round of

applause and thanks for their volunteer work on this system. I'm confident that the implementation of EDGAR will enable ACBL to clear the backlog of cases and enable very timely decisions in the future.



I was also encouraged by the report on Information Technology made by Susie Cordell during our Reno meeting. By developing partnerships with outside vendors, work on several projects is accelerating and just as Entry Express was successfully implemented, I'm looking forward to more improvements in other technology areas this year.

The Board has begun work on the longer-term issues with Virtual Clubs. We hope to have a good discussion in Providence and put regulations in place following that meeting.

Our tournament calendar is starting to return to pre-pandemic levels and I'd like to encourage you to attend and support our districts tournaments. I think you'll find them safe and enjoyable and enjoy the comradery.

Paul Cuneo
District Director





ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT, MARCH 2022

Tomi Storey



The AC was in full meeting mode in late February and March. Our first meeting was on February 27th. This was a pre-NABC meeting to give members a chance to discuss the Board of Directors agenda items.

The second meeting was on March 13th and proved very frustrating for a large portion of the representatives. The meeting was held at the Reno NABC and on the Zoom platform for the members unable to attend. Unfortunately, there were technical issues for those attending via Zoom and a large number attending remotely were unable to take part. The hotel apologized, but this created a meeting without a quorum, so no formal voting could take place. A third meeting took place March 30th on Zoom, so that the full membership could hear all discussion items. Isn't technology grand? It always seems to fail at the most inopportune times, but we can't live without it.

The items discussed included privacy and marketing to ACBL members, robots appearing in virtual club games, IT issues (this brought a laugh from all) and NABC websites from the local districts that conflict with the NABC site.

ACBL Executive Director Joe Jones told us that financially, the ACBL is doing well. Year 2021 ended with a net operating income of \$2.6M. The ACBL balance sheet has increased to 5x since 2019, from \$2 million to \$10 million. The Reno NABC was a success by table count. There were 6200 tables, up from 5000 in Austin. At the end of the tournament, several players tested positive for Covid. Post-tournament surveys were sent out and the ACBL will use these results to aid in safety policies. At this point, the ACBL will continue to

follow CDC guidelines. Tournament attendance levels are about 50%. We continue to have many IT projects in progress, but things are moving slowly.

There were a number of topics discussed in the Q&A section of the meeting, but the one that took center stage was online vs local clubs. It was asked why the ACBL continues to host online regionals when F2F bridge is struggling. Is there a possibility that the ACBL could allow units and districts to host online events? At this time, it is a management and board decision to centralize online tournaments with the ACBL only, but there is a possibility that could change in the future.

Several important points were discussed about the club vs online issue. F2F clubs are struggling and there is not a level playing field with online bridge. Only half of all clubs are operating now versus 2019. Tables counts have dropped from 2,000,000 to 500,000. Suggestions were made to equalize things, from setting up a new color point for online events, dropping robot events that pay pigments points, and increasing black points needed to make life master, bringing the proliferation of black points online in proportion.

Your Advisory Council representatives from D16 would be very interested in hearing any suggestions you might have on these issues, or any other bridge ideas you might have to improve our game. Please contact me, Betty Starzec, or Nancy Strohmer. The Advisory Council serves as a conduit between the membership and the Board of Directors, and we would love to hear from you.

I hope to see you at the table soon!

Tomi Storey
Advisory Council
Skeeter303@yahoo.com





COVID PROTOCOLS FOR NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS

EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2022

This is the guidelines document that was published by the ACBL. The ACBL has not released anything more current than this.

Based upon the most recently received guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the following will be in effect: Until further notice, the following are mandatory:

1. **VACCINATION:** All staff, players and volunteers must be fully vaccinated with a complete set of vaccinations completed no less than 14 days before the date of the event in which the player wishes to purchase an entry (booster shots are highly recommended, but not required at this time). Unless prohibited by law, each player must provide proof of vaccination to the Event Safety Coordinator or a member of their staff. In areas or locations where requiring proof of vaccination is prohibited by law, the event sponsor must put in place other precautions, such as mandatory rapid COVID testing and mask requirements. Please check with the Tournament Chair for any changes or updates to this policy.
2. **MASK REQUIREMENTS:** Any tournament staffed by the ACBL must require masking of players, staff and volunteers when the COVID-19 Community Level rate is indicated as “High” (as determined by the CDC or a similar metric from a health agency). This will be reviewed on a daily basis, therefore, players should be prepared for this to change during a tournament. Whether or not masks are required, masking is always recommended, particularly if an attendee is at high risk for severe illness or otherwise is a member of a vulnerable population. This ACBL policy does not countermand any ordinance or law in effect at the site of the tournament.
3. **HAND SANITIZER:** Hand sanitizer must be readily available inside the playing area.
4. **EVENT SAFETY COORDINATOR:** Each tournament sponsor must provide a designated Event Safety Coordinator, who will be available to review proof of vaccinations, etc.
5. **TABLE SPACING:** Tables must be set at a minimum of 9 feet centers.

Please note that all the above are subject to change. Please check with the Tournament Chair for any clarification or further information.

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For comments, content error reporting, or any other information you might need, please email me:

D16-ScorecardEditor@twc.com

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





CHARITY, CHARITY, CHARITY!

Nancy Strohmer



All of April was Charity Month in the face-to-face clubs. Clubs were allowed to hold an unlimited number of Charity Games—we hope you played in as many as possible earning extra masterpoints! Clubs could choose to designate each

game's proceeds as going to the ACBL Charity Foundation or a local charity, with at least half given to the Foundation, an organization dedicated to supporting local communities in all 25 districts.

D16 held charity games on March 22, 23, 24 and 25 for grassroots and charity, but because of the need in Ukraine, clubs could designate the \$4/table to go to D16 grassroots and charity or the Ukraine effort. These unusual circumstances prompted ACBL to allow D16 to hold District charity games again on July 12, 13, 14 and 15.

An entire week was designated as Charity Week for virtual clubs. A portion of the table fees during Charity Week went directly to the ACBL Charity Foundation. Of these proceeds, the Foundation pledged 50 percent of its proceeds up to \$25,000 to UNICEF's Children in Ukraine Fund. ACBL also contributed money from both face-to-face and online games to the United Nations World Food Program, with funds earmarked for Ukraine.

There is an interesting article in a past Bridge Bulletin, "The Gift of Charity – ACBL founded on a bedrock of giving,"

<https://www.acbl.org/the-gift-of-charity/>.

District 16 holds the maximum number of Charity Games allowed by the ACBL each year—please play in these games and help local charitable organizations while earning extra masterpoints!

Nancy Strohmer

ACBL Charity Foundation President
District 16 Charity Committee Chair



ACBL Charity Foundation President, Nancy Strohmer, presents a \$2500 check to Jim Forbus and Dawn Forbus of Honor Flight Nevada. With Them are Reno Tournament Chair, Jackie Zayac and Reno NABC Charity Committee Chair, Diane Todd.





RAISING FUNDS AND AWARENESS FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

JUNE 19TH – 26TH

The ACBL has raised \$7.8 million for Alzheimer's patient care and research through participation in The Alzheimer's Association's The Longest Day Fundraising Event.

During 2021, approximately 300 Units and Clubs raised \$917,000.

Many clubs that have returned to F2F play will offer upgraded games with elevated masterpoints during the week of **June 19th - 26th**.

Please play in these games and support The Longest Day while earning more masterpoints!!! For participating clubs, click here: [*PARTICIPATING CLUBS*](#)

JUNE 18TH – 19TH

All virtual club games held on **June 18th and 19th** are designated Alzheimer's Association games, and ACBL sanction fees will be donated to the Alzheimer's Association.

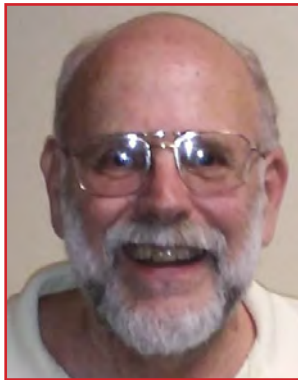
Further information from the ACBL is available at the following link: [*ACBL LONGEST DAY INFO*](#).





NAP CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

Larry Davis



The North American Pairs (NAP) is an ACBL-wide event held annually. Players must qualify to advance to the next level of competition. The event starts each summer with club-level qualification. Players may qualify at any club NAP game in

the ACBL with any partner. (The club does not have to be in your district or unit.) One may play in any number of club-level NAP games, even after qualifying. There are three flights—A, B, and C.

Flight A is 2500+ masterpoints.

Flight B is 500-2500 masterpoints, and

Flight C is less than 500 masterpoints *AND not having life master status.*

You don't have to play with someone in your flight, although the flight status of the pair is determined by the player with the higher number of masterpoints. If you earn a Flight A (B) qualification, you automatically earn a Flight B or C (C) qualification, provided that you are eligible for the lower-level flight.

Some districts require unit-level qualification. District 16 does not. The district-level qualification event (in District 16) is currently held in January in Austin (odd-numbered years) and San Antonio (even-numbered years) in conjunction with an open sectional tournament. It is a two-day event (*usually*, see exceptions below) with two sessions per day. After the first day, about half of the field is eliminated. At the district-level, both players of a pair must play in a flight for which they qualified. The pair may choose to play in a higher-level flight if both players earned a qualification for that higher-level flight. (For example, two flight C players who have earned a Flight B and a Flight C qualification

may elect to play in Flight B even though they could play in Flight C.)

You may enter only one flight. You do not have to play with a partner with whom you qualified at a lower-level competition. Both players must be residents of the district in which they resided on June 1st of the preceding year.

Pairs qualifying at the district-level advance to the national-level. There are three (occasionally four) qualifiers at the district-level. The national-level event is held at the spring (March) nationals. There are stipends paid by the ACBL to help defray player expenses. If some of the district-level qualifying pairs are not able to attend the nationals, the ACBL contacts other district-level pairs in order of place and offers such pairs the opportunity to represent their district at the nationals. (No stipend is paid (by the ACBL) to such pairs. Districts and units might still pay stipends to such pairs.)

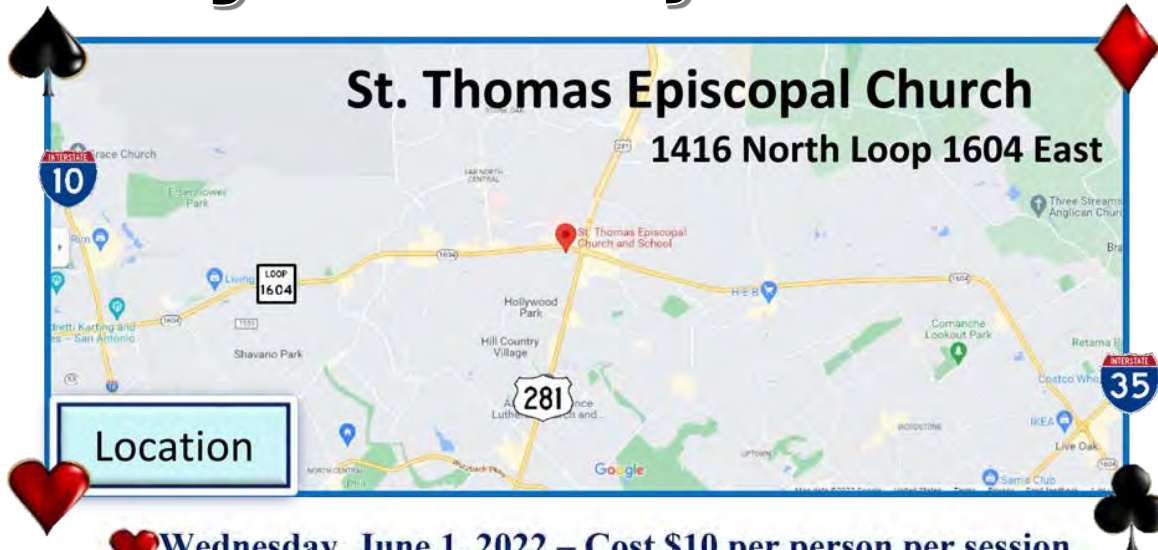
Some districts provide additional stipends (District 16 currently does). Some units provide additional stipends. (Check with your unit board.) District(16)-level stipends are paid after the national event is held and might be withheld if the pair had Zero Tolerance violations at the district and/or national levels.

EXCEPTION: If 16 or fewer pairs enter the District 16 NAP finals *for a given flight*, such flight will have a one-day, two-session play-through final to determine the national-level qualifiers for *that* flight.

Larry Davis
D16 NAP Coordinator



San Antonio Summer Sectional June 1-4, 2022



Location

♥ Wednesday, June 1, 2022 – Cost \$10 per person per session

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

Wednesday,
Thursday & Friday
are Single Sessions

Schedule changes
at the discretion
of the DIC

♣ Thursday, June 2, 2022 – Cost \$10 per person per session

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

♦ Friday, June 3, 2022 – Cost \$10 per person per session

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

♠ Saturday, June 4, 2022 – Cost \$120 per team

10:00 am & TBA Bracketed Swiss
(unless changed to Stratified by Director)
Meal served between Saturday's session



Proof of Covid
Vaccination
required

Stratifications: A: 2500+ B: 750-2500 C: 0-750
All Events Average MP's
499er Pairs with a 3 Table Minimum
Game Schedule may be changed by the DIC

All ACBL
COVID-19
protocols will
be followed.

Non ACBL Members
ADD \$4

Credit Cards Only

Tournament Chair: Jerry Harrington, 210-906-6301, m_jharrington@yahoo.com

Partnership Chair: Debbie Schweiss, 210-862-9706, debschweiss@satx.rr.com

Director in Charge: Scott Humphrey, scott.humphrey@acbl.org



GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS FINALS COMING SOON

Scott Nason



The D16 GNT Finals are coming soon. They will be competed online on BBO over Memorial Day weekend (May 28-30). No qualifying was required, so get your team together and sign up. Advance reservations are required by May 25. To register

your team and set up payment via credit card you need to go to:

<https://bridgewinners.com/tournament/view/2022-district-16-gnt/>

The schedule may be found in the tournament flyer, which you will find at

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

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 special CoCs are posted as a PDF in the ACBL's Document Library here:

<http://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/play/coc/gnt/GNT2021-22.pdf>

and the District CoCs may be accessed here:

<https://d16acbl.org/COC/Grand National Teams Conditions of Contest D16.pdf>

Hope to see you online in May.

Scott Nason

D16 GNT Coordinator





District 16 Grand National Teams

Online District Finals

May 28 – 30, 2022 on Bridge Base Online (BBO)

Saturday, May 28th

Flight B two-session Swiss	9:30 am and 2:15 pm
Championship Flight semi-finals	9:45 am and 2:30 pm

Sunday, May 29th

Championship Flight finals	9:30 am and 2:15 pm
Flight A semi-finals	9:45 am and 2:30 pm
Flight B semi-finals	10:00 am and 2:45 pm
Flight C semi-finals	10:15 am and 3:00 pm

Monday, May 30th (Memorial Day)

Flight A finals	9:30 am and 2:00 pm
Flight C finals	9:45 am and 2:15 pm
Flight B one session final	10:00 am

Note: Formats for each flight will be determined, based on the number of teams entered. See the Conditions of Contest for the planned formats.

Stratifications/Eligibility:

Every player must be an ACBL member in good standing and must have been a resident of D16 as of August 6, 2021.

Masterpoint limits for each Flight are as follows:

Championship – open to anyone

Flight A – open to players with less than 6,000 masterpoints, as of August 6, 2021

Flight B – open to players with less than 2,500 masterpoints, as of August 6, 2021

Flight C – open to non-life masters with less than 500 masterpoints, as of August 6, 2021

All players must have a BBO account. To sign up and get a BBO ID, please visit www.bridgebase.com.

All teams must pre-register on www.Bridgewinners.com, no later than noon on May 22. When you pre-register, you must supply the names of the players, their BBO IDs, and credit card number that will be charged when you play. Each player's card will be charged \$10 per session for each session played.

Tournament Chair: Scott Nason sdnason@sbcglobal.net

Tournament Director: Kevin Perkins





RENO SPRING NABC

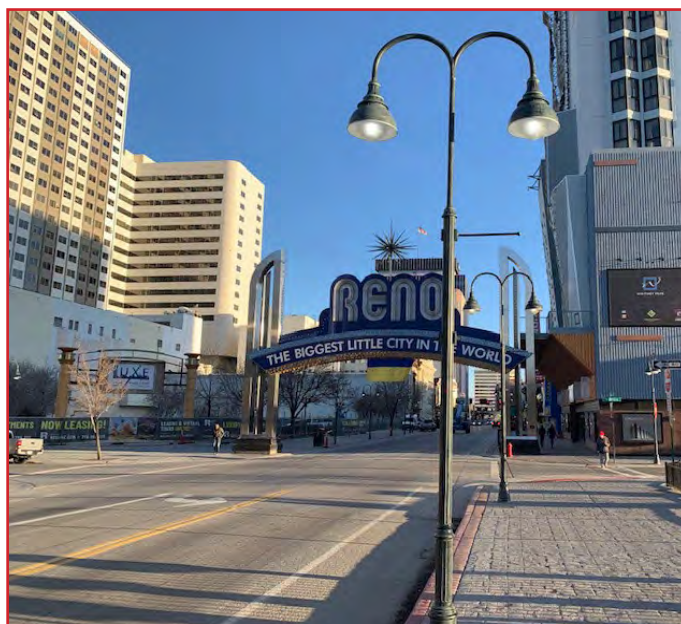
Ken Monzingo



The first time I arrived in Reno was the summer of 1961 while returning home from a 2-year tour of duty in the United States Army Alaska. It was a little northern Nevada oasis with limited neons, popular gambling, and strong entertainment.

I remember seeing Keely Smith and Louis Prima performing live in a dingy 10-stool bar.

Fast forward to 7-8 years later. We West Coasters heard there was a new Christmas week Regional bridge tournament there and you would get a free roll of nickels to play slots with. Great fun, and great prices—full breakfast cost much less than a cup of java at today’s Starbucks.



Vacant Streets MIDDAY, 2022



Virginia Street in the 1960s

the country. It was so successful that December holiday copycats soon sprung up all over the ACBL.

My next Reno visit was the 2016 Spring NABC during my term as ACBL president. What I remember most was the necessary daily walk from my host hotel room through a huge smoke-filled casino to get to the playing area. (Too bad that was before mask mandates.) The city was now alive and bustling with serious gamblers, bridge players, and California getaways. ACBL national attendance was good at 11,642 tables as the Reno allure of the 60s was reborn.

That tournament boomed in popularity and attendance to become one of the best attended in

Now to the 2022 Spring NABC. Reno reminded me of a deserted city from a cheap sci-fi or western





Silent, but Smokeless Slots

movie—void of the crowds of six years earlier. The casinos were so uninhabited that the once smoke-cloud casino walk was more like a cake walk. I only saw a couple of slot machine puffers the entire week.



Registration Gifts & Awards

More stark was the midday streets of Reno. Few cars, few taxis, it resembled a modern-day black-and-white glossy of *High Noon*. Also, numerous restaurants could not survive

COVID-19 with rising food prices and failing economy attacks, so they took a hike.

Oh, and our bridge attendance fell by 47% to 6204 tables, joining all ACBL tournaments this past 18 months suffering steep declines.

But the weather was perfect—cool and windy—and the bridge was fun. Reno deserved a much bigger crowd, but those fortunate enough to attend were rewarded handsomely.

Ken Monzingo

D16 Vice President



D16 at the Reno Goodwill Reception
Front: Robert Morris - Betty Starzec
Back: Hans Strohmmer - Ken Monzingo - Nancy Strohmmer





TOP FINISHERS IN NABC EVENTS

Although we did not have any NABC Championships winners, three of our expert/pros did well in national events, Eric Greco had a 2nd in the Platinum Pairs, Bart Bramley was 3rd in Silodor Open Pairs and Eddie Wold was 3rd in the Jacoby Swiss Teams. Four D16 professionals placed in the prestigious Mott-Smith Trophy. (Top 100 masterpoints won at the NABC.)



Eric Greco



Greg Hinze



Michael Kamil



Eddie Wold

MOTT-SMITH TROPHY

- 14. Eric Greco 230.00
- 45. Greg Hinze 166.67
- 53. Michael Kamil 138.46
- 62. Eddie Wold 133.49

NABC ROBOT INDIVIDUAL

- 18. Ira Chorush, Houston
- 40. Michael Day, Southlake
- 41. Eric Greco, Frisco
- 50. Mark Bumgardner, Murphy

LEVENTRITT SILVER RIBBON PAIRS

- 12. Jack LaVigne, Houston
- 20. Sally Wheeler - Buddy Hanby, The Woodlands

KAY PLATINUM PAIRS

- 2. Eric Greco, Frisco
- 9. Greg Hinze, San Antonio
- 17. Eddie Wold, Houston
- 24. Mike Passell, Plano

LEBHAR IMP PAIRS

- 15. Georgiana Gates, Houston
- 49 Sally Wheeler - Buddy Hanby, The Woodlands

ROCKWELL MIXED PAIRS

- 23. Georgiana Gates, Houston
- 39. Sally Wheeler - Buddy Hanby, The Woodlands
- 40. Pam LaShelle, Georgetown - James La Fountain, Temple
- 42. Thomas Rush, Houston
- 50. Ellen Hessel - Ira Hessel, San Antonio

SILODOR OPEN PAIRS

- 3. Bart Bramley, Dallas
- 5. Michael Kamil, San Antonio

VANDERBILT KO TEAMS

- 5/8. Eric Greco, Frisco
- 9/16. Michael Kamil, San Antonio
- 9/16. Greg Hinze, San Antonio
- 9/16. Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio

JACOBY SWISS TEAMS

- 3. Eddie Wold, Houston
- 5. Greg Hinze, San Antonio
- 8. Michael Kamil, San Antonio
- 9. Mike Passell, Plano - Chris Compton, Dallas
- 15. Bob Hamman - Bart Bramley, Dallas

NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS B

- 15. Mark Rosen - Lilly Justman, Austin





TOP FINISHERS IN RENO REGIONAL EVENTS

INTERNATIONAL FUND SWISS TEAMS

4. Yan Song - Hua Yang, Plano

INTERNATIONAL FUND PAIRS

2. Phillip Grothus - Kerr Godfrey, Houston

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION PAIRS

1. Sam Dinkin, Austin
- 3B. Christopher Steele, Pflugerville
- 4B. Thomas Rush - Janice Hardcastle, Houston

FRIDAY OPEN PAIRS

8. Phillip Grothus - Chris Kollenberg, Houston
- 2X.1C. Nathan Yee, Houston - Christopher Steele, Pflugerville

FRIDAY GOLD RUSH PAIRS

2. Debbie Cole, Houston

SATURDAY PRIMETIME PAIRS

3. Bill Staats, Southlake

FRIDAY BRACKETED TEAMS III

1. Anne Goodman, Fairview

FRIDAY BRACKETED TEAMS IV

2. Patricia Stille, Dallas

FRIDAY EVE SIDE GAME

2. Phillip Grothus - Chris Kollenberg, Houston

FRIDAY GOLD RUSH PAIRS

1. Sharon Harbach, Argyle - Arvind Sharma, Southlake
11. Nancy Stockton, El Paso

SATURDAY GOLD RUSH PAIRS

2. Linda Gaston, Pflugerville - Terrie Kolvoord, Austin

SATURDAY BRACKETED TEAMS II

1. Sam Dinkin - Lynn Baker, Austin

SATURDAY BRACKETED TEAMS III

1. Hua Yang - Yan Song, Plano

SATURDAY BRACKETED TEAMS IV

1. Kathryn Bailey, Dripping Spring - Wiley McMinn III, Austin

(The Saturday KO Brackets 2-3-4 were all won by D16 players!)

SUNDAY TOP FLIGHT SWISS TEAMS

3. Hemant Lall, Dallas
- 3C. Steve Chen - Sarah Chen, Austin
- 6C. Nathan Yee, Houston

SUNDAY MORNING SIDE GAME

2. Debbie Cole, Houston

SUNDAY OPEN PAIRS

3. Robert Morris, Houston - Betty Starzec, Sugar Land
7. Kathryn Bailey, Dripping Spring - Wiley McMinn III, Austin

FRIDAY-SUNDAY EVE SIDE SERIES

6. Hans Strohmer, Houston
8. Nancy Strohmer, Houston

MONDAY BRACKETED TEAMS II

1. Brigitte Sandifer, Sugar Land - Roslyn Miller - Kristen Onsgard, Dallas - Nancy Strohmer, Houston



Bracketed Teams II Winners
Roslyn Miller, Dallas - Kristen Onsgard, Dallas - Nancy Strohmer, Houston - Brigitte Sandifer, Sugar Land





MONDAY BRACKETED TEAMS IV

- 4. Barbara Morgan, New Braunfels

MONDAY BRACKETED TEAMS V

- 1. Anne Goodman, Fairview

MONDAY-TUESDAY SIDE SERIES

- 1. Kathryn Bailey, Dripping Spring

MONDAY GOLD RUSH PAIRS

- 7. Linda Gaston, Pflugerville - Terrie Kolvoord, Austin

TUESDAY SIDE GAME

- 1C. John Fee - Don Greer, Fort Worth

TUESDAY BRACKETED TEAMS II

- 3. Brigitte Sandifer, Sugar Land - Paddy Fiorino, Missouri City - Nancy Strohmer, Houston

TUESDAY BRACKETED TEAMS IV

- 1. Charlie Chen - Andrew Chen - Sarah Chen - Steve Chen, Austin

AFTERNOON SIDE SERIES

- 2. Ken Monzingo, Fort Worth

WEDNESDAY OPEN PAIRS

- 3.2B. Mark Maxwell, Bastrop

WEDNESDAY BRACKETED TEAMS IV

- 4. Dorothy Moore - Tom Moore, Keller

WEDNESDAY BRACKETED TEAMS V

- 1. John Fee - Don Greer, Fort Worth

SECOND THURSDAY BRACKETED TEAMS I

- 4. Eddie Wold - Robert Morris, Houston

SECOND THURSDAY BRACKETED TEAMS IV

- 3. Tom Moore - Dorothy Moore, Keller

SECOND THURSDAY BRACKETED TEAMS VI

- 1. Anne Goodman, Fairview

FRIDAY AFTERNOON GOLD RUSH PAIRS

- 1. Sharon Harbach, Argyle - Arvind Sharma, Southlake

FRIDAY BRACKETED TEAMS VI

- 1. Stefanie Scott, Dallas

FRIDAY BRACKETED TEAMS VII

- 2. Andy Goodman, Fairview

SATURDAY BRACKETED TEAMS II

- 3. Ronnie Martin, Friendswood - Brad Chandler - Jeannie Stone - Laura Chandler, Houston

SATURDAY BRACKETED TEAMS II

- 2. Lilian Ethridge, Bluff Dale

SUNDAY FAST OPEN PAIRS

- 6. Steve Shirey, Fort Worth - Ira Hessel, San Antonio
2C. Janice Hardcastle, Houston

TOP-FLIGHT SWISS TEAMS

- 2. Donna Compton, Dallas
3. Sam Dinkin - Lynn Baker, Austin
3X.2Y. Benjamin Klauder, Austin

BRACKETED TEAMS II

- 2. Valerie Remmers - Dale Remmers, Plano

SUNDAY SIDE GAME

- 4. Susan S.M. Doe, Irving





D16 MASTERPOINT WINNERS IN RENO

NAME	UNIT	MP WON	NAME	UNIT	MP WON
1. Eric Greco	(176)	230.00	34. Roslyn Miller	(176)	19.17
2. Greg Hinze	(172)	166.67	35. Thomas Rush	(174)	17.81
3. Michael Kamil	(172)	138.46	36. Christopher Steele	(207)	17.75
4. Eddie Wold	(174)	133.49	37. Mark Maxwell	(207)	16.69
5. Sam Dinkin	(207)	97.11	38. Lilly Justman	(207)	16.27
6. Bart Bramley	(176)	84.36	39. Sharon Harbach	(183)	16.04
7. Lynn Baker	(207)	80.74	40. Stefanie Scott	(176)	15.22
8. Venkatrao Koneru	(172)	75.26	41. Dorothy Moore	(183)	15.19
9. Chris Compton	(176)	43.70	42. Tom Moore	(183)	15.19
10. Anne Goodman	(176)	42.29	43. Linda Gaston	(207)	14.84
11. Georgiana Gates	(174)	36.68	44. Terrie Kolvoord	(207)	14.84
12. Brigitte Sandifer	(174)	34.98	45. Nathan Yee	(174)	14.21
13. Nancy Strohmmer	(174)	34.98	46. Arvind Sharma	(183)	13.65
14. Kathryn Bailey	(207)	34.00	47. Betty Starzec	(174)	13.03
15. Buddy Hanby	(174)	32.50	48. Michael Heymann	(183)	12.95
16. Sally Wheeler	(174)	32.50	49. Debbie Cole	(174)	12.58
17. Phillip Grothus	(174)	28.52	50. Brad Chandler	(174)	12.35
18. Bob Hamman	(176)	27.50	51. Laura Chandler	(174)	12.35
19. Paddy Fiorino	(174)	27.26	52. Ronnie Martin	(174)	12.35
20. Donna Compton	(176)	26.32	53. Jeannie Stone	(174)	12.35
21. Sarah Chen	(207)	26.01	54. Bill Staats	(183)	12.29
22. Kristen Onsgard	(176)	25.30	55. Mark Rosen	(207)	12.00
23. Steve Chen	(207)	24.67	56. Benjamin Klaunder	(207)	11.71
24. Robert Morris	(174)	24.61	57. Chris Kollenberg	(174)	11.66
25. Yan Song	(176)	24.42	58. Scott Humphrey	(207)	10.50
26. Hua Yang	(176)	24.42	59. Dale Remmers	(176)	10.07
27. Jack LaVigne	(174)	24.20	60. Valarie Remmers	(176)	10.07
28. Charlie Chen	(207)	22.72	61. Thomas Peters	(174)	9.73
29. Hemant Lall	(176)	21.91	62. Pam LaShelle	(207)	9.70
30. Andrew Chen	(207)	21.50	63. James La Fountain	(233)	9.70
31. Wiley McMinn III	(207)	20.66	64. Janice Hardcastle	(174)	9.65
32. Ira Hessel	(172)	20.04	65. John Fee	(183)	9.18
33. Kerr Godfrey	(174)	19.31	66. Don Greer	(183)	9.18





D16 MASTERPOINT WINNERS IN RENO CONT.

NAME	UNIT	MP WON	NAME	UNIT	MP WON
67. Barbara Morgan	(172)	9.12	84. Susan S. M. Doe	(176)	2.78
68. Ken Monzingo	(183)	7.40	85. Donna Hrachovy	(174)	2.55
69. Ellen Hessel	(172)	7.27	86. Patricia Freeman	(174)	2.41
70. Patricia Stille	(176)	6.76	87. Kathy Hughes	(174)	2.24
71. Steve Shirey	(183)	6.19	88. Debi Balter	(174)	1.75
72. Lillian Ethridge	(183)	5.94	89. Leon Daily	(174)	1.73
73. Hans Strohmer	(174)	5.61	90. Gwendolyn Faherty	(183)	1.47
74. Lucy Buchanan	(176)	4.46	91. Carmond Fitzgerald	(183)	1.47
75. Tony Haddad	(174)	4.36	92. Carolyn Pinto	(183)	1.22
76. Harry Selldin	(174)	4.36	93. Melody Euler	(207)	1.22
77. Marilyn Adams	(201)	4.36	94. Linda Appel	(176)	1.17
78. Kathleen McDougall	(174)	4.17	95. Cheryl Bradford	(176)	1.17
79. Wes Peirce	(174)	3.94	96. Susan Clarkson	(176)	1.03
80. Kurt Zhang	(174)	3.94	97. Judy Wood	(176)	1.03
81. Cecily Hutchison	(176)	3.27	98. Bobbi Kauffman Daily	(174)	0.70
82. Denise Patterson	(176)	3.27	99. Dorothy Foster	(207)	0.54
83. Judy Peters	(174)	3.15	100. Candace Jacobson	(207)	0.54





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PLAY OF THE HAND CHALLENGE

Thomas Rush



I had the pleasure of playing at the recent Spring Nationals in Reno, NV and had a couple fun declarer problems, which I'll feature in this and my next article.

Your careful play of the hand will be the difference

between getting close to a top and getting a (near) bottom.

Are you up to the challenge?

NOTES:

1. These hands should be a bit of a challenge for the intermediate player, but easy for the advanced player.
2. One of the best ways to improve your declarer play is to work through the Bridge Master hands on BBO under "*Practice*" — you'll learn many useful techniques to expand your declarer's toolbox. The difficulty ranges from early skills through world-class challenge.s
3. There are no 'tricks'; the hands do not rely on some 2% lay of the cards. Count your tricks, figure out the best line, plan your play, and the right play will work with normal distributions.
4. Your plan should include when to draw trump and what to do before, during (if you need to interrupt drawing trump), and after drawing trump.
5. Both hands occurred in matchpoint events.
6. The answer to the first problem will be provided at the end of this newsletter – work it out before looking! I'll also give the second problem as a challenge; look for the answer next issue!

HAND 1

N North				
♠ K953				
♥ Q1076				
♦ A107				
♣ Q6				
S South				
♠				
♥ KJ932				
♦ Q543				
♣ AKJ7				

	W	N	E	S
				1♥
	2♠	3♦	3♠	4♠
	P	5♥	P	6♦
	P	6♥	P	P
	P			

The ace of spades is led. Hearts are 3-1. Plan the play to make your contract against one of Texas' best known teachers.

Step One: Count your tricks; make sure you get to 12 before you write down your iron-clad plan. If you play correctly, the defense cannot stop you.

SOLUTION TO HAND 1

This hand seems to have only 10 tricks. Four hearts after we knock out the heart A, a diamond, a spade since they were nice enough to set up our king, and four clubs -- 4+1+1+4. Where can we get two more tricks? If hearts were 2-2, it would be easy; draw two rounds of trump, play four rounds of clubs pitching dummy's two diamond losers, and then ruff two diamonds with dummy's two remaining trump. But hearts will only be 2-2 about 40% of the time.

Can't you come up with a better line?

Note: When hearts are 3-1, we cannot afford to draw all trump, because that only gives us 11 tricks, even with ruffing a diamond in dummy (assumes





draw trump, play four rounds of clubs pitching two diamonds, then ruff one diamond in dummy, but that's dummy's last trump, we'll have a diamond loser still). You also can't afford to play four rounds of clubs before you draw trump, as somebody's going to ruff that 4th club.

We are not going to rely on opponents' bad plays. For instance, it won't work to lead the diamond Queen for a 'fake finesse'; either the Queen is covered by the King and you win your Ace, leaving you with the diamond Jack to lose, or, the Queen rides around to the King when LHO doesn't cover.

A diamond and a trump loser is one too many in this slam; find a legitimate way to make the hand!

The answer is that you can find a better line—it's a simple dummy reversal. We're going to ruff three losing spades in our hand, and use dummy's hearts to draw trump.

Some things to think about: This would be a bit risky if LHO had not shown a six-card spade suit; LHO might be short in spades and over-ruff us if we're not careful. Here, LHO has shown length in spades, so we are confident he's not going to overruff even the 4th round of spades. We might have to overruff RHO, though, but our spots are good enough.

So let's ruff the spade ace low and play one round of trump, say the king from our hand. If RHO wins and continues a heart, we still have two trump in hand for spade ruffs, and enough entries to get to dummy (the second heart in dummy, the diamond ace, and the club Queen) to ruff two more spades and then draw trump (pitching your two losing diamonds). After trump are gone, cash the spade K (pitch another diamond), play a club to the AKJ to pitch dummy's low diamonds. Dummy's last trump is your 12th trick, as you play the last diamond from your hand.

If RHO leads something else after winning the heart ace, you can win in dummy and ruff two more spades in hand. Then get to dummy, draw trump, and proceed as above.

This is a classic Dummy Reversal—you ruff enough times in the long trump hand until the other hand becomes longer in trump, and then use what had been the short trump hand to draw the final trump.

On this hand, it lets you count up tricks like this (not in play order!):

Three ruffs in hand (South), three trump in dummy (used to draw trump), four clubs, Diamond A, and Spade K - $3 + 3 + 4 + 1 + 1 = 12$.

Dummy reversals are a great tool; look for them when dummy's trump are good enough to be able to draw the opponents' trumps (a dummy reversal wouldn't have worked here if you held KQJTx of hearts, and dummy held, say, 8743, because ruffing with the x, T, J of hearts would promote the opponents' A98x (where one held A8x or A9x) to a second trump winner).

If you were paying attention above, you might have seen the magic of a dummy reversal. We got to ruff spades with our trump in hand, then pitch diamonds from our hand on dummy's trump, then pitch diamonds from dummy on our hand's clubs, and lastly ruff a diamond with dummy's last trump. Here, a dummy reversal was a way to get six trump tricks from our five-card suit, instead of just four trump tricks with standard play.

You can play through the hand with this handviewer link:

<https://tinyurl.com/yc38m8c7>

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NEXT ISSUE'S PROBLEM (PG 22):





HAND 2:

	W	N	E	S
			1♥	2♣
Dbl		3♣	3♦	Pass
		4♦	Pass	5♦
Pass	Pass			Pass

Once again, nothing particularly tricky, and no particularly wild distribution to contend with. You need to find a distribution that allows you to take 11 tricks in diamonds after the ace of clubs is led, and South shifts to a diamond.

You'll need to specify the spots you play for full credit – it's not enough to call 'low' or 'high' of this suit or that one.

This one needs a bit of luck – but it's the only reasonable line I could think of at the table, and it's a reasonable shot.

HINTS:

Diamonds are 2-1

You'll need to specify the timing. Do things in the wrong order, or at the wrong time, and you cut your chances way back (or give yourself no chance). So write down your plan and check that it works.

The answer will be in the next issue of the District 16 Scorecard!

Thomas Rush
President, Unit 174





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Stratified Open Pairs

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Stratified 299'r Pairs

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Brackets of 7-9 teams



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Playing Schedule

Friday and Saturday, Jun 3rd & 4th

Stratified Open Pairs	10 & 3:00
Stratified 299'r Pairs (single sessions)	10 & 3:00
Side Game (single sessions)	10 & 3:00
FLM 0-50 Gemini Pairs	10 & 3:00
Bracketed Swiss	10 & 3:00

Sunday, Jun 5th

Stratified Open Pairs (single sessions)	10 & TBD
Stratified 299'r Pairs (single sessions)	10 & TBD
Bracketed Swiss	10 & TBD

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Friday:

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THE MOST BEAUTIFUL GAME IN THE WORLD

By Patricia Herrera



As we all know, Bridge is the most beautiful game in the world, or better said, sport. Unlike many games and sports where we win or lose on our own, bridge is a partnership game.

In life, a partnership is a relationship between two individuals who agree to have open communication, flexibility, mutual benefit, and understanding. A partnership in bridge is no different.

Nevertheless, not everyone is a good partner in bridge and in most cases, it has nothing to do with skill but rather with being a *good partner*. 😞

WHAT ARE SOME ATTRIBUTES THAT MAKE A GOOD PARTNER?

- **FIRST OF ALL, YOU HAVE TO BE NICE:**

This means both at and away from the table, especially to your partner

- **UNDERSTANDING YOUR PARTNER'S NEEDS IS A HUGE ASSET:**

- Does your partner gets distracted by small talk? **Avoid it.**
- Is he/she not a morning person? **Buy the entry** so that he/she can get extra sleep.
- Does he/she forget to keep score? **Make sure you always keep it.**

Small details go a long way. The more comfortable your partner feels, the better he/she will play

- **CONTROL YOUR EMOTIONS.**

I am pretty sure you have way too many reasons to want to leave the table and never see your partner again while you rip off every single card he or she just played. The truth is, your options are limited, because you're committed to finishing the game with that partner, and you aren't going to get the most mileage out of them by yelling. Save the discussion for the postmortem because discussing it mid-game will only serve to distract both of you from the hands to come, and...*always keep in mind that you've probably made some bone-headed mistakes in the past yourself.*

- **WHAT YOU DO OUTSIDE OF THE TABLE CAN AFFECT YOUR PARTNERSHIP.**

Do you tend to discuss hands with others where your partner made a mistake? Shaming someone won't make either of you better players. Why not focus on your own mistakes? You will learn more and won't affect your partner's bridge confidence.

- **THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS WINNING "WITH YOUR SUIT" OR DEFEATING A CONTRACT BY YOURSELF.**

Bridge is a partnership game so it is **ALWAYS** the partnership who wins or loses.

- **"STRENGTHENING YOUR STRENGTHS"**

This is a very effective method for becoming better at anything. Have you tried complimenting your partner on the things he/she does well? It might be a great motivator and reassurance of the good strategies that will make you win.

The list can go on forever, but I imagine you're starting to get the idea.





If once in a blue moon, you fail to follow this list, please don't worry. The important thing is to get back on track. Apologize to your partner first, then get back to doing all the things you know that will make you a good partner.

Remember that we are all learning together.

**0-50 PLAYERS
PLEASE JOIN US!**

And encourage others to come play and practice in a fun environment with others newcomers in the **0-50 point range**.

**EVERY MONDAY
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



Patricia Herrera is a Mexican bridge player and the Education Coordinator for the ACBL's District 16. She is also the President of the Mexican Bridge Federation. When she is not playing bridge, she runs a nonprofit consulting firm based in Mexico City. You can reach her at herrerapatricia@gmail.com





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- ✓ More Masterpoints (cross club scoring)
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*Check to make sure your club is participating. If your club has questions they should contact Nancy Strohmmer at: nastrohmmer@yahoo.com



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D16's 199ER NITE CLUB GAME ON BBO IS YOUR NEXT STEP!
7 DAYS A WEEK AT 6:05 PM CST

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- ✓ 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 Strohmmer for details: nastrohmmer@yahoo.com

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Novice Pairs

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Novice Pairs

SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH
13:45 Open Pairs S1
Novice Pairs
19:30 Open Pairs S2
Novice Pairs

THURSDAY, JUNE 9TH
13:45 Swiss Teams S1
Open Pairs S1
Novice Pairs S1
19:30 Swiss Teams S1
Open Pairs S2
Novice Pairs

SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH
11:30 Swiss Teams S1
Novice Pairs
14:30 Lunch
15:00 Swiss Teams S2
Novice Pairs

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Sally Wheeler - Buddy Hanby -
Tom Breed - Joe Quinn



Fri Swiss Bkt 2
David Kuykendall - William Houck -
Chuck Ensor - Robert Reichel (np)



Fri Swiss Bkt 4
Jeanette Dean - Terry McGarrity -
Jack Dean - Lynn Hershey



Fri Swiss Bkt 5
Valerie Townley-Smith - Harlene
Michaels - Bob Townley-Smith -
Lawrence Michaels



Sat Aft 299r A
Leon Gertsch - Rose Cullivan Hock



Sat Swiss Bkt 3 and Sun Swiss Bkt 3
David Littman - Hasin Jinna -
Pamela White - Kathy Hughes





Sat Swiss Bkt 5
Valerie Townley-Smith - Harlene
Michaels - Bob Townley-Smith -
Lawrence Michaels



Sun Morn OPA
Lauri Laufman - Betty Starzec



Sun Swiss Bkt 1
John Erickson - Jack Lavigne - Tom
Breed - Joe Quinn - Sally Wheeler (np) -
Buddy Hanby (np)



Sun Swiss Bkt 2
Lisa Sommer - Carmen Keys -
Charles Sommer - Paul Cuneo



Sun Swiss Bkt 4
Janice Hardcastle - Sarah Springer -
Martin Hrachovy - Donna Hrachovy



Sun Swiss Bkt 5
Nathan Yee - Utkarsh Koshti -
Brian Dudley - William Shepherd



Sat Swiss Bkt 4
Ropa Shah - Susan Domsalla -
Karen Jennings - Patricia Donnell (np)





GIVE ME THE F2F WORLD

Stu Nelan



How many times have you thought this, or heard someone else express this:

Before Covid, I played bridge most every day of the week, I had multiple partners at multiple Clubs and enjoyed the social experience and

the learning that went on. Then Covid came and shut everything down. I hadn't played online bridge before, but tried it and it was good! Shorter 18-board games, some mistakes are eliminated—mis-sort your cards, bid out of turn, insufficient bid, lead or play out of turn, renege. Why should I go back to face-to-face bridge?

Or this:

I'm a newer player and didn't play at all before Covid. But when social distancing came I started playing online and found it to be a nice experience! Games are available almost any time around the clock. And games are quick and casual—I can play in my PJ's. Partners are available around the country or further. Bids are explained by the bidder. Immediate analysis tools—What is a bidding box? What is a BridgeMate? Why should I play face-to-face bridge?

The bridge world took a 180-degree turn when Covid hit, from all face-to-face (F2F) games to all online games. And now that Covid is coming under control, many of us are considering a return to F2F bridge.

But why? With all the advantages that online bridge has, why would we even consider going back to the “old” game?

The reason is the thrill of the F2F game! The feel of the cards, the bidding boxes. Actually seeing your partner and opponents. The feel of the players at the

table, the psychology of the game, “table presence”, sizing up your opponents. Online eliminates some of the potential irregularities, but it also eliminates some of the subtleties of F2F bridge that make the game what it is.

Socializing: Seeing old friends that we haven't seen for a while. Meeting new friends, new potential partners. It's easier to talk with a new potential partner F2F than it is online. Are we compatible? Do we have similar mindsets and goals? Most of my partners online were F2F partners before Covid.

Learning: Discussing the hands with the other players after the session is over. Hearing their rationale for what they did. Discussing with your partner some of the problem hands.

Classes: Classes are perhaps more productive in a F2F bridge setting, instead of remote. Asking questions, hearing other comments and questions.

Clubs: The F2F Clubs are coming back, but it is a slow struggle. Times have changed. Where we used to have many games a week at the Clubs, now we have only a few. The Clubs really need our support.

Tournaments: Is there anything more satisfying and challenging and exciting than walking into a large room full of bridge players in the morning? All discussing past hands and conventions, meeting friends, all eager for the games to begin. And the best way to prepare for F2F Tournaments is to play F2F bridge at the Clubs.

So for me, online bridge is OK. It served its purpose when that was all we had. And it is still OK...sometimes now.

But give me the F2F world! That is where the action is!

Stu Nelan
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199er Side Game (3 Tables Minimum)

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Stratified Pairs Single Session

199er Side Game (3 Tables Minimum)

9:30 am & 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm

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Sunday – June 12, 2022

Stratified Swiss

10:00 am & TBA



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 Gerald Kissner (174)
 Amy Mannie (174)
 Gari Martin (176)
 Priscilla Mowinkel (176)
 Robert Muldrow (183)
 Elliott Orr (176)
 Glen Petrick (174)
 Leland Pickens (183)
 Ken Russell (174)
 Lawrence Tetzlaff (174)
 Linda West (174)

CLUB MASTER

Catherine Bornfeld (207)
 Alejandro Buchmann (173)
 Ashok Chhabra (174)
 Michael Frederick (183)
 Martha Elena Garza (173)
 Marcela Guerra (173)
 Robin Hughes (209)
 Mary Massey (172)
 Conner Satterfield (183)
 Patricia Shipp (237)
 M Diane Snow (176)
 Marc Sullivan (174)
 Lou Ann Waddell (183)
 H Ray Yoder (174)

SECTIONAL MASTER

Tom Charlton (207)
 Suzette Charne (176)
 John Fee (183)
 Fran Howard (183)
 Jamie Southerland (207)

REGIONAL MASTER

David Good (174)
 Vicki Wallace (176)
 Patricia Westbrook (183)

NABC MASTER

Scott Cantor (174)
 Jim Ferguson (207)
 Dan Mudgett (207)
 John Saylor (183)

LIFE MASTER

Arvind Sharma (183)

BRONZE LIFE MASTER

William Churchman (174)
 Don Cosby (183)
 Andi Gordon (176)
 Pierre Jomini (207)
 Lawrence Michaels (201)
 Michael O'Shea (174)
 Cherry Schwarz (174)

SILVER LIFE MASTER

Allan Chernov (176)
 Tom Crouch (207)
 Lynn Dellangelo (183)
 Jane Doyle (183)
 Evvie Gilbert (174)
 Frederick Gregory (174)
 Lilly Justman (207)
 Jennifer Lindner (174)
 Annie Mason (183)
 Beula Mae Pearce (187)
 Fred Seipp (176)

RUBY LIFE MASTER

Carol Adamek (176)
 Susan Bates (176)
 Jack Dean (174)
 Jeanette Dean (174)
 Joyce Gore (174)
 Maxine Nobbman (174)
 Sharon Ward (176)
 Gloria Wilson (207)

SAPPHIRE LIFE MASTER

Kathy Bullock (176)
 Thomas Gillett (205)
 Pawel Hanus (176)

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JUNIOR MASTER

Robert Asadorian (254)
 Elizabeth Bradley (174)
 Mary Debusk (183)
 Betty Duke-Ruhd (176)
 Jana Ferguson (225)
 Deborah Greenslade (183)
 Patsy Lanclos (174)
 Linda Schiwart (201)
 Susan Shaw (183)
 Ashok Shunmuganathan (176)
 Deirdre Smith (225)
 Alisandra Tieke (174)
 Zach Tieke (174)
 Edwin Tumlinson (174)
 Eugenie Whalen (207)

CLUB MASTER

Lisa Abuhamad (176)
 Jyoti Boppana (176)
 Betty Clarke (174)
 Nancy Connors (176)
 Brenda Darby (183)
 Patty Degenhardt (176)
 Dean Domec (201)
 Will Ewing (187)
 David Finger (174)
 Charles Freeman (201)
 Paul Marino (207)
 Edward McKee (174)
 David Sechrest (207)
 Doris Sivernell (176)
 Nancy Wright (174)
 Stuart Wright (174)





SECTIONAL MASTER

Elizabeth Fischer (174)
Gerald Fritz (174)
Therese Ray (187)
Helen Schwisow (174)
Peter Stone (207)
Judy Willig (174)
Jolly Woosley (225)

REGIONAL MASTER

Rebecca Barton (224)
John Kalb (176)
Ellen Lane (183)
Manju Manek (174)
Doni Phillips (225)
NABC MASTER
S Kaufer (173)

ADV NABC MASTER

Debbie Cole (174)
Burton Shepherd (176)
Patricia Stille (176)
Judy Wood (176)

LIFE MASTER (

Anne Goodman (176)
Jerry McKissack (353)
Kathleen Pflueger (174)
Rhonwyn Weissman (174)

BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Michael Durham (176)
Mary Earley (176)
Anne Goodman (176)
Kathryn Kent (174)
Adolph Kubicek (174)
Melba Lancaster (176)
Jerry McKissack (353)
Harlene Michaels (201)
Cynthia Rivet (207)

SILVER LIFE MASTER

Don Greer (183)
Joy Hardy (204)
Jeanette McDonald (183)

RUBY LIFE MASTER (

Joe Cameron (176)
Paddy Fiorino (174)
Arthur Widen (207)

GOLD LIFE MASTER)

K Voges (172)
Shih-Ming Yang (174)

SAPPHIRE LIFE MASTER

Harold Copeland (174)
Thomas Rush (174)

DIAMOND LIFE MASTER

Dolores Aquino (174)
Allen Wolf (174)

* Note that Rank Changes
come directly from the ACBL.

PASSINGS TO NOTE**

— *March & April*—

TEXAS

- * Sandra L. Krahmer, Dallas TX
Raymond Mike Kramer, Arlington TX
Mrs. Judith Y. Meer, Seabrook TX
- * Jean F. Moritz, Houston TX

MEXICO

- * Leslie G. Brodsky, Puerto Vallarta

* *Life Master*

** *List is based on passings reported to the ACBL after end of
February, 2022..*





DALLAS SPRING SECTIONAL WINNERS



Wed AM Open Pairs A
Bob Friz - Mike Hout



Wed Bracket Swiss Br 1
Walter Netschi - Ken Dingler -
Chuck Eastin - Glenda Cooper (NP) -
David Clegg (NP)



Wed PM Open Pairs A
Milt Neher - Mike Murphy



Wed PM Open Pairs B
Scott Nason - Amy Schumacher



Wed Swiss AXY A
Nancy Korenegay - Sheri Gautier -
Steve Korenegay - Mark Bumgardner



Wed Swiss AXY Y
Mary Lynn Genovesi - Roz Smith -
Frank Durante - Jane Kirby



Wed AXY Swiss X
Mary Chaffin - John Spessard (NP) -
Erica Walker - Jerry Frankel



Thur Swiss AXY Y
Mary Chaffin - Mary Lynn Genovesi -
Jerry Frankel - Roz Smith



Thurs AM Open Pairs A
Jim Thurtell - Carolyn Pinto





Thurs PM Open Pairs B
Randy Eads - Cynthia Benton



Fri AM & PM Open Pairs B
Jo Shah - Ira Nemazie



Fri AM Open Pairs A
Nancy Stanton - Florence Beard



Fri AXY Swiss X tied 1-2
Tomi Storey - Scott Nason -
Jim Bauer - Milt Neher



Fri Bracket Swiss BR 1
Walter Netschi - Chuck Eastin -
David Clegg - Ken Dingler -
Glenda Cooper (NP)



Fri PM Open Pairs A
Joan Jackson - Norman Beck



Sat AM Open Pairs
Cathy Tucker - Margot Hirsch (NP)



Sat AXY Swiss A
Peggy Sutherlin - Joan Jackson -
Bart Bramley - Norman Beck



Sat AXY Swiss X
Rich Brandenburg - Tomi Storey -
Bob Holliday - Joe Gill



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DALLAS UNIT 176 WINNERS CONTINUED



Sat AXY Swiss Y
Mary Lynn Genovesi - Roz Smith -
Dale Remmers - Val Remmers



Sat BCD Swiss
Carol Murray - Bob Scrimale -
Paul Taylor - Carol Casey



Sat PM Open Pairs
Kathy Carr - Suresh Agrawal

SPECIAL UNIT 176 WINNERS



**TEXAS STAR
AWARD
RECIPIENT**

Martha Young



**MINI-MCKENNEY AND ACE OF CLUBS
— ALL FIVE WON BOTH RACES —**

- Milt Neher (5000-7500)*
- Scott Nason (2500-3500)*
- Allan Chernov (500-1000)*
- Amy Schumacher (300-500)*
- Gail Wingfield (100-200)*



Texas Capital Bridge, Unit 207

Austin

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Sectional

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(512) 300-2743 bridgecenteraustin.com

Saturday, June 11th, 10:00 & 2:15

Single-Session Stratified Pairs

Play in One or Both Sessions

Sunday, June 12th, 1:30

Stratified Pairs

Entry Fee: \$10 per session
(\$14 for unpaid ACBL members)

COFFEE & SNACKS
WILL BE PROVIDED

♠ **Strat A: 200 - 500**

♥ **Strat B: 50 - 200**

♣ **Strat C: 0 - 50**

Note: Players may not be life masters and must have fewer than 500 Masterpoints.

Strats may be adjusted at director discretion.

Chair: Charlene Sands
512-537-2901

Partnerships: Sally Sassen
sallysassen@gmail.com

Safety Coordinator:
Patrick Finnigan



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**MEXICO
UNIT 173**
MARGARITA
DE MONTAGUD

turnout, but we were able to get it done.



R. Bouffier

This project has been possible thanks to the enthusiasm and effort of Aurora and Paty. We will have classes once a week and the doors of the club, which is currently free, will be open every day.

The teacher in charge of initiating the new students in Puebla is Mr. Raul Bouffier who will have the help of other teachers from Mexico City who will come once a week to teach the classes!

NEWS FROM UNIT 173

*To all of our
bridge-playing friends:*

UNIT 173 wants to inform you of the latest news and events. First, we wanted to explain that within our possibilities and since it was our first face-to-face act after two years, the San Miguel Allende Regional was held with a smaller

We had an average of 20 tables per day, the Miguel Reygadas couples tournament was held on Saturday and the team tournament on Sunday.

Last but not least, on Friday, a dinner was offered by the unit attended by 60 people!!

After all it was a success considering the circumstances! Next year it will take place on the last week of February (the exact dates will come out in a month) and of course,

We will be waiting for all of you!



Paty P., Margarita D., Aurora L.

Finally we wanted to remind you that in September a sectional will be held in Monterrey from the 21st to the 24th of month

You already know how well Mexico receives its guests!!

See you there!

Margarita de Montagud
Unit 173

San Miguel de Allende, GJ
Mexican Nationals Masterpoint Winners
Feb 28, 2022 - Mar 06, 2022

Rank	mps	Name
1	41.92	Mauricio Smid Huixquilucan, MX
2	40.67	Ariel Smid Huixquilucan, MX
3	37.00	P Martel Guadajajara, MX
4	34.25	Misha Tomic Waterford, ME
5	34.25	Patricia Herrera Mexico, DF
6	33.70	Max Chauvet Naucalpan, MX
7	31.53	Adriana Salinas Mexico, DF
8	31.53	Miriam Rosenberg Huixquilucan, DF
9	28.94	James Bjerkan Elmhurst, IL
10	28.94	Deborah Cohen Lake, IL

Saturday, March 5
Miguel Reygadas ABC Pairs - 15.0 Tables 3:00 PM

M/Pl	A	B	C	Name	Score
22.75	1			Martha Young Irvine, CA; Susan Young Stranahan, IA	436.86
17.88	2			Adriana Salinas Mexico, DF; Miriam Rosenberg Mexico, DF	423.50
12.80	3			P Martel Guadajajara, MX; Mauricio Smid Huixquilucan, MX	426.13
9.60	4			Gonzalo Herrera Naucalpan, MX; Guadalupe Cespedes Huixquilucan, MX	425.13
7.58	5			Misha Tomic Waterford, ME; Patricia Herrera Mexico, DF	413.31
6.50	6			Gloria Koelmarmann Steamboat, CO; Stefan Reich Irvine, CA	404.19
8.45	7	1	1	Sandra Sarnow - Ariel Smid Huixquilucan, MX	396.31
6.34	2			Max Chauvet Naucalpan, MX; Margarita Dolera Mexico, DF	383.93
4.75	3			Mary Seggerman San Diego, CA; David Collura Elizabeth, PA	377.38
3.56	4	2		Abel Pushkar Mexico, DF; Anita Vogel Edo De Mexico, MX	362.21
2.82	5	3		Enrique Cepeda Mexico, DF; Monica Schapiro Mexico, DF	348.50
1.87	6	4		Raul Bouffier Jr de Strasbourg, NC; S Kauffer Irvine, CA	347.69

The tournament was wonderfully directed by Scott Humphrey, Michael Farebrother and Jorge Rosen.

We also wanted to inform you that we are in the process of opening a new club in Puebla:

The Aurora Club



S. Sarnow, A. Smid, P. Martel, M. Smid

Color	A	B	C	VPs	Player 1	Player 2	Player 3	Player 4
Gold	1			97.00	Ariel Smid Huixquilucan, MX	Sandra Sarnow Huixquilucan, MX	P Martel Guadajajara, MX	Mauricio Smid Huixquilucan, MX
Gold	2			84.00	Patricia Herrera Mexico, DF	Gonzalo Herrera Naucalpan, MX	Guadalupe Cespedes Huixquilucan, MX	Misha Tomic Waterford, ME
Gold	3			80.00	Adriana Salinas Mexico, DF	Dorita Montelongo Mexico, DF	Ninfa Sada Mexico City, DF	Miriam Rosenberg Huixquilucan, DF
Gold	4			74.00	Jorge Rosen Miami, FL	Faye Guidry Laredo, TX	Max Chauvet Naucalpan, MX	Margarita Dolera Mexico, DF
Gold	5	1	1	67.00	Aurora De Gonzalez Mexico, DF	Gisele De Lina Mexico City, MX	Abel Pushkar Mexico, DF	Anita Vogel Edo De Mexico, MX
Gold	2			64.00	Mary Seggerman San Miguel De A, GT	David Collura Elizabeth, PA	Keith Gunn Laredo, TX	Thomas Smith Austin, TX





HOUSTON
UNIT 174
JACK LAVIGNE

ELECTION SECTIONAL

Houston's Election Sectional was held at a new playing site, the Arabia Shriners. Tournament chairs Kathy McDougall and Charlie Dalton said that the players enjoyed the spacious new site with ample FREE parking.

On Sunday, Unit 174 President Karen Nussbaum chaired the Annual meeting (first in three years) and board business from 2020, 2021 and 2022 was completed. A special treat for the players was the fabulous Demeris Bar-B-Q lunch.

Election judge, Ken Hudson announced that John Dubose, Byron Fackenthall and Sarah

Unit. Clif Rice, whose term would have ended, agreed and was appointed to fill the remainder of Dave's term.

Winners of the Mini-McKenny and Ace of Clubs were announced. Dolores Aquino was ranked 2nd nationally in both categories. Congratulations, Dolores!

A notable achievement was the team of Sally Wheeler, Buddy Handby, Joe Quinn and Tom Breed who, with Sunday add-on's of John Erickson and Jack LaVigne, had a clean sweep of the Bracket 1 Team Games winning Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Another notable achievement was Marc Bumgardner and Sheri Gautier of Dallas who staked their claim on the Saturday Open Pairs by having a huge 74.2% game in the first session.

Summer Sectional June 3-5

The board is working on the

Early Summer Sectional which will be held, once again, at 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 Shriner Ballroom there (i.e., **not** where you see the statue).

The attendance at the LSR regional was 50% of past years, and the Election sectional 60% of past years. As Covid 19 decreases, the attendance at the face-to-face tournaments is expected to continue to grow. Players are encouraged to make plans early and get in on the fun.

BOARD BUSINESS

At the meeting following the election sectional the following officers were elected:

President	Thomas Rush
Vice-President	Kathy McDougall
Secretary	Sarah Springer

NEWS FROM UNIT 174 CLUBS

(all club links at: www.acblunit174.org)

Bridge Academy of West Houston

www.bridgeacademyofwest-houston.com

Do you remember that commercial



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John Dubose



Byron Fackenthall



Sarah Springer

Springer are the newly elected Unit 174 board directors and will serve three-year terms.

Outgoing board directors Joyce Gore and Lauri Laufman were given a standing ovation for their service.

Board member Dave Becker's job forced him to move out of our



Lauri Laufman



Joyce Gore





In addition to their limited invitational game held on Wednesdays at 10:30, they have added an Open game on Thursdays at 10:30. The games are held at the Arabia Shriners.



DALLAS
UNIT 176
SCOTT NASON

X - Tiger King, Sam Shao, William and Donna Garrard
Y- Frank Durante, Jane Kirby, Mary Lynn Genovesi and Rosalind Smith;

Under 2000 Bracketed Swiss - Chuck Eastin, Walter Netschi, Glenda Cooper, Kenneth Dangler, and David Clegg.

Thursday:

Morn Open Pairs A - James Thurtell and Carolyn Pinto
B - Kristen Onsgard and Stefanie Scott

C - Janet Meyer and Jacqueline Brown

PM Open Pairs A - Steve and Nancy Kornegay

B - Randy Eads and Cynthia Barton

C - John Kalb and John York
A/X Swiss A - Chris Compton, Bill Staats, Mike and Nancy Passell;

X - Mary Lynn Genovesi, Rosalind Smith, Mary Chaffin and Jerry Frankel;

Under 2000 Bracketed Swiss - Patricia Stille, Randy Patterson, Daniel Boylan and John Luebkekmann.

Friday:

Morn Open Pairs A - Florence Beaird and Nancy Stanton;

B - Jo Shah and Ira Nemazie

C - Alice Ogle and Susan Day

PM Open Pairs A - Joan Jackson and Norman Beck

B - Jo Shah and Ira Nemazie;

C - Judy Wood and Molly Hamilton;

A/X/Y Swiss A - Steve and Nancy Kornegay, Hemant Lall and Eileen Davidoff;

X - (tie) Scott Nason, Milt Neher, James Bauer and Tomi Storey and Valerie and Dale Remmers, Rosalind Smith and Mary Lynn Genovesi;

Bridge Club of Houston

www.bridgeclubofhouston.com, held a 499er tournament from Apr 21 thru Apr 24. At the time of this writing, the results of the tournament were not known.

The next 499er tournament will be held from Jun 23 thru Jun 26.

They will be hosting a special game on Monday, May 30th to celebrate Sam Khayatt's achievement of being name the District 16 Teacher of the Year. Hot dogs will be served.

Fort Bend Bridge Club,

acblunit174.org/Club_Web_Pages/fort_bend_dbc.pdf, hosts an open game every Tuesday at 9 am at

Jack's Conference Center, 3232 Austin Parkway, Sugar Land, TX 77479:

- Free coffee and snacks
- Bridge Mate II
- Hand Records
- Nice balance of friendly A, B, & C players
- Hand sanitizer and masks available
- Calls in advance appreciated

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Jack LaVigne
Unit 174

It was good to be back at the tables. In March, Unit 176 conducted its first tournament in two years, the last time being a one-day affair in March 2020, which was cut short when the Covid shutdown began.

Turnout was well below pre-pandemic levels, but pretty good under the circumstances, and a good time was had by (most) all.

We wound our way through the evolving mask mandate rules, the originally published, the immediate pre-tournament adjustments, and the reality during the tournament.

Our solution - masks were encouraged when not seated at a table, but only required when at a table if one of the players requested it - seemed to work well and meet most players sensitivities.

Tournament winners included:

Wednesday:

Morn Open Pairs A - Bob Friz and Michael Hout

B and C - Barbara Pittenger and Fran Shelton

PM Open Pairs A - Michael Murphy and Milt Neher

B - Amy Schumacher and Scott Nason

C - Kathleen Stone and Carolyn Joost

A/X/Y Swiss A - Nancy and Steve Kornegay, Sheri Gautier and Mark Bumgardner



Under 2000 Bracketed Swiss - Glenda Cooper, David Clegg, Walter Netschi, Kenneth Dingler, and Chuck Eastin.

Saturday:

Morn Open Pairs A - Margot Hirsch and Catherine Tucker

B and C - Gail Wingfield and John Saylor

PM Open Pairs A - Suresh Agrawal and Kathleen Carr

B - Eileen Davidoff and Ed Yetter;

C - Susan and Carey Pharr

Sunday

A/X/Y Swiss A - Joan Jackson, Peggy Sutherlin, Bart Bramley and Norman Beck

X - Rich Brandenburg, Joe Gill, Bob Holliday and Tomi Storey

Y - Jo Shah, Ira Nemazie, John Spessard, and Brian Dalton

BCD Swiss B - Paul Taylor, Robert Scrimale, Carol Casey and Carol Murray

C and D - Burton Shepherd, John Luebke, Daniel Boylan and Lucy Buchanan

A heartfelt thanks go to Rich Brandenburg and Eileen Davidoff for chairing the tournament and navigating the Covid-infested waters to bring this off.

The Unit's next undertaking was the two-session Pro-Am that was held on April 23, to be followed by a resumption in monthly Unit Games. And...

Hope to see everyone at our annual Labor Day Regional in September!

Scott Nason
Unit 176



FORT WORTH
UNIT 183
TOM NUTE

**AN IMPORTANT NOTICE
FOR THOSE ATTENDING THE
FORT WORTH REGIONAL
TOURNAMENT ON MAY 9-15:**

**SELF-PARKING IS
PROVIDED
COMPLIMENTARY FOR
OUR EVENT.**

All guests, including those with a TOLLTAG: Enter DFW Airport Toll Plaza through lanes marked **TICKET OR QR CODE ONLY**. Pull a ticket and provide it to a hotel attendant for validation.

DO NOT ENTER through lanes marked *TollTag*. Otherwise, your TollTag will be charged and you will be responsible for the daily parking rate. Once inside the airport, all exits are on the LEFT.

Exit Terminal C/Hyatt Regency DFW Hotel. Follow signs for Terminal C, and Hyatt Regency DFW will be on your right.

Also, please keep in mind that conducting a tournament requires a great deal of time and effort; a successful tournament depends heavily on the efforts of many volunteers. The Tournament Chair is MB Howard and she would greatly appreciate any offers of help.

Attendance for Face-to-Face games continues to increase, especially for the open daytime games. Special games, such as the Arlington Club's Pro-Am game on April 9, have proven to be quite successful.

Beginning May 16th, Docia Larson is directing a new *499 Game* starting at noon on Mondays in the Fort Worth Studio. This is a fully sanctioned game, but with a relaxed atmosphere designed for new players.



Nice Turnout for Arlington Pro-Am Game





Also starting on the 16th, Kathy Coleman will be teaching her *Bridge in Small Bites*. Kathy's class starts at 10:00 every other Monday; it is designed to let students play in the new *499 Game* immediately after each lesson.

Please encourage anyone who might be interested in learning bridge to consider Kathy's class and Docia's new game.

Lauren Brown is again teaching her well received *Bridge in a Day* class from 10:00 to 3:00 on Saturday, May 7th. Lauren and Kathy's classes, together with the new *499 Game*, are being offered in an effort to attract new and returning players to bridge.

There are several other classes aimed at Intermediate level players offered at the Unit's other clubs. A modest price is typically charged for each lesson with some offered for free. Details are available from the [Lessons](#) link on the Unit's web page.

Congratulations to Arvind Sharma on achieving the rank of Life Master.

You are reminded that games are timed events. Seven minutes per board is typically allowed. Everyone should attempt to comply with this limit and be ready to move when the director calls the round.

The director has broad discretionary powers when players fall behind including assigning below average scores or requiring a late play. The following are suggestions that may aid in remaining on time.

- Except for bidding, play or scoring questions, discussions should be limited until after all the hands of a round have been played to ensure they are completed in a timely manner.
- Any conversation should be conducted in low voice; talk can be distracting to others and discussion of a hand may reveal information to those who have not yet played the hand.
- The opening lead should be made face down followed by the question "May I lead?". This helps prevent leads from the wrong hand and offers a



Brenda Martin
Club Life Master



Cynthia Benton
Silver Life Master



Fort Worth February Sectional
1st Place Saturday PM Open Pairs B
Bob Holiday, Rich Brandenburg



Annie Mason
Silver Life Master



David Pearlman
Emerald Life Master





Don Cosby
Bronze Life Master



Marvin Stewart
Silver Life Master



Jeff & Kim Newman at his Birthday
Game in Arlington Studio

chance for either side to ask for clarifications.

If someone makes a face up opening lead from the wrong hand then the director must be summoned – there are numerous options available to the offended side and it frequently requires some time to explain them all and make a decision.

Also note the change in wording of the question prior to leading; in the past it has often asked as “Any questions partner?”. Asking the question incorrectly is not likely to delay the game nor incur penalties, but it’s always nice to follow the expected procedures.

- And, **very importantly**, the player on opening lead should write down the contract only **after** they have made their lead. This can save a significant amount of time in the long run.

Finally, thanks to Lynn Long who edits the Unit’s local newsletter. Please note her suggestion to provide information that might be of interest to the Unit’s players or warrant inclusion in D16’s Scorecard.

Tom Nute
Unit 183



DON'T FORGET OUR FANTASTIC REGIONAL

FORT WORTH REGIONAL



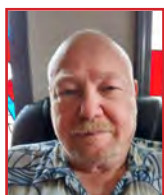
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SABINE NECHES
UNIT 201
DON MOSS

On Thursday afternoon, the team of Juinez and Don Moss finished 1st overall in flights A and B. I was lucky to have a good partner.



Juinez and Don Moss finished 1st overall in flights A and B

and C with a 63.64% game.

On Friday afternoon, we were fortunate enough to have enough 299er pairs that they were able to have a separate game. That game was won by G Maxine Moye and Rita Moss in flights A, B and C with a 64.04 game. Congratulations Ladies !

The Friday afternoon flight A was won by Dana Hastig and Jan Galey with a 65.71% game.



Friday afternoon flight A was won by Dana Hastig and Jan Galey

We have just completed our spring sectional and a good time was had by all .We had a good turn out with a total of 72 tables sold during the 3 day event.

As is normal during our spring sectional, the Beaumont club supplied a free lunch each day of the event and the food was excellent. A special thanks to the kitchen crew.

On Thursday morning the team of Darlyn Dusek and Madhu Moza won first overall in flight A ,B and C with a 65.8% game .Contgradulations Ladies.

Also on Thursday afternoon, the team of Janis Williams and Helen Williams placed 1st overall in flight C with a game of 55.28%. They are good friends, not sisters.



Darlyn Dusek and Madhu Moza won first overall in flight A, B and C



Janis Williams and Helen Williams placed 1st overall in flight C

Flight B was won by Susan Gore and Janis Williams with a 57.53 % game.



John and Nancy Smalley came in first in flight A

On Friday morning, John and Nancy Smalley came in first in flight A with a 67.05 game.

Also on Friday morning, Harlene and Lawrence Michaels placed 1st overall in flights B



Flight C was won by Ronnie Martin and Brad Chandler with 54.97% game.

On Saturday Morning, Flights a and B were won by David Richard and Couffman with a 63.23 game.

Flight C was won by Harlene and Lawence Michaels with a 55.03 game.



Flight C was won by Harlene and Lawrence Michaels

In the Saturday afternoon, Verna and Wilbur Dahlquist with a 68.94 % game. That was the highest percentage game of the tournament.



Saturday afternoon, Verna and Wilbur Dahlquist



Flight B was won by Phyllis Ryan and Loretta Gary

Flight B was won by Phyllis Ryan and Loretta Gary with a 58.90 % game.

Flight C was won by Harlene and Lawrence Michaels. Congratulations again.



Flight C was won by Harlene and Lawrence Michaels

We would like to thank all of the participants of the tournament and all of the volunteers whose hard work made the tournament possible, successful and fun.

Don Moss
Unit 201



FORT CONCHO
UNIT 204
NEAL PERLMAN

STACs games started 4/11/22 and hopeful competitors in San Angelo joined in. Rule of thumb proved that scores in the low 60s can win locally but 69-73 are required for the same event at the STACs level.

Congratulations to local winners and these in second in the afternoon games M, T, W afternoons.

Monday afternoon, 4/11/22- STACs winner 73%. With 61% Norma Walker and Vicky Fisher were 15th A, second locally- Brenda Chapman and Joann Beauchamp.

Tuesday afternoon - STACs winner 69%. With 60% Sam Sneed were tied for 9/10 A and 2C. Great game! Barbara Wright and Dodie Whitworth were second.

Wednesday afternoon- STACs winner 72%. Sue Henry and Terri Tedford were 13 in A with a 61%. Barbara Wright and Dodie Whitworth were second.

Mistakes and misguided bidding, defense and declarer play occur at all levels of play. These seven categories devised for post game review were established for the Dallas Aces in the 1960s by coach Joe Musumeci and the team players.





Seven deadly sins: (I put these in an order that they may occur in as a hand progresses.

1. Mechanical errors
2. Impulsive actions
3. System violations (memory lapses)
4. Bidding without values
5. Unilateral actions
6. No win declarer play
7. No win defensive play

Consider resources via Google, our giant web, podcasts, videos, Bridge winners, Bridge guys, ACBL Encyclopedia of Bridge ETC , different articles that drill down and elaborate on these distinctions.

In my personal life, my plea of no contest, er uh, "I wish I hadn't done that", still trying to learn from mistakes as well as small successes.

Neal Perlman
Unit 204



AMISTAD
(WESTERN MEXICO)
UNIT 205
MARY ANN WHITE

The return to face-to-face bridge in Unit 205 is now complete. We held our last Virtual Club Game on April 4 and look forward to everyone returning for in-person play.

Although it is time to say goodbye to our Snowbird friends as they wing their way home for the summer, we hope to see many more of you next year. Safe travels and good health!

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 the ACBL for a copy of the Puerto Vallarta Regional tournament schedule

PUERTO VALLARTA FLYER

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. Here's hoping we won't need to worry about that!

Congratulations to Tom Gillett who advanced to the rank of Sapphire Life Master. Well done!

And thanks to all for coming out to celebrate his achievement at the Lake Chapala game on April 5. I think it was the biggest turnout we've had at that club in quite a while. And no one is more deserving than Tom, who is truly a fine player and a gentleman.

Also, I believe I missed the opportunity while the Scorecard was on hiatus to acknowledge Charles Chartier of the Lake Chapala Club for achieving the rank of Ruby Life Master. Way to go! Congratulations also to Peter Luciano of Lake Chapala who advanced to the rank of Sectional Master. Keep up the good work, Peter!

The Unit 205 Championship Game on March 10 was won by Nicci Beninger and Lane Galloway from Lake Chapala with a score of 69.64%. Great game!

A shout out to the following players scoring 70% since our last report: Mike Roney and Lane Galloway posted a 72% game in Lake Chapala on February 28 (3 tables).

Also from Lake Chapala, Louise Morel and Andrew Small hit the 70% mark with 73.67% on March 3 (6.5 tables). In Mazatlan,



The Dallas Aces in 1969:

(front) Billy Eisenberg, Bobby Goldman, and Coach Joe Musumeci
(back) Bobby Wolff, Jim Jacoby, Team Captain and sponsor,
Ira Corn, Bob Hamman, and Mike Lawrence



Mike and Linda Saltzman posted 71.11% on February 23 (6 tables).

And at the Baja Bridge Club, Jan and Philip Coulson scored a WHOPPING 83.33% on March 6 (3.5 tables). You'll be seeing that one in the Bridge Bulletin no doubt! Congratulations to all.

The District Grass Roots Fund Game at the Lake Chapala Club on March 22 was won by Tom Gillett and myself with 65.70%, which was also good enough for



Tom Gillett--Sapphire Life Master

fourth overall. Yippee!

With fewer people playing face-to-face bridge than in the past, it has sometimes been a challenge to find directors for our games. The Lake Chapala Club wishes to thank those who have been willing to direct during this difficult time. Thanks to Lane Galloway, Michael Farebrother, John Olsen, Janet Mitchell, Lew Crippen, and Mike Roney. We appreciate you!

Mary Ann White

Unit 205



TEXAS CAPITAL
UNIT 207

RACHELL JACKSON

Even though our face-to-face table counts are not pre-Covid level, players are coming back and sharing those smiling faces as they greet old friends and new.

The March Milestone event was hosted by Pam La Shelle. We're still making up for all of those months we couldn't meet face-to-face. Congratulations to all of you high achievers.

See photo, pg 46.

In March, Rita Wiegenstein invited Unit 207 Board members to play at the Sun City Duplicate Bridge Club in Georgetown. What a great way to spend the afternoon! The players and game organizers were warm and welcoming, in addition to offering some good bridge competition.

The Sun City games have interested me over the past few years—as other clubs were losing members, Sun City games were growing . . . so I asked Billie Ogens and Rita Wiegenstein to put together the Sun City bridge story. The bottom line of the story is love of bridge and love of those who play bridge.

The Sun City club is governed by the Sun City Community Association, an invitation-only club according to ACBL bylaws. Unfortunately, that means masterpoints are awarded at only 80% of a public club game, so players must work extra hard to

accumulate masterpoints.

The Sun City Bridge Club began in homes and meeting places during the first few years of Sun City Development, which started 25 years ago. Once the Amenities Center was built, the games were held at the Center. All players had to be Sun City residents (per the Community Association Rules of Sun City) or by invitation. These were primarily social style games. Then a group that knew about duplicate bridge added a duplicate game to the schedule. Jack Lacy directed and taught in the early days.

Seventeen years ago, Inez Grider organized and began directing a Monday morning game and teaching a mini lesson before the game. (She and her husband Don had spent the previous two years travelling around the country playing in bridge tournaments to earn their Life Master Awards.) Six years later she began directing a Thursday afternoon game. At that time, Thursday was the only ACBL-sanctioned game in Sun City, along with four other weekly non-sanctioned game.

When directing, Inez is dedicated to making the game enjoyable for all, easy going, highly competitive and fun to play. Her sense of humor goes a long way in accomplishing an atmosphere that is so fitting for a senior audience. The club began to thrive on the mix of solid competition and a good deal of social gatherings and parties at the club. Individual club members donated the money





that enabled the club to buy a dealing machine and to have hand records.

When Betsy Lidgley and her husband moved to Sun City, she and another "bridge friend" started the Georgetown Bridge Club, a public game.

Betsy still manages that club, which meets every Wednesday at the Georgetown Recreational Center. Don and Inez Grider co-direct the game. Betsy has been "the most instrumental" in

In 2016 the Sun City Duplicate Bridge Club Board created a committee called "Pathways to Growth" that was charged with finding ways to increase membership, which started by implementing a novice game.

This committee is chaired by Billie Ogens, who has worn so many hats for the club and unit bridge. She is currently manager of the Thursday game and is Vice President of the Board, she's served as Secretary, teaches BB2

Billie organized 12 members to go on a bridge cruise out of Galveston the week before the Covid shutdown.

Other Pathways to Growth members representing each of our five games are Betsy Lidgley, Inez Grider, Mike Martin, Cindy McCauley and Rita Wiegenstein.

And Rita has been a spark of enthusiasm and leadership since she arrived in Sun City and learned to play bridge in 2010. She chaired the Welcome



UNIT 207 MARCH MILESTONE EVENT

Left to Right: Kevin Orr, Judy Alpert, Cynthia Rivet, Sue Alt, Tom Bell, Meg Putnam, Simone Scumpia, Rose Goodwin, Wendy Marks, Dave Goodwin, Kenneth Davis, Linda Lewis, Lizanne McDaniel, Cindy Bell, Marie Rusiello, Emil Rusiello, Lilly Justman, Sue Breeding, Kalyan Venkat.

founding and managing details for both of the Georgetown clubs. She was the first volunteer certified club director and has served as Board President and Vice President multiple years. She keeps equipment running, records up to date, and rooms reserved for both games.

-Competitive bidding and co-chaired the Welcome Desk for the NABC in Austin. Her friendliness, efficiency and inspiring attitude makes all feel welcome.

Year after year the club has become more creative with ways to make bridge fun as well as competitive. In March 2020,

Desk at the NABC tournament in Austin. She has been a leader in creating special classes aimed at converting casual players into duplicate players, developed a class on understanding the convention card/ purposes, and she teaches the Conventions class.





Upon being elected to the Unit 207 Board, Rita brought in a wealth of information about how this club was part of Unit 207 and the activities going on in Austin. Rita and her bridge partner Bill McIndoo have promoted going to tournaments for all levels of bridge players in Sun City. She started monthly milestone award presentations, with decorated cakes and pictures on the website. Four years ago she restarted the Swiss Team games, which are played once a quarter. She is truly our energizer bridge bunny.

The Sun City club is the second largest club in Unit 207 according to table count. Before Covid, club membership reached 300 members. It is organized and runs almost entirely by a very large number of volunteers, which includes a growing number of teachers, directors, board members, game managers and social events coordinators.

The club is known for its friendliness and special

attention to new-comers, as many people move in from out of town/state to become part of the club on a full or seasonal basis. Rita said, “We have a growing list of teachers and students each year. We first began a novice game in 2016 with twelve willing students who committed to a trial for six weeks. The game became a big success until Covid.”

This year there is a new program of afternoon seminars for our advancing players, taught by our club members. In 2019 the club invited professional player/teacher Robert Todd, who gave a very successful half day seminar for 100 members. According to Billie Ogens, Sun City is a great place to retire to and play bridge! Some of the comments that have come to us from new members moving into Sun City are, “This is the nicest friendliest club I have ever played in.” (Now this person was from “out of state.”) Another quote: “The people here are sooo friendly?” (I don’t think this person had ever lived in the south

before). Another person who had to move away said, “I can’t find another bridge club that’s like the Sun City Club.”

And Billie continues, “After many years we were able to convert the four non-sanction games to sanctioned. Older people don’t make changes that easily! That change had its pluses and minuses for our members. Most members are not tournament players, but we are working on increasing that number. If you take a new person to a tournament and have a really good time there, versus concentrating only on masterpoints it’s a win/win for everyone!”

Rachell Jackson
Unit 207



AUSTIN 0-200 SECTIONAL WINNERS

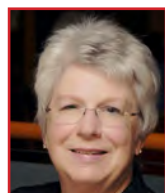


Saturday, April 2
Tom and Adrienne Charlton



Sunday, April 3rd
Sue Ellen McAnally and Sandra Searls





GREATER PERMIAN BASIN UNIT 209
ANN PARISH

REMEMBERANCE

For those who knew and remembered Martha H. Poss, she passed away on February 11th this year. She was a good and competitive bridge player. We will miss her.

TOURNAMENT

Belle Harris will be Tournament Chair for 2022, Marlene Blumentritt will be the Partnerships Chair, and Juanice Welsh will be the Safety Officer. Flyers have been published and distributed to the local clubs in the area. Online pre-registration is available to help us get an approximate head count. See our flyer in this issue of the Scorecard. *2022 Tall City Sectional Bridge Tournament* will be held on June 10-12.

There was a change in the location. Previously we were going to host it at the Allison Bridge Center. Currently the Tournament will be held at Midland College in the Carrasco Room where we have had it in previous years.

Y'all come out to see us!

PARTIES

The Valentine party had lots of good food and was well attended. We had a story in the paper about the game. We hope that the local

people who get the paper will take interest in Bridge.

The St. Patrick Game also was well attended with most everyone with green. We want to thank the Midland Reporter Telegram newspaper for covering both games and publishing it in our local newspaper.



Bonnie Hubbard

We are looking forward to the early Easter Party. We expect it to be well attended again since it is STaC week and players are anxious to get points other than Black.

TECHNOLOGY/PUBLICITY

Both the Midland Reporter Telegram and the Odessa American are publishing our game results each week. We have started the Nexdoor posts, but there seems to be no interest in Bridge so far.

We are working on the Facebook page and hope to get something up in the next couple of months. We also implemented a pre-registration page for the 2022 Tall City Sectional Bridge Tournament. No payment is accepted, but asks basic questions of Name, Contact and game interested.



Linda Buzan



(l to r) Dale Linton, Lonnie Yee, Nancy Ward, Em Carnett





Marty Massie

review the proper bidding. The players learn how to bid and why. During the play, they may ask questions on what to lead, how to finesse and review the bidding to analyze who may have the long or short suit.

The players really appreciate the commentary in helping them understand the bidding and playing. They may still be a little shy in playing Duplicate at the clubs, but their confidence is growing and we have two of them starting to play Duplicate.

There may be interest in starting a Bridge Class in Odessa during the day. There were suggestions about a low cost or even free classes to encourage people to come check us out.

Later, those people will be contacted to submit their COVID info. We hope that that will streamline our registration process.

One project that will be coming up is the upgrade to our computer. It still works but running the old Windows XP.

that will handle up to 144 cans of drinks. This frees up the refrigerator for food when we have parties. It also gives us a lot more different choices than the four or five that were stocked.

Originally it was thought to help out the Tall City Sectional when it was to be held at the Allison Bridge Center.

We would like to recognize Travis Woodward in donating an old big 40" screen TV monitor. We installed it on the wall and it displays the partnerships and table seatings as well as the scores at the end of the game.

No more hovering behind the Game Director to look at a 15" monitor.

Ann Parish

Unit 209



Belle Harris and Georgia Temple

NOVICES

Belle Harris is continuing games for novices and party bridge players on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 12 noon to 3pm. Sandy Hill and Kay Sewell assists in the games.

The games are designed for players to bid their hand and then

Other comments about the Odessa class would be to further educate bridge players in strategies and learn other conventional systems, like 2 over 1.

NEW ITEMS

We received a soft drink cooler

Becky Barton replaced Cindy Taliaferro as Secretary and Cindy will be Hospitality Chairman.

The Board is looking to start Saturday games at least once a month. Coleen Grisham offered to direct those games for free. Darla Mawson will be Unit Manager.

In February, the top master point winners were Coleen Grisham and Bette Byrd, tied for first.

In March Ed Grant was first and Jo Smith second.





Jo Smith and Becky Barton had a 75% game.

We presented the Texas Star award to Jeff Lewis. Jo Smith read the presentation and Glynda Groves presented the Pin to him. He is very deserving for all the services he preforms for the unit. Thank you Jeff.



**EAST TEXAS
UNIT 225
SUSAN FORD**

Brenda Baker/Charles Ford 72.69%
Van Zandt Couny DBC 2/22/2022

Norma and Lee Lunsford had a **76.39%** at the Van Zandt County DBC 2/18.

Mary Bartley and Brenda Baker had a **77.34%** at Rose City DBC.

SHELIA BELL DBC

Shelia Bell DBC honored the following members for their achievements :

70% OR BETTER GAMES

Jeff/Kat 70.19% Shelia Bell DBC
3/21/2022

Jeff/Kat 70.64% Shelia Bell DBC
3/28/2022

Bonnie McGee/Charles Ford 72%
Dottie Pirkle's DBC 4/7/2022

Pat Wright/Nancy Green 72.9%
Rose City DBC 3/23/2022

Jeff Brown/Kat Young 70.19%
Sheila Bell DBC 3/22/2022

Mary Bartley/Nancy Green
71.8% Rose City DBC
3/21/2022

Shirley Shelton/Mike Graham
73% Longview DBC 3/21/2022

Peggy Singer/Mike Graham
72% Longview DBC 3/17/2022

Gayle Mauldin/Beth Hankins
72.5% Longview DBC 3/3/2022

Gayle Mauldin/Mike Graham
75% Longview DBC 2/28/2022

Cassie Jean/Kat Young 70.19%
Texarkana SBDC 2/14/2022



Jeff Lewis



Lisa Looney and
student Daniel Warmack

The STAC game was held on Tuesday the 12th. With five tables the winners were:

1st A/B Bob Young and ED Grant'

2nd A/B Jeff Lewis and Glynda Groves

3rd A/B 1st C Jim Alvis and Tiffany Wagstaff

4th A Beverly Walker and Karen Turner

2nd C Janece Tucker and Becky Barton

Sapphire Life Master

1. Stewart Angel

Bette Byrd

Unit 224



SBDBC St Patrick's Day Party





It was a Red Letter Day!

Even though we didn't have a "feast", we maintained a "festive spirit" throughout the game, having lots of fun.

ROS TULLOS

Ros Tullos passed away March 13th. Last fall a series of health problems forced her to give up duplicate after playing every Tuesday for about 33 years.



Ros Tullos

Ros was one of the early players when the club met at the Canton Country Club. She partnered with Tillie Reed for YEARS and also went to tournaments with Mary Priest, Linda Frasier, Sandy Brown, Sandy Hilliard, Evelyn Schmidt and other dear friends. Her partners the last several years were Greg Cooley and Barbara Bradford.

Her three children hosted a "Celebration of Life" at the family home in Canton on April 9th. We will miss Ros very much.

Silver Life Master:

1. Fred Borum
2. Sammie Borum
3. Kat Young

Bronze Life Master

1. Vicki Angel
2. Jeff Brown
3. Curtis Bourland
4. Jeannie Nutter
- 5 Pam Lott
6. Debbie Valasis
7. Sarah Meredith
8. Cliff Smith

ROSE CITY DBC

We are so glad to be playing face to face and enjoying bridge. We are happy to announce that there have been **3 games of plus 70%! (see 70%+ games to the left)**

PITTSBURG DBC

Linda Harrison, Director, is proud to announce **Pittsburg DBC is now reopened!** Yeah! The games are played every Tuesday and Thursday starting at 12:30.

The location is the American Legion Bldg. 325 Elm St.

The April games will be special with extra black points and also the STAC games April 12th and 15th.

VAN ZANDT COUNTY DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Tuesday March 1st was FAT TUESDAY and the players at Nannie's donned their purple, green and gold outfits, wearing strands of Mardi Gras beads and some wore their Mardi Gras masks.

And our **ACE OF CLUBS** winner, **Sammie Borum!**



Sammie Borum





LONGVIEW DBC

Longview DBC is settled in its new location at 904 Pine Tree Road in North Longview. Games are weekly at noon on Mondays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays & once monthly on Saturday at noon.

Spearheading the move were Janie & Jerrell Wolaver as well as numerous volunteers.

A grand reopening is planned in the near future so check the unit 225 website.

We are enjoying the wonderful game of bridge!

Mary Bartley and Nancy Green came in 1st in STAC games on Thursday in Longview.



Mary Bartley and Nancy Green



Longview Duplicate Bridge Club
New Location



Competing in the comfortable new Longview playing area



Another view of the new Longview digs

Tarry Laughlin (17.24)
David Worrell (13.95)

5-20 PTS
Karen Schmidt (17.12)
Gayle Bratton (6.79)
Darwin Patrick (4.99)

20-50 PTS
Karen Bell (60.54)
Mark Reynolds (37.12)
Kyle Planas (25.02)

50-100 PTS
Pat Wright (56.01)
Jane Gerik (47.49)
Sara Weber (25.50)

100-200 PTS
Suzanne Smith (50.47)
Mary Ramsey (50.31)
Wayne Bogue (42.08)

200-300 PTS
Susan Sensenbach (42.72)
Molly Chambers (34.62)
Patsy Wood (23.23)

300-500 PTS
Tom Spradlin (119.82)
Jackie McElhaney (77.13)
Dorothy Miller (65.31)

500-1000 PTS
Larry Brough (177.81)
Sandra O'Bannon (114.84)
Carol Garza (55.83)

ACE OF CLUBS & MINI-MCKENNEY WINNERS

The winners of the 2021 Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney races were recognized at an award luncheon on Saturday, April 9th.

UNIT 225 ACE OF CLUBS WINNERS

0-5 PTS
Ethan Collins (23.88)





1000-1500 PTS

Peggy Singer (151.08)
Shreedhara Ramarathnam (85.50)
Jo Booth (76.73)

1500-2500 PTS

Nelda Avent (118.99)
Bonnie Magee (115.51)
Diane Duncan (101.51)

2500-3500 PTS

Shirley shelton (130.03)
Shirley Matthews (124.90)
Nancy Green (117.08)

3500-5000 PTS

Mike Graham (234.19)
Brenda Baker (135.69)
Ron Perkins (3.30)

7500-10,000 PTS

Royce McCray (16.53)

Darwin Patrick (4.99)

20-50 PTS

Karen Bell (60.54)
Mark Reynolds (46.97)
Kyle Planas (25.02)

50-100 PTS

Pat Wright (56.01)
Jane Gerik (47.69)
Sara Weber (25.50)

100-200 PTS

Suzanne Smith (50.47)
Mary Ramsey (50.31)
Wayne Bogue (42.08)

200-300 PTS

Susan Sensenbach (42.72)
Molly chambers (40.58)
Patsy Wood (23.23)

300-500 PTS

Tom Spradlin (119.82)
Jackie McElhaney (88.55)
Dorothy Miller (76..73)

500-1000 PTS

Larry Brough (137.81)
Sandra O'Bannon (114.84)
Carol Garza (55.83)

1000-1500 PTS

Peggy Singer (151.09)

Shreedhara Ramarathnam (86.50)

Jo Booth (76.73)

1500-2500 PTS

Nelda Avent (118.99)
Bonnie Magee (116.61)
Diane Duncan (101.51)

2500-3500 PTS

Shirley Shelton (130.03)
Shirley Matthews (124.90)
Nancy Green (117.08)

3500-5000 PTS

Mary Bartley (139.22)
Gloria Rowland (132.88)
Gay Roach (102.24)

5000-7500 PTS

Mike Graham (234.19)
Brenda Baker (135.69)
Ron Perkins (3.30)

7500-10,000 PTS

Royce McCray (16.53)

UNIT 225 MINI-MCKENNEY AWARD WINNERS

0-5 PTS

Ethan Collins (23.88)
Terry Laughlin (17.24)
David Worrall (15.55)

5-20 PTS

Karen Schmidt (17.12)
Gayle Bratton (6.79)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The May Unit Championship game will be held on the 2nd Saturday, 5/14.



The game will begin at 12:30 at the Tyler Senior Center. Make Plans with your partner to Play.

For the April game, the top winners were Susan and Charles Ford, with a 63.57% game. We had a total of 10 Tables.

Susan Ford

Unit 225



2021 Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney Award Luncheon





CENTRAL TEXAS
UNIT 233
PAM & GEORGE
HOLMES

The clubs in Unit 233 are surviving is the best way to describe how things are going.

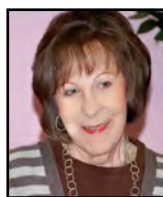
Table counts are still low but fortunately some of our players who have been ill or injured are recovering and hoping to be back to bridge soon. A few have already made their way back and we are glad to see them.

Patti Santini and Susan Raphael had a 70 percent game at the Sul Ross Club – congratulations on a nice game.

That is about everything news worthy from Unit 233.

May all your deals be tops.

Pam & George Holmes
Unit 233



WICHITA FALLS
UNIT 353
MARSHA MAY

Margie Brown is the newest Ruby Life Master in Unit 353. Margie started playing bridge around 1985 and has been a regular ever since.

She took lessons from Jean Williamson and still remembers her lesson on “*Do not bid unless you have more than 5 points!*”

She also remembers the trips to Las Vegas with Gail Simpson and Liz Meux and the many tournaments she went to with Carolyn Kay.

She loved meeting up with people every year at various tournaments and even hosted some of them in her home for the Wichita Falls Sectionals.

Margie is a special person in our unit and has played with most of our members including novices.

She is also a special friend to members that have temporary needs and she checks on them regularly.

Unit 353 is truly lucky to have Margie as a member, a mentor and a friend.

Margie also won the Mini-McKinney Award and the Ace



Ruby Life Master, Margie Brown

of Clubs several times and I am proud to announce the 2021 winners of these awards for Unit 353.

Carl and Lana Winfrey are our newest members and they won both awards for the 0-5 category.

Carolyn Bell won both awards for the 50 -100 category.

Betsy Smith won both awards for the 100-200 category.

Marsha May won both awards for the 300-500 category.

Jerry and Pamela McKissack have been members of Unit 353 for a year and a half but they have not yet played in one of our games. They won both awards for the 500 -1000 category.

Julia Lucas won both awards for the 1000-1500 category.

David Hertzog won both awards for the 1500 -2500 category.

Anne Halsell won both awards for the 3500-5000 category.

**CONGRATULATIONS
UNIT 353!**

Marsha May
Unit 353



AUSTIN

2022

Firecracker Regional

JUNE 27TH - JULY 3RD

CASH-FREE

HOLIDAY INN



Stratification & Flighting:

All games stratified by average masterpoints.
The Director has discretion on strat and M/P breaks for all sections.

Stratified Events:

A: 2500+, B: 750 – 2500, C: 0 – 750

Novice/Newcomer Pairs:

A: 200 – 300, B: 50 – 200, C: 0 – 50

Strati-Flighted Pairs:

A: 3000+; X: 1500 – 3000; Y: 0 – 1500
(A/X/Y play together);

B: 300 – 750; C: 0 – 300
(B/C play together in Gold Rush)

Sunday Strati-Flighted Swiss:

A: 4000+; X: 2500 – 4000; Y: 0 – 2500

Sunday Bracketed Swiss:

0 – 2000

★ Entry Fees ★

\$13/person/session Monday – Friday

\$14/person Saturday
(\$1 District 16 NABC Surcharge)

\$128/Sunday Swiss Team

Meal provided Sunday between sessions

\$4 additional per session for unpaid ACBL members

299^{ER} NOVICE-NEWCOMER PAIRS

Monday: 1:30pm & 6:30pm

Tuesday – Saturday: 10:00am & 2:30pm

TWO-SESSION PAIRS GAMES

A/X/Y & Gold Rush Pairs

Monday: 1:30pm & 6:30pm

Tuesday – Saturday: 10:00am & 2:30pm

STRATIFIED SIDE GAME PAIRS SERIES

Tuesday – Saturday: 10:00 am, 2:30pm & 7:30pm

TEAM EVENTS

Two-Session Bracketed Swiss

Monday: 1:30pm & 6:30pm

Tuesday – Saturday: 10:00am & 2:30pm

Single-Session Swiss

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday: 7:00pm

Single-Session Board-a-Match

Wednesday: 7:00pm

Swiss Teams

Strati-Flighted A/X/Y & Bracketed 0-2000:

Sunday: 10:00am & TBA



Holiday Inn

HOLIDAY INN

6000 Middle Fiskville Rd, Austin

Reservations: 512-451-5757

Booking Code: Bridge Tournament

Room Rate: \$102 ★ Cut-off date: June 15

Tournament Chair: Sally Sassen

512-517-4123, sallysassen@gmail.com

Partnerships: Pat Berry: ppatberry@aol.com

Safety Officer: Rachell Jackson: rachellann.tx@gmail.com

Director in Charge: Scott Humphrey

★ This is a Fragrance Free Tournament ★

COVID PROTOCOLS: Masks are optional. Vaccinations are required. You may pre-qualify by sending a copy of your vaccination and driver's license or other photo ID to Rachell Jackson by June 20. Or you may present your vaccination card and photo ID at registration. Check the Unit 207 website for other protocols or changes (<http://austinbridge.org>).