

District 16 Scorecard



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President's Message



By Betty Starzec
President District 16

With the start of November we recognize the year is coming to a close and the Holiday Season will be upon us. Soon units and clubs will be gearing up for all the season's festivities. Please know I wish you all the best Holiday Season ever along with my sincere wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

To catch up on some district business, I would like to announce that Tom Trudeau, San Antonio, has tendered his resignation as the district treasurer effective December 31. Tom has been our treasurer for a number of years coming in after the death of Dan Leightman. He worked tirelessly to get our books in order and worked with the IRS to restore our tax exempt status. I want to thank Tom for his years of dedicated service. Jamie Southerland, Austin, has been appointed interim treasurer after December 31. Jamie will stand for election at the district board meeting in Houston. Tom and Jamie are working together for a smooth transition.

Our unit presidents and their assigned assistants have been working on contacting relapsed members for the initiative instituted by the ACBL that was mentioned

in my last post. I am awaiting the results from the ACBL of these efforts. Hopefully, these efforts will result in many returning members increasing attendance at clubs and tournaments. Many thanks to all who assisted in these efforts!

The 2024 Houston Lone Star Regional will once again offer the Best Practices Teacher Workshop at the January tournament. The cost for the workshop is underwritten by the district and the participants pay only \$50 to attend. If you want to take the assessment, it is an additional \$25. (Remember the cost for this at a NABC is \$125!) Passing the assessment recognizes you as an official Best Practices Teacher. Teachers who have taken the TAP will have their \$50 returned to them from the ACBL Educational Foundation (ACBLEF). In addition, the ACBLEF offers the attendees a package worth more than \$150 to help them get started – so you truly come out ahead!

You can register by contacting Sarah Springer, sarahspringerbridge@gmail.com

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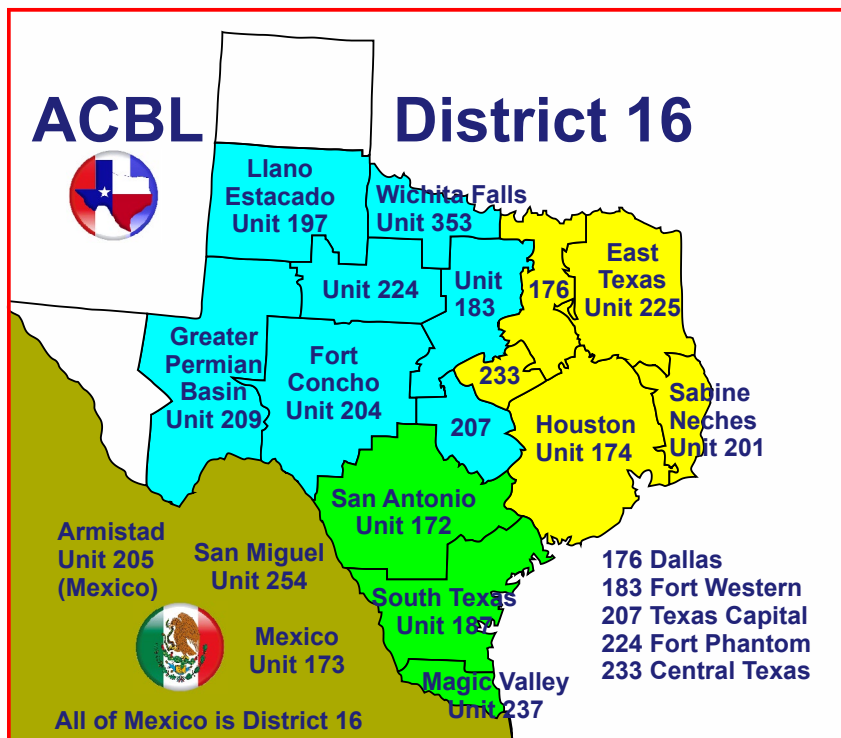
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October 30 - November 5 Puerto Vallarta Regional

November 1-3 Denton Turkey Trot Pairs Sectional

November 3-4 Austin Fall NLM Sectional

November 6-12 STaC Unit 174 Sectional Tournament at Clubs

[November 15-18 Dallas Fall Sectional](#)

November 16-19 Houston 499er/NLM Sectional

December 1-2 Austin Winter NLM Sectional

December 4-10 Sectional Tournament at Clubs

January 4-7 Austin Winter Sectional

January 11-14 San Antonio Ed Rawlinson Sectional

January 13-14 San Antonio D16 NAP Final

[January 22-28 Houston Lone Star Regional](#)

February 1-4 San Miguel Sectional

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February 8-11 Houston BCOH 499er Sectional

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Regional Director's Update



By Paul Cuneo
District 15, 16 Regional Director

First, I would like to wish each of you, your families, and friends a very Happy Holiday Season which is rapidly approaching.

Bronia Jenkins, who came on board as the Executive Director in mid-May, is learning and progressing rapidly in my view. She has tremendous energy, and I am confident that ACBL will do very well under her leadership over the next several years.

All of us have received the email notice that ACBL is raising membership dues and Life Master service fees for the first time since 2017. None of us like to see price increases, but we all must recognize that costs have risen in the past years and \$10/year is a relatively small increase over that period. Everyone is eligible to renew early and save \$10! Just renew before December 31.

Membership is still the greatest challenge facing ACBL. Thanks to many innovative programs we had during the first five months of the year, we acutely grew membership in two of the five months. Over the last 12 months ending September 30 our decline has slowed from 8.16% to 3.54%.

New member recruitment in the 12 months ending September 30 increased 29% to 6417 new regular members. This is about 2/3 of pre-pandemic recruiting levels. The Boost program contributed to the increase. While this shows progress more needs to be done to recruit new members. Everyone can help by talking to friends and relatives about bridge and encouraging them to try the game.

The other part of the membership challenge is to increase new member retention. We can contribute by welcoming new players when we see them, taking an interest in them, and encouraging them. Unfortunately, District 16 is dead last among the 25 districts in new member retention at 41.24% versus the average district at 45.67% let alone District 13 at 52.26%. We must do much better to have a healthy bridge environment in our district which encourages new members to continue to learn and play. The more our newer players enjoy bridge, the more likely they are to renew their membership and to encourage their friends and family members to give bridge a try.

I am looking forward to 2024 when the board will reach 13 members which was planned with the restructuring effort. As we have reduced from 25 down to 13, I have seen improved collegiality and working relationships along with more business focus and involvement from our members. And there have been significant cost savings.

Tournaments continue to be problematic, but our regional tournaments have grown this year. I am looking forward to seeing increased attendance in 2024 and hope to see many more of you at the Lone Star Regional in Houston in January.

President's Message

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Our communication to our members comes in the form of Robly emails. Evvie Gilbert, our Scorecard Editor, is now handling all these communications as Nancy Strohmer is stepping down from this position. To contact Evvie regarding requests for these communications, please contact her at:

d16-contactadmin@d16acbl.org

Many thanks to Nancy for all her years doing these communications for us, and thank you Evvie for continuing this service for our district.

See you at the tables!



Nancy
Strohmer

The Most Beautiful Game in the World ♠

By Patricia Herrera

D16 Education Coordinator



Bridge is the most beautiful game in the world and the ultimate social sport. For many reasons it is the most popular card game on the planet. It's beauty comes from different places, one being that it has its own language. Yes, we are talking about bidding and therefore,

conventions.

Conventions. Oops! I feel like I said a bad word. And this is because bridge conventions are one of the most controversial aspects of the game. We all feel and think differently about them. As a good friend, great teacher and fantastic player once told me: "Conventions are a whole philosophy on their own."

There are two main questions for which players need answers:

1. How many conventions should I use?
2. Which ones should I choose?

Neither question is easy to answer.

First of all being an, "I know all the conventions," kind of player does not guarantee being a good player. Although there is no formal study, most players at the top level agree that playing a sophisticated system with lots of conventions would give you a 5% advantage more or less, and this is when playing at the top level.

So if you are just starting to play bridge, have played in just a few tournaments and don't have an established partnership, odds are you probably need only a few conventions to get through.

Most of the great players agree that successful bridge is a game about:

- Counting
- Tempo
- Paying attention
- Taking the most tricks.

Not using many conventions will allow you to focus on these things and not like trying to remember the system or the many steps of many conventions. So yes, less is more.

At the World Championships in Orlando in 2018, I was able to see the convention card of one of the partnerships that won the Open Teams. It was

crossed on both sides with the word Standard. If a team can win with that system, the rest of us mere bridge mortals can survive with just a few conventions.

There are two things that we also need to do.

1. If you play a convention, know it well. This includes all steps, answers and scenarios like vulnerability, interference etc.
2. Choose wisely.

If you don't feel like you can choose which conventions to use, here are a few of the most popular and useful ones.

Stayman Used after partner opens 1NT to ask for a 4-card major suit. Probably the most known and most popular bridge convention.

Blackwood A bid of 4NT asks for aces followed by 5NT for kings when bidding or exploring a slam. After Stayman, probably the second most popular convention.

Negative Doubles Shows a competitive hand with support for the unbid suits after partner opens and the opponents interfere. A beauty.

Two Club Opening Bid This bid announces a very strong hand. Its magnificence lies in the fact that partner can't pass it.

Limit Raises These are bids that show a limit to the strength of the hand. They include cue bids and using Drury.

Weak Two Bids These are opening bids that show a weak to intermediate hand with a six card suit. Probably my favorite tool.

Splinters Splinter bids are game forcing showing both a 4+ card fit and shortness in the splintered suit. They are a great way to get into the mysterious ways of slam bidding.

What else do we need? The list can go on forever. Each of the conventions I mentioned has different responses, ways of using them, and several steps. Before anything else you need to master their uses and steps.

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Grand National Teams ♠

By Scott Nason

D16 GNT Coordinator



Back by popular demand the Grand National Teams (GNT) 2024 will be returning to District 16. Once again, we are going to dispense with the unit qualifying and proceed straight to the District Finals. Get

your teams together and meet us in Houston or Dallas in the spring.

There are four GNT levels that will compete in the District Finals. The four winners of that event (and possibly more – see below) go on to compete at the GNT Finals at the Toronto Summer NABC in July 2024. The top flight – the Championship Flight – is open to anyone who is an ACBL member in good standing, and who resided in District 16 as of September 1, 2023.

To play in Flight A, each member of the team must also have had fewer than 6000 masterpoints as of the August 6, 2023 posting.

For Flight B the cutoff is 2500 points, and

Flight C is limited to Non-Life Masters with fewer than 500 points.

Each team may consist of four, five or six players, but each player must be eligible for the flight in which the team is competing.

Clubs may hold qualifiers, but you do not need to qualify in a club or unit qualifier to compete in the District Finals. The District Finals will be split into two venues:

- The Championship and B Flights will be held in Houston on April 6-7
- Flight A and Flight C will be held in Dallas on May 25-26

The winners from each flight will advance to the National GNT Finals in Toronto in July and will be eligible for an expense stipend if they actually play in Toronto. Note also that if Flights B and/or Flight C have eight or more teams, the top two teams will qualify for the National Finals.

For more information, you may consult the event flyer below, and the Conditions of Contest which will be posted on the D16 website soon.



District 16 Star Awards



Deadline: December 31, 2023: It's time to choose one bridge player in your unit for the District 16 Star Awards. The awards honor unit volunteers who work steadfastly at the unit level to promote bridge and to further unit activities. Submissions should come from each unit's president with the recipient's name, biography and photo and emailed to Sandy Potts at sandy.potts5@yahoo.com

The District 16 Star Awards was established in 1995, formerly Texas Star Awards. Much like the Oswald and James Jacoby Service Award, the District Star Awards are meant to go to worthy volunteers. Unlike the Jacoby Award, the Star Awards go to unit level workers for service performed in their own units.

The decision about who will receive the award in a particular unit is left to the board of directors of each unit. Once the recipient is selected, the president conveys the information to the District Awards Chair. If a unit does not select a recipient, no award is given for that unit for the year.

A recipient is eligible to receive only one Star Award so previous award winners are not eligible. Star Awards will be given on Saturday at the Houston Lone Star Regional before the second session.

Please tell your recipients so they can attend and be recognized. Recipients will also be recognized in the Scorecard and listed on the district's website Awards/Honors tab.



District 16 2024 District Finals

Formats for each Grand National Teams (GNT) will be based on the number of teams entered. See the GNT Conditions of Contest for the planned formats.

April 6-7 in Houston

Saturday, April 6

Flight B Qualifying	10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.
Championship Flight Qualifying	10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 7

Flight B finals (if necessary)	10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.
Championship Flight finals (if necessary)	10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

May 25-26 in Dallas

Saturday, May 25

Flight C qualifying	10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.
Flight A qualifying	10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 26

Flight C finals (if necessary)	10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.
Flight A finals (if necessary)	10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

Masterpoint Limits

- Championship Flight – Open to Anyone
- Flight A Open to players with less than 6000 masterpoints, as of August 6, 2023
- Flight B Open to players with less than 2500 masterpoints, as of August 6, 2023
- Flight C Open to Non-Life Masters with less than 500 masterpoints, as of August 6, 2023

Stratification/Eligibility

Every player must be an ACBL member in good standing and have been a resident of D16 as of September 1, 2023. All teams must preregister with Scott Nason at sdnason@sbcglobal.net no later than April 1 for the Championship Flight & Flight B, and by May 20 for Flight A & Flight C. Team captains must supply the names of the players with ACBL numbers and the flight in which you will compete.

Card fees will be \$60 (\$15 x 4) per team, per session.

Venues

Flight Championship & Flight B in Houston with the sectional tournament at Arabia Shriners Center, 10510 Harwin Drive, Houston.

Flights A & C in Dallas with the sectional at the Holiday Inn Dallas-Richardson, 1655 North Central Expressway, Richardson.

Tournament Chair: Scott Nason sdnason@sbcglobal.net

Tournament Director: Kevin Perkins (Houston) and Melody Euler (Dallas)

NABC Chicago Regional Events ♠

By Stefanie Scott

D16 NABC Correspondent/Reporter

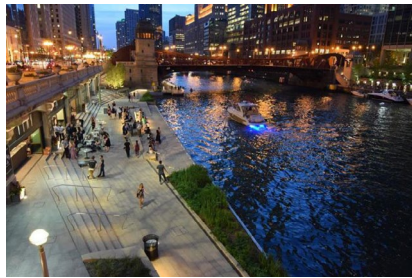


More NABC summertime fun was had in Chicago! Not all our District 16 players played in national events. Many came and played in the large regional that runs in conjunction with the nationals. Most of the regional games were played on the lower level

of the hotel, which was not the standard hotel basement.

The lower level of the hotel was at the level of the Chicago Riverwalk.

Even a small break between rounds allowed one to walk outside and have some fresh air and see the boats, people, and birds. The Chicago Riverwalk is one of the city's most beautiful outdoor spaces, where you can find public art, boat tours, kayak rentals, and stunning city views. It's also home to some of Chicago's most scenic restaurants.



Our District 16 players had success in the regional events accompanying the Chicago NABC. We had nine different teams win in Swiss Teams and five different pairs



District 16 Players in Chicago

win pairs games. This means in 10 days we had 14 wins. A notable win was our District President Betty Starzec with Bob Morris. Now we don't want to just celebrate the wins, because coming in the overalls is a win for most of us. Many other players were not lucky



Bob Morris & Betty Starzec

enough to get a win but came in those overalls. There were players from all over our district.

I hope to see you all at the next NABC in Atlanta.

Maybe we run into each other at a restaurant, at another ACBL game night, the bar after the game or the end of national karaoke. Still my favorite way to end a bridge tournament.

See you all in Atlanta.

List of Regional Winners

Thursday, July 13

Educational Foundation Bracketed Teams 2

2/3. Bob Friz - Eric Diamond - David Ticen - Scott Nason

Educational Foundation Bracketed Teams 4

1. Stefanie Scott - Kristen Onsgard - Isaac Stone - Patricia Herrera

Thursday-Saturday Side

4. Kitty Cooper

Educational Foundation Gold Rush

8. Darlene Campbell - Judy Wood

Educational Foundation Open Pairs

7. Lynn Baker

12. 4B. Wes Peirce - Suvabrata Biswas

6C. Evan Marti

Thursday-Saturday Side

3. Arjune Bose - Eddie Wold

Friday Bracketed Teams 3

1/2. Janice Hardcastle

Gerry Landy Memorial Open Pairs

9B. 4C. Nathan Yee - Christopher Steele

Thursday-Saturday Side

3. Robert Morris - Betty Starzec

Dolores Baumgart Bracketed Teams 3

1. Linda Gaston

Dolores Baumgart Bracketed Teams 4

4. Eric Rider - Wendy Marks - Gerald Urbach - Juanita Painter

Dolores Baumgart Bracketed Teams 5

4. Utkarsh Koshti - Nathan Yee

Craig Allen Top-Flight Swiss Teams

13. 2B. 1C. Hua Yang - Yan Song

14/16. Ira Hessel
 4/5B. Abid Mumtaz
Kenny Newman Top-Flight Pairs
 4X. Evan Marti
 5X. Thomas Rush
Thursday-Saturday Side
 2. Teresa Boyd - Grant Robinson
 4/5. Robert Morris - Betty Starzec
Thursday-Saturday Side Series
 8/9. Robert Morris - Betty Starzec
 10/11. Teresa Boyd - Grant Robinson
Karen Walker Top Flight Swiss Teams
 6/8. Finn Kolesnik
 6/8. Lynn Baker - Sam Dinkin
 10/11. Hua Yang - Yan Song
Sunday-Tuesday Side
 4. Grant Robinson - Teresa Boyd
Susan Eggebrecht Memorial Fast Pairs
 2B. Bob Friz - Eric Diamond
 6B. Scott Nason - David Ticen
 8B. Thomas Rush
Carl Sharp Memorial 299er Pairs
 3. 1B. Meynard Nussbaum
Jane Kennedy Memorial Open Pairs
 27. 4B. Jeff Dater
Sunday-Tuesday Side
 3. Kristen Onsgard
 7. Ellen Hessel - Nancy Passell
Friday-Monday Evening
 6/7. 3B. 2C. Matthew Rippin
Janie Strauss Open Pairs
 15. Scott Humphrey
 20. 7B. 4C. Isaac Stone
Sunday-Tuesday Side
 1. Robert Morris - Betty Starzec
 3. Rebecca Brown
 6. Suvabrata Biswas
Friday-Monday Evening
 2. 1B. Matthew Rippin
 3/4. Matthew Rippin
Zeke Jabbour Bracketed RR Teams 10
 3/4. Mary Chaffin - Erica Walker - John Luebke-
mann
Zeke Jabbour Bracketed RR Teams 11
 2. Phillip Loeb
Zeke Jabbour Bracketed RR Teams 12

4. Mohnish Pabrai
Dorothy Berg Memorial Gold Rush Pairs
 3. Linda Gaston
 9. 7B. 3C. MacDonald Kempf
Claude Vogel Top-Flight Pairs
 7. Ira Hessel - Joe Quinn
 16. Michael Heymann
 17. 4B. Christoph Eick
Sunday-Tuesday Side
 2. Marilyn Adams - Anton (Tony) Haddad
 6. Robert Morris - Betty Starzec
Fred Johnston Tue-Fri Evening
 6. 4B. 2C. Isaac Stone
Zeke Jabbour Memorial 0-3000 Bracketed Teams 4
 1. Mary Chaffin - Erica Walker - John Luebke-
mann
Zeke Jabbour Memorial 0-3000 Bracketed Teams 10
 4. Patricia Freeman - Mike Davis
Dick Brewer Top-Flight Swiss Teams
 4. 3B. Evan Marti
Wednesday-Thursday Side
 1. Marilyn Adams - Anton (Tony) Haddad
 Jan Churchwell Open Pairs
 16. 9B. Lazaro Brener
 14B. Dale Remmers - Valarie Remmers
Wednesday-Thursday Side
 3. Stefanie Scott - Petra Hamman
Ginny & Jeff Schuett 0-3000 Bracketed Teams 2
 2. Valarie Remmers - Dale Remmers - John Luebke-
 mann
Ginny & Jeff Schuett 0-3000 Bracketed Teams 4
 1. Kathryn Papermaster
Karen Walker Top-Flight Swiss Teams
 4. Mike Passell
 9. Jeffrey Juster
 13. Sam Dinkin
 8/10X. 4/5Y. Steve Chen
 6Y. Liga Byrne
Thursday AM Youth Pairs
 2. Matthew Rippin
Wednesday-Thursday Side
 1. Marilyn Adams - Anton (Tony) Haddad
Thursday Aft Youth Swiss
 1. Matthew Rippin
Hinsdale DBC Gold Rush Pairs
 2. Janice Hardcastle

2nd Thursday Mid-Flight Pairs

8. Lazaro Brener

Suzi Subeck Top-Flight Pairs

9. Kristen Onsgard

Wednesday-Thursday Side

5B. 2C. Isaac Stone

Fred Johnston Tue-Fri Evening

3C. Matthew Rippin

Burt Lewis Bracketed Round Robin Teams 7

2. Phillip Loeb

2. Mohnish Pabrai

Baron Barclay National Youth Open Pairs

3. Matthew Rippin

Friday Collegiate Pairs

4B. Isaac Stone

Dan Driggett Memorial 0-3000 Bracketed Teams 2

1. Valarie Remmers - Dale Remmers - John Luebke-mann

Dan Driggett Memorial 0-3000 Bracketed Teams 3

2. Mohnish Pabrai

3. Feza Buyukdura - Bonnie Brewer

2nd Saturday Top-Flight Swiss Teams

5. Lynn Baker

4B. Liga Byrne

National Youth Open Swiss Teams

2. Matthew Rippin

2. Charlie Chen - Andrew Chen

Frank Reidman Mid-Flight Pairs

8B. 7C. Kathryn Papermaster

2nd Sunday Top-Flight Swiss

6/7. Lynn Baker

11/13. 1X. Charlie Chen - Andrew Chen

NAP District Level Competition ♠

By Larry Davis

D16 NAP Coordinator



The District Final for NAP Flights A, B & C will be held during the San Antonio Sectional, January 13-14, 2024 at the San Antonio Shrine Auditorium, 901 North Loop 1604 West – Saturday at 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m., Sunday at 10:00 a.m. & TBA. It will

be a four session event consisting of a two session play through qualifying event into a two session play through final with a carryover as per the ACBL formula (* but see below if attendance is low).

The top three pairs in Flight A and the top four pairs in each of Flights B and C will be eligible to play in the National Final. The eligible pairs will be notified by the ACBL Special Events Coordinator regarding any subsidy earned based on their finish in the District Final. Qualifiers must play in the national level event until eliminated to receive the subsidy.

No new partnerships may be formed between the district and national level competition. If a qualifying pair is unable to attend the NABC, the invitation will be passed to the next eligible pair based upon its finish in the District Final.

* 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.

North American Pairs

National Level Competition

The finals of the NAP will be held during the Spring NABC in Louisville, Kentucky in March of 2024. The Flight A event is scheduled for March 13-14. Flights B & C to be held on March 23-24. There is no entry fee for the national level of the NAP. District subsidies are usually available based on the current District 16 Board of Directors policy.

District subsidies, if any, are contingent upon Zero Tolerance violations at the district and national levels. Some units provide additional subsidies (check with your unit board).



New Members

September 2023 - October 2023



172 Diana L Muggill	174 Estella S Walker	207 Janet Eitnier
172 Aris Nikas	174 Millie Wilson	207 Susan P Hauser
172 Angela C Trevino	176 Judith Allred	207 Darrell L Laremore
172 Mary Wofford	176 Victoria Coburn	207 Jennifer Micetich
173 Geo Park	176 Lalita Limaye	207 Ann M Naudin
174 Alan T Chen	176 John T McCall	207 Deeann Paul
174 Eric Cheng	176 Matt Mize	207 Gregg Paul
174 Chris Daughdrill	176 Nancy A Sims	207 Jeannie M Phelps
174 Mei Dong	176 Helen Sullivan	207 Nuala Porteous
174 Lorraine Hart	176 Barbara C Sypult	207 Paul Schwab
174 Patty Hazelrigg	176 Richard Wank	207 Joan R Stys
174 Eve Lapin	183 Charles M Bradshaw	207 Dianne Thomas
174 Kyung S Lee	183 Janet M Elterman-Lee	207 Jerry Thomas
174 Sandra McNeir	183 John L Nairn	207 James R Truho
174 Shangyou S Nie	187 Colleen M McTernan	209 Elizabeth B Hartman
174 Roslyn H Pittsford	197 Linda Reves	209 Miles C Hartman
174 Merri L Popa	207 Kay Bee	254 Lindy L Marchuk
174 Dennis D Sucec	207 Caryn Cluiss	254 Natalia Zapata
174 Srinivas Vasudevan	207 Christopher C Cokins	
174 Barbara Vilutis	207 Mary Cowan	



Masterpoint Milestones

July 2023 - August 2023

Junior Master (5 MPs)

172 Meg G Salvadore
 173 Mira Levinson
 174 R Scot Clark
 174 Keith G Davis
 174 Jane Gerber
 174 Gwendolyn M Kirby
 174 Terri Morrison
 174 Peter W Nimmo
 174 Sherry L Scarborough
 174 Kaitlyn L Sharp
 176 Janice J Aycock
 176 Jean S Kent

176 Jerri R Ross
 176 Donna J Starnes
 183 Robert K Lang
 183 Tyrone Frazier
 183 Terri Markwitz
 187 Stephen Griffin
 197 Pamela E Tipton
 201 Keeley T Fairchild
 204 Bonnie B Beesley
 207 Michael J Duggan
 207 Richard C Johnston
 207 Joseph Remonte
 207 Ellen B Schaeffer

207 Chris Smith
 207 Robert Struzynski
 207 Dianne Thomas
 209 Sandra Harwell
 225 Kathy Boyles
 237 Gail R Stamler

Club Master (20 MPs)

172 Linda Sheridan
 172 Mrs. Marjorie R Strayer
 174 Steven R Bolinger
 174 Danielle G Donnelly
 174 Julianne Farnsworth

174 Najet S Guinn
174 Linda J Jackman
174 Lesley Kellet
174 Therese L Perez
174 Ann Starr
174 Martha B Stern
176 Elliott R Orr
176 Susan A Rooke
176 Rex Vardeman
183 Tim Baris
183 Jim B Pickrell
183 Jon R Sears
197 Cathy V Cushman
197 Peter H Cushman
204 Vicky Drennan
204 Barry Jackson
207 Pam Akins
207 Paul A Alford
207 Gerald P Clarke
207 Chris La Chance
207 Joyce Francis
207 Tammany T Lafosse
207 Barbara Monroe
207 Mrs. Kay A Seats
209 Mary A Blair
225 Kristen Floyd
254 Robert Asadorian
353 Jan J Papesh

Sectional Master (50 MPs)

172 Uwe Pontius
173 Daniela Garcia
173 Miss Veronica E Raab
174 Steve Broderick
174 Marilyn R Knatz
174 Larry D Koenig
174 Aisha C May
174 Dale Punshon
174 Donna Wasser
183 Kamal Das
183 Mary J Debusk
183 Elizabeth C Furman
183 Brenda J Schrader
204 Julia B Farmer
204 Rhea S Parramore
207 Alan Hecht
225 Earl P Wright
237 Jim Budd

Regional Master (100 MPs)

172 Mr. Moshe Draznin
173 Ms. Anita S Vogel

174 William R Belford
174 Beryl T Booker
174 Sara Hundley
174 Mary R Malone
174 Ellen T Rochelle
174 Valerie J Salle
174 Edwin Tumlinson
176 Paige Allen
176 Carolyn S Joost
176 Cindy K McIntyre
176 George F Ray
176 Tanis Weiss
183 John Burgess
183 Mr. Ron Hollister
201 Margaret Jackson
201 Paulette Schiwart
207 Pam Beck
207 Mary Fran Pena
207 Ladair Wright
237 Mr. Richard S Fait

NABC Master (200 MPs)

172 Christine I Collier
172 Mrs. Louise Day
172 Rebecca Evans
172 Mrs. Valerie F Katz
173 Roberta Martinez
174 Nancy Blackwell
174 Edna A Rice
174 Nancy K Small
176 Mrs. Loreale L Berg
176 Mr. Robert J Deboom
176 Mr. Alexander R Maas
176 Marjory Myers
176 Mrs. Ellen A Russell
176 Jenise Young
183 Wayne Corbett
183 Dennis Reid
207 Paul E Marino
207 Mr. Mohnish Pabrai
207 Donna L Saltz
207 Mr. Gerald P Urbach
224 Rebecca Y Barton

Advanced NABC Master

(300 MPs)

174 Scott Koehler
174 David E Vaughn
176 Mr Charles A Golenternek
176 William H Keys
176 Mr David E Salem
197 Ms. Sherre W Reese
207 Jim Ferguson

225 Karen S Bell
225 David Worrall

Life Master (500 MPs*)

172 Albert E Fulton
174 Dorothea V Faubion
174 Sandra J Lehner
174 Ava Noble
174 James D Rozzell
174 Paul Shack
174 Mr. Sid C Weiss
176 Mr. Randy B Patterson
176 Mrs. Barbara Pittenger
176 Jean Scott
176 Chuck S Thomas
176 Gail Wingfield
183 Lawrence V Fritz
183 Mrs. Lori McCline
183 Gloria J Schuford
183 Lori J Slocum
187 Laurie Goldberg
201 Valerie M Townley-Smith
207 Robert H Caldwell III
207 Terrie L Kolvoord
254 Ms. Joan E Arnold

Bronze Life Master

(750 MPs)**

172 Albert E Fulton
172 Lew Spurlock
174 Mr. Robert V Hannasch
174 Sandra J Lehner
174 Ava Noble
174 James D Rozzell
174 Betty Westbrook
174 Rhonwyn B Weissman
176 Claudia K Bliss
176 Judy Bouska
176 Jin Chu
176 Mrs Maria Gregorat
176 Larica Taylor
183 Mr. Michael D Blanchard
183 Cathy Tolliver
187 Ms. Felicia E Davis
187 Laurie Goldberg
201 Valerie M Townley-Smith
207 Linda J Gaston

Silver Life Master

(1000 MPs)

172 Yesh P Singh
173 Mrs. Frida Cassab
174 Mrs. Helene Gersch

174 Mrs. Linwood L Olson
174 Mrs. Judi T Sulzbach
176 Mr. John Luebkmann
176 Dr. H S Norville
176 Jean Scott
176 Burton H Shepherd
183 Mrs. Mary A Cotham
205 Mr. Andrew T Small
207 Susan M Breeding
207 Andrew Z Chen
225 Mrs. Deanna G Drab

**Ruby Life Master
(1500 MPs)**

172 Marian Gindler
172 Mr. Rand C Schmidt
174 Myra M Marsh
174 Mrs. Rose A Van Meter
176 Mrs. Janet Z Borg

176 Mr. Ribs J LaMothe
183 Mr. Larz A Smith
207 Ms. Kay P Lynch
207 Mrs. Julianne McKenna

**Gold Life Master
(2500 MPs)**

172 Mr. Joe J Ramirez
174 Mr. William C Griffith
174 Steve C Levinson
174 Mrs. Sherry L Scoggins
205 Ms. Mary Ann White
209 Mrs. Marlene Blumentritt

**Sapphire Life Master (3500
MPs)**

172 Mrs. Jean Blilie
174 Mr. Edwin (Ted) C Bain III
174 Ms. Sherry Withers

176 Mr. Eric Diamond
176 Mrs. Sidney Perutz
183 Nancy M Anderson
207 C G Bell

**Diamond Life Master (5000
MPs)**

207 Mr. Harry F Ingham
207 Mr. Virgil B Massey

**Emerald Life Master (7500
MPs)**

176 Mr. Suresh Agrawal
176 Mr. Bill Osborn

***Prior to January 1, 2010 - 300 MPs**

****Prior to January 1, 2010- 500 MPs**

District 16 Unit Goodwill Awards

Deadline: December 31, 2023: It's time to select two Unit Goodwill Awards recipients. Submissions should come from each unit's president with their names only. Submissions should be emailed to Sandy Potts at sandy.potts5@yahoo.com

The District 16 Unit Goodwill Awards are intended to recognize and honor District 16 players who exhibit a spirit of courtesy, kindness and tact at the bridge table. These individuals chosen are our ambassadors of goodwill to all other players. Recipients should be frequent players in clubs and tournaments within their unit, but no masterpoint requirements exist.

Each unit may designate two of its members to receive the Goodwill Award each year. Selection should be made from among the unit's membership by year end chosen by each unit's board. The award presentations should be made at the unit's convenience early the following year.

If a unit does not select recipients by year end, no awards are given for that unit for the year. A recipient is eligible to receive only one Goodwill Award so previous award winners are not eligible. Each year's recipients will be recognized in the Scorecard and listed on the district's website Awards/Honors tab.



D16

70% + Club

Milt Neher & Jim Thurtell Dallas – Valley View Bridge Club	77.09%	Pat Wright & Sandy O'Bannon Tyler – Rose City DBC	70.83%
Will Antony & Robbie Butts Lubbock – Llano Estacado	74.64%	Stephen Kornegay & Kimmel Jones Arlington – Arlington DBC	70.51%
Anne Halsell & Margaret Kirkland Wichita Falls – Suite 16	75%	Marion Gebhart & Milt Neher Plano – Friendly Bridge Club	70.37%
Paul Hirsch & David Nurenborg Plano – Friendly Bridge Club	73.84%	Gerry McKim & Jerry Derby Plano – Friendly Bridge Club	70.14%
Gary Blaiss & Greg Loran Lubbock – Llano Estacado	73.81%	Diane Duncan & Susan Doty Longview – Longview DBC	70%
Greg Loran & Robbie Butts Lubbock – Llano Estacado	73.28%		
Ariel Smid & Mauricio Smid Mexito City - CDMS Bridge Club	73.01%		
Gloria Rowland & Jean Roach Athens - Dottie Pirkle DBC	72.92%		
Diane Duncan & Mike Graham Longview – Longview DBC	72.43%		
Carolyn Riely & Terry Riely New Braunfels - Hill Country Bridge Club	71.88%		
Raleigh Williamson & Harold Copeland Houston - Apple DBC	71.84%		
Jerry Harrington & Bob Otis San Antonio - Fiesta Bridge Club	71.76%		
Greg Loran & Robbie Butts Lubbock – Llano Estacado	71.03%		
Nancy Kornegay & Pat Cassidy Arlington – Arlington DBC	70.83%		
Margaret Kirkland & David Hertzog Wichita Falls – Bridge Club of Wichita Falls	70.83%		

Reporting D16 70% + Games

The D16 70% + Club recognizes members who have scored 70% or higher scores in one of the district's club masterpoint game that is open or non-restricted. (For example, masterpoint-restricted games or country club games restricted by membership do not qualify. Nor do cruise games, sectional or regional games.)

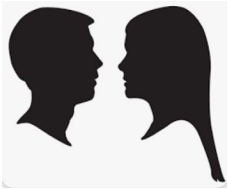
At least four tables with at least 16 boards must be in play.

70% + Games must be reported to the Scorecard. These results are not automatically picked up from club files. The club director, manager or any player may send an email to:

D16-ScorecardEditor@d16acbl.org with the subject: **D16 70% + Club**.

A game recap file or an online link to the posted results must be included in the email. Be sure to include the club's name and location. Games will be reported on a first come first served basis as space is available.





Member Profiles

Celebration of Mildred Walker

Unit 183 Arlington

By John Robbins



100th Birthday Celebration

The Arlington Bridge Club helped Mildred Walker, Grand Prairie, celebrate her 100th birthday in October with a special event at the club. Mildred is an award-winning women's rights pioneer and advocate, a highly respected businesswoman, a civic leader with a street named after her, a world traveler and a bridge player you may underestimate at your own peril when she arrives at the club in her beloved ragtop sports car.



Mildred's Ragtop

And the centenarian has no intention of slowing down now. "I've had a great life," she told the group,



"And it's been made even better by friends like you."

Born and raised in Dallas, she attended local schools before furthering her education at SMU, and never let moss grow under her feet as she launched a business and civic career seldom equaled in the Grand Prairie area. Case in point: one of her first jobs was at the office of Price Administration during WWII. She was waiting in a room with a crowd of other applicants for a clerical job when she got tired of sitting around and walked upstairs to look around. She happened to pass by a room where a man was talking on a phone and another phone on a desk was ringing. "Answer that," he said. So she did. By the end of the afternoon she was on staff, "And I was interviewing the job applicants I had been sitting around with that morning."

Mildred and her husband Ralph made a humble start in business by opening a tiny unheated bait shop. Over the years they made it grow by leaps and bounds, ending up owning and managing several lakeside marinas and a restaurant. She continued to manage the family business after Ralph passed away and became extremely active in Grand Prairie civic affairs.

Among other things, Mildred served as Chairman of the Board of the Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce, President of the city's Industrial Development Authority, President of the Board of the Dallas Fort Worth Medical



Mildred Walker

Center Foundation and Chairman of the Board of Children First. She brought the first foreign exchange students to Grand Prairie and is especially pleased about bringing the annual Prairie Lights Christmas display to the city: "This was even before there was electric power there," she says, "So we just found

enough generators to make it happen.”

Her honors list is too long to print here but includes Citizen of the Year award given by the Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce in 1987 and the Grand Prairie Rotary Club’s Business Person of the Year in 1994. In addition to all her business and civic work, Mildred had three children and is now grandmother to five.

Mildred has also had some memorable brushes with history over the last century. She sadly recalls the moment just after this picture was taken when she was able to shake hands with



John F. Kennedy in Dallas only one hour before his death. On a much brighter note she was once asked to play through Lyndon Johnson’s golf group. She said she was incredibly nervous with the expresident

watching but hit, “One of the prettiest shots of my golfing career.” She says the ex president congratulated her, and handed her a bottle of beer.

Mildred always kept a strong focus on women’s opportunities, serving as president of several major women’s organizations. She was one of the first women in Dallas County to serve on a petit jury, and also ran for State House of Representatives in 1970 when there were only four women in that body. “Women weren’t supposed to do that then,” she says. She didn’t win but kept plugging and piling up business successes and civic honors.

Reflecting on her long life, Mildred says she’s proud of making her mark as a woman working in business and civic areas, “Where that wasn’t expected.” But Mildred isn’t content to rest on her laurels. “We’ve come a long way,” she says, “But we still have a long way to go.” And who knows what Mildred will be up to next?

John Robbins is the unit 183 Scorecard Reporter.

The South African Connection

Unit 225 Nacogdoches

By Gay Roach



Gavin McGown & Max Walton

Gavin McGown was born in South Africa and started playing bridge at boarding school. He went on to become an orthopedic surgeon and emigrated from South Africa to the United States in 1982, landing in Houston. He moved to Nacogdoches in 1992 and retired in 2000.

Gavin was bored and looking for something to do after he retired so his wife, Ros, gave him a copy of “Bridge for Dummies” for Christmas.

Max Walton was born in Broaddus in San Augustine County in deep East Texas and graduated from UT with a major in English and a minor in French. He started playing bridge after he began a teaching career in Texas high schools. He wasn’t making much

money and the Vietnam War started so he got a job as an interpreter for the American Embassy in Saigon where he continued to play bridge.

Max then joined the State Department and was stationed in Swaziland and several other African countries. He married Marilyn in Ouagadougou, Burkino Faso (I mention this just because I love to say, “Oh a you a gad oh goo, Burkino Faso.”).

After he retired in 1994, he moved to Nacogdoches where he played social bridge.

Gavin and Max first met at a birthday party for a mutual friend from South Africa and Gavin started playing social bridge (after a hiatus of 30 years) with a group of friends and developed a good partnership with Max. About 10 years ago they decided to try their hands at duplicate bridge. They have several 70% games under their belts and I am sure there will be many more.

They are tough to beat – but easy to like – and we are happy they found their way to us.

Gay Roach is manager of the Nacogdoches Duplicate Club.

Meet Pat Friend

Unit 176 Fairview

By Nancy Connors

If you get a chance to know Pat Friend you will have made a true friend! Born in Wichita Falls, followed by a quick move to Nacogdoches, Pat considers himself more a native of west Texas since he moved to Amarillo when he was just eight years old. He went to school there, playing baseball all through high school.

Although Pat's parents moved to Tyler after his dad got a promotion, Pat stayed in west Texas and entered Texas Tech as a freshman because that was the choice of many of his friends. He felt a yearning to move to Austin, though, since most of his family had attended UT and he even had an aunt on the faculty there. Thus he traded his red and black shirts for burnt orange ones and transferred to the University of Texas where he graduated in 1965.

Pat's first job was working as a computer programmer in Austin, but he moved to DFW after a year to take a job as a programmer for Bell Helicopter just as the Vietnam war escalated. Pat remained in the technology industry for 35 years, doing graduate work in economics at TCU along the way.

In the late 1970s Pat managed a computer department for Kansas City Power and Light Company for four years – the only time he ever lived outside of Texas (and survived!). But his home state lured him home and he spent the next 26 years working in the Dallas area and living in Rockwall.

As for his bridge background, Pat learned the game in his early 20s from his dad because his father was a good player and had even been president of the East Texas Bridge Association while living in Tyler. With career and family obligations, however, Pat didn't play much bridge until he retired and moved to Heritage Ranch in 2010. After a 45-year hiatus from the game, he refreshed his skills by playing party bridge and then venturing into a couple of small duplicate games. He joined ACBL in 2018 and Dan Woodward took him under his wing, mentored him, and introduced him to the McKinney Duplicate Bridge Club where he still plays on Thursdays with Robert Neal.

Meanwhile his so called "retirement" has kept Pat busy with several hobbies and volunteer opportunities. He has embraced three major interests other than bridge. Those hobbies are music, cars, and civic service. He loves cars and owns a Porche 911. This led him to



Pat Friend

another hobby – helping people sell their used cars. He stated that, "most people hate the process and I kind of like it ... helping them when I can."

Pat's involvement with music was pure fate! It came after a chance meeting of legendary guitarist Ken Wheeler. Because Pat has become an instant "friend" after stopping on the highway to help Ken and his wife during her medical emergency, Ken showed his gratitude by giving Pat free guitar lessons. Little did Pat know at the time that his chance encounter with Wheeler would change the course of his life. From basic guitar lessons Pat graduated to the steel guitar and learned under the tutelage of "Reece" Anderson, another music icon. Pat was more adept on the steel guitar and has spent almost 11 years (and counting) playing at Top Rail Cowboy Church in Greenville. "I'm still doing it – over 800 services and 50,000 miles of traveling back and forth to Greenville." He is also a proud member of the Bound for Glory group of seven men who play traditional and gospel music for seniors living in far north Dallas.

In the arena of civic service Pat served on the Fairview Planning and Zoning Commission for six years. At Heritage Ranch Pat volunteers as the sound technician for the Theatre Guild and Chorale groups. He also serves on the board of the McKinney Duplicate Bridge Club. "I believe in giving back. I think it's an important role for a citizen," he says.

Pat has two children, five grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. He is confident that he is meant to be here contributing to various communities: "I've

been run over by a car, hit by a different car, hit again – this time by a jet ski, and later hit by a deer while riding a motorcycle. All these incidents resulted in half a dozen surgeries. I survived them all!”

And we’re glad he did.

Nancy Connors is secretary of the McKinney Duplicate Bridge Club.



Contributors

McKinney DBC Celebrates 11 Years!

By Nancy Connors - Unit 176



In 2012 few bridge players would have believed that they would soon have a sanctioned, popular, semi-weekly duplicate game in McKinney. The club was the brainchild of a handful of avid duplicate players looking for a game in the North Dallas area. It took an act of faith for those founders to start a new club with no money, no director, no location, and no supplies. They contacted fellow bridge players and soon had enough generous donations to get started.

With the help of Dorsey Shaw, Plano, who donated supplies and became the fledgling club’s first director, the founders discovered an ideal location for holding games at the South McKinney Salvation Army facility. It’s conveniently located just a mile east of Central Expressway and complete with ample parking.

At the outset the small number of players were almost overwhelmed by the size of the gymnasium to play in, but today attendance can reach as high as 16 tables and the airy venue is ideal with plenty of room to maneuver. Currently McKinney Duplicate Bridge Club averages 10 tables or more each Tuesday and

Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. Director extraordinaire is Reg Watt, Garland. The club has bylaws and a board consisting of directors and officers, meeting all ACBL requirements. Annual membership dues are \$10.00.

The players are a wonderful variety of individuals with backgrounds including doctors, lawyers, engineers, IT specialists, retired military officers, homemakers, teachers, and professors, to name just a few. One table recently boasted four players with a total of five doctorates!

This dynamic and friendly group includes members from India, England, France, Hong Kong, a variety of states – and even a few native Texans!

The bridge expertise in the group ranges from newcomers to Platinum Life Masters. One person quipped, “Playing here is like having a free lesson with every game.” Yet the atmosphere is warm and congenial – a real community of friends who love the game of bridge and welcome new players.

The 11th Club Anniversary Celebration included 14 tables of bridge. Rather than the usual bridge fee of \$8.00 per club member and \$10.00 for nonmembers.

And free play was offered to all and a buffet lunch was served.



Walter Netschi & Cal Winchester enjoying the luncheon.



Club President Karen Roland awards Athena Leung the Grand Door Prize.

Several door prizes were awarded and participants acknowledged the privilege of being part of this wonderful bridge family.

If you haven't played in McKinney yet, it's worth making the trip. Come join us as we kick off our 12th year!



Nancy Connors is secretary of the McKinney Duplicate Bridge Club.

Ladies Who Lunch

By Valarie Remmers - Unit 176

For about 15 years, ladies from Friendly Bridge Club in Plano have been celebrating monthly birthday lunches after the game on the 2nd Monday of the month. In August they celebrated Elaine Lagerstrom's 99th birthday. Fifteen ladies were in attendance including two others in their 90s.



Elaine Lagerstrom

Valarie Remmers is co-owner of Friendly Bridge Club.



Unit 172 - San Antonio

By Terry Riley

Our unit has had a busy September-October. Hosting a New Braunfeld Sectional – NLM Regional kept Barbara Morgan and her team of volunteers active supplying the hospitality that has made this annual event memorable to all who attend. A special shoutout to Ann Kuehler who contacted every merchant in New Braunfels to supply coupons and goodies to the players. As usual, Catherine McGaffic and her team of “Girls who can’t say no” (my favorite list) JoAnne Robertson and Mary Harrington kept all well fed.

The annual San Antonio Election Sectional honored the memory of Diane Olson, a long time fixture of the unit. Tournament Chairman David Mitchell was counting votes (a few of his partners might have preferred he counted his points). His supporting volunteers did their usual fantastic job.

Reelected to the board were Sharon Evans and Ed Rawlinson while Ellen Hessel was added as a new member.

There were a couple of 70% + games at our local clubs. Check out the D16 70%+ Club in this issue.

I started playing bridge the year my wife was born. Over those 39 years I have played in many nationals, regionals and sectionals. Bracketed Teams have become quite popular. However, there needs to be a larger turnout to make these events fair to all.

Imagine you are a new partnership, and 14 teams are entered resulting in two 7-team brackets. Many teams in the second bracket are all Life Masters some with thousands of points. In my opinion you will not have an enjoyable day. A Stratified Swiss event makes more sense.



Unit 173 - Mexico

By Ariel Smid

Unit 173 cordially invites you to participate in the upcoming San Miguel de Allende Regional. This event promises to be a delightful blend of competitive card play open to bridge players of all levels and the cultural richness of this stunning Mexican town.

Date: February 27-March 3, 2024

Location: Hotel Real de Minas, San Miguel de Allende, México.

We are also thrilled to announce the resounding success of the recent Mexico City Sectional, an event that not only met but exceeded all expectations, making it an unforgettable gathering for our bridge community. This tournament was truly a triumph and it will be the first of many opportunities we will provide to our players to keep achieving milestones in the bridge

We want to express our gratitude to all the participants and staff that contributed to the success of this tournament. Your enthusiasm and support made it possible for us to host such a remarkable event.

As we reflect on this sectional’s achievements we are excited to plan for future bridge events in Mexico City continuing the tradition of promoting the game we all love. Stay tuned for updates on our upcoming bridge events and tournaments.

Thank you once again for making the Mexico City Sectional Tournament an unforgettable success. We look forward to seeing you at the next event.



Unit 174 - Houston

By Jack LaVigne

Lone Star Regional

The Houston Lone Star Regional provides an excellent opportunity to recognize deserving members in our Unit, or as a memorial for those who have passed away, by naming an event after that person. You can contact Jane Armstrong @Jane Armstrong for information.

Future Life Masters (FLM)

The Future Life Masters of Unit 174 continues to welcome the newest players to the Houston Bridge community by being a central hub of information and assistance for players at all clubs across the metroplex. We also offer a monthly Sunday afternoon 199er game at the Arabia Shriners Center.

Upcoming FLM 199 game dates are: November 12 and December 17

We encourage all longer-term players to welcome beginners to our great game. Whether having 10,000 masterpoints or 500 masterpoints, regular players are the greatest source of recruitment in bridge! Sending



friends and family to FLM, we promise that your new player will be welcomed and guided. And your friend will experience one of the best things about bridge: the great community of players! Check our website to learn more about our service and games: [website](#).

News from Unit 174 Clubs

[Apple Duplicate Bridge Clubs](#)

Weekly Game Schedule: Open games are held on Monday and Friday at 11:30 a.m. at the Tracy Gee Community Center, 3598 Westcenter. No games will be held on Monday, October 23 through Monday, November 6 due to early voting. The club will reopen on Friday, November 10.

299er Games: The 299er games are held on the last Monday of the month. Next games will be on November 27 and December 18 (the last Monday in December is Christmas day).

[Bridge Academy of West Houston](#)

Eric Watson presented Ava Noble with her Life Master plaque. Ava thanked all her partners for helping her to achieve this goal. Then she made a very poignant statement: "People first, points second." This is the way that she plays.



Eric Watson -
Ava Noble

Congratulations, Ava!
Mentor/Mentee
Mentor/Mentee games
are held on the first Tuesday
of each month at 10:30 a.m.

However, due to early voting the November game will be held on the second Tuesday. Thus, the next games are scheduled for Tuesday, November 14 and December 5. If you have not yet signed up, you can register online by clicking [here](#). Mentees must have fewer than 300 masterpoints.

Eight is Enough Swiss Teams

The Eight is Enough Swiss Teams is held once a month on a Sundays at 1:30 p.m. The upcoming games are November 12 and December 17.

Future Life Masters

The Bridge Academy of West Houston hosts a Future Life Master game once a month on Sunday. Next games are scheduled for November 12 and December 17 at 1:30 p.m.

Weekly Game Schedule

The Bridge Academy of West Houston has an Invitational Pairs every Wednesday and combined

Open and 0-299er Pairs every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. The games are held at the Arabia Shriners Center.

It is planned to swap these games after Thanksgiving moving the open game to Wednesday and the Invitational game to Thursday. The date for the switch has not yet been set.

GNT Fund Raiser, STaC, Charity and club championship games are scheduled for November and December.

[Bridge Club of Houston](#)

Proof of Covid vaccine is no longer required to play at BCOH.

Tuesday Tidbits

Build a solid foundation with Julie Halperin, Diamond Life Master and ACBL Teacher, and enjoy a free lesson from 9:30-10:10. The game to follow begins at 10:30. We will set up partnerships for those who need it. Text Julie at 713-857-8004 with questions or concerns. Lessons are open to all.

Mentor/Mentee F2F

Mentor/Mentee games are held the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 10:30 a.m. Sign up at club or contact Judy Cupps at judy_n_al@yahoo.com or by phone 713-320-5592 or Bob Zeigler 713-829-6928 with any questions.

BBO Mentor/Mentee Games

New BBO Mentor/Mentee games are held the first and third Mondays at 7:00 p.m. (The Mentee should invite and pay for the mentor). Contact Mike Linkins at minkins@swbell.net if you have any questions.

BBO Future Life Masters

New BBO Future Life Masters games are usually held on Tuesday (0-50 MP) at 3:05 p.m. and the second Saturday (0-20 MP) at 9:00 a.m. See flm174.org.

Swiss Teams Games

Swiss Teams gwames are held the fourth Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Register at the club, check the website calendar for more information.

Saturday Game (Please note the new time 1:00 p.m.)

Saturday F2F 299er and open game every weekend with putlucks and points each week.

499er Tournament November 16-19

Check [BCOH website](#) for details.

Thanksgiving Celebration - November 11

Turkey will be provided, bring a side dish or dessert to share. Lunch at noon with game to follow at 1:00 p.m.



Clear Lake Bridge Club

Clear Lake Bridge Club is located at 16614 Sea Lark Road, Houston 77059. Phone number is 281-480-1911. CLBC offers bridge games every day of the week including open games on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m., and Thursday and Saturday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. We also have a Swiss Teams game on Sunday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. The I/N games are on Monday and Wednesday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. as well as Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

After a summer break on our Bridge/Breakfast & Lesson, we have resumed on the second Wednesday of each month offering Bridge, Donuts & Lesson. The second Sunday of each month, we have an Eight is Enough game. The third Wednesday of each month, we hold a Mentor/Mentee game which is restricted (due to expense constraints) to CLBC members only.

Remember that because of inflation we had to increase our tables fees from \$5.00 to \$6.00 for members (\$7.00 for guests).

Our Thanksgiving lunch will be on November 15. Our Christmas Party is scheduled for Wednesday, December 20. Generally speaking, come see us, or give Ronnie Martin a call 713-419-0007 if you want help to join one of our games.

Fort Bend Bridge Club

Fort Bend Duplicate Bridge has a game on Tuesdays (Monday game at Greatwood is cancelled until the first of the year). The entry fee has changed from \$5.00 to \$6.00 due to ACBL charging more per table for charity games.

Tuesdays arrive by 10:15 a.m., and the game starts at 10:30 a.m.

Arabia Shriners Center
10510 Harwin Drive
Houston



Please call or email in advance so we can start on time.

Thank you,

Eric Watson
ewat2004@aol.com
(832) 287-9170



Unit 176 - Dallas

By Scott Nason

Dallas conducted its annual Labor Day Regional, its biggest tournament since the onset of Covid. We averaged nearly 200 tables a day for six days and welcomed almost 800 players, including a special visit from the ACBL's new Executive Director, Bronia Jenkins. Newer players were hosted at a Friday evening cocktail reception in their honor. The Renaissance Hotel Dallas Richardson was a great host, with very nice, reasonably priced rooms and a great playing area. Make your plans to join us next year.

We also held a unit game on October 15. There were 20 ½ tables in play in two flights. The open game was won by Tiger King and Jianbo Chen, who had a 69% game to win all three stratifications. The 999 game was won by Pam Tharp and Steve Conover in Strats A and B. The C strat was won by Paula and Phillip Schulz.

Unit 176 was represented in the 2023 D'Orsi Senior Bowl in Morocco in August by Mike Passell on the USA1 team and Bob Hamman on USA2. In very close matches, Passell's team defeated Hamman's in the semi-finals, then lost a heartbreaker to Denmark in the Finals. Hamman's team finished 3rd.

We look forward to seeing you at the tables for our sectional November 15-18 at the Lovers Lane United Methodist Church.

The unit will hold our annual Holiday Party on Sunday, December 10 at our newest host venue, the Holiday Inn Dallas Richardson. The game and full meal will cost only \$10 for members of Unit 176. Friendly Bridge Club will host its Holiday Celebration on Friday, December 15 with a special holiday lunch and home baked goods to accompany bridge. On December 20 Valley View will host its Holiday Party with lunch served at 1130 a.m. and a bonus game, plus door prizes, at noon.

Please come out and join us at any of the several clubs running games somewhere nearly every day. Hope to see you at any or all these opportunities to reconnect with face-to-face bridge and your bridge communities of friends.



Unit 183 - Fort Western

By John Robbins



Mildred Walker

The best news in October was the Arlington Bridge Club's celebration of the 100th birthday of Mildred Walker. A bridge regular who took home some more masterpoints from her birthday game, Mildred is a delightful person who has had a remarkable life and is still going strong. More about Mildred and the celebration appears in the Member Profile section near the beginning of this Scorecard.

Congratulations, Mildred.



Darlene Shirey

Many in the bridge world were deeply saddened this month by the loss of Darlene Shirey, a major figure in Unit 183 and at tournaments around the country. Darlene was ever present volunteering to manage games and tournaments, and had the rare gift of making even casual acquaintances feel like valued friends. Her wit and generous spirit will be greatly missed. An obituary appears elsewhere in this edition of the Scorecard.

Finally, some housekeeping items: Holiday plans are coming together for local clubs. The Bridge Academy of Flower Mound, Lewisville and Coppell will have special games November 20 for Thanksgiving, December 18 for Christmas, and January 8 to welcome in the new year. The Burlison Duplicate Bridge Club will have their Christmas luncheon at noon on December 11 at the Burlison Senior Center.



Unit 201 - Sabine Neches

By Cleo Martin

This year the Beaumont Bridge Studio presented a \$694 donation to Roxanne Summerville, Director of the Fetters Center. President E. W. Sweeney and secretary Cleo Martin, along with attendees of the Center presented the check to Mrs. Summerville. The Fetters Center was started by Estelle and Allen Fetters as a day care for adults with mental challenges such as Down Syndrome and Cerebral Palsy. The Center currently serves Mid-Jefferson-County, Port Arthur, Bridge City and Orange. It is operated totally by donations such as the one made by us. The participants attend at no cost. e.



Roxanne Summerville, Fetters Center director, receives \$694 donation from U201 President E. W. Sweeney.



Unit 204 - Fort Concho

By Neal Perlman

The game initiated at the Sue Barber Bridge Center on Tuesday afternoons 1:30 p.m. in San Angelo has continued to be a success. The current teacher/director is Carol Diminnie and currently there are five tables of good students. Congratulations to all involved for continuing to immerse themselves in our great game. A short mini lesson before play precedes the 18-hand game.

Mentors are invited to play the first Tuesday of each month. Several pairs have joined the stratified games on other days of the week where duplicate games occur regularly. Other local games in San Angelo have gradually increased to better table counts over the last year. Three evening games were not resumed after the worst of Covid slowed down.

Fortune cookie may apply to our endeavors in duplicate: "Avert misunderstanding by calm, poise and balance."



Unit 205 - Amistad

By Mary Ann White

By the time you receive this, the Puerto Vallarta Regional will be just a memory. We'll post the results and pictures in the next edition of the Scorecard, but in the meantime, thank you to those who attended, and we hope you had a great time! Next year's tournament will be held November 4-10, 2024, once again at the Westin Resort & Spa. We'll be updating our [website](#) with the new information as soon as we have it. You can also go there to submit any comments or suggestions you have from this year's tournament by contacting our tournament chair. For periodic updates about the tournament, "follow" us on [Facebook](#).

It's time to start getting ready to attend our Ajijic Valentine Sectional on February 8-11, 2024. This is a great time to visit the Lakeside area as the weather is usually lovely, undoubtedly much better than in the States in February! You might just decide to retire here. The tournament will be held at our new club, located in the Sol y Luna Boutique Hotel. We are already working with the hotel about our hospitality plans to make this our best tournament yet. Grab a

copy of the flyer [here](#).

Norinne and Dick Nelson won the unit championship game on Saturday, August 26 with 61.46%. It's always nice when they come to visit Lakeside from their home in Hot Springs Village. But do they always have to win?

Norinne Nelson and Mary Ann White had a great game on Monday, August 14 posting 72.22%. Okay, it was only two tables, but it still counts! Others having big games included Ray and Carla Hickey who finished with 71.53% on September 19 (4 ½ tables), and Cindy Thomson and Jimmy Reynolds with 73.21% on September 21 (4 tables). Nice playing!

The Lake Chapala DBC held a club championship on September 19. Winners were Ray and Carla Hickey with a very nice 71.53%. Winners of the club championship on September 11 were Lane Galloway and Mike Roney with 69.05%. Nice going, champs!

Thanks to Nicci Beninger who is spearheading the player education program at Lake Chapala DBC. Supervised bridge games for new and advancing players are set to resume on Wednesday, November 15.

The annual Lake Chapala DBC Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday, December 6 at Sol y Luna. No cards, just a time to enjoy dinner and dancing with our bridge friends!



Unit 207 - Texas Capital Bridge

By Barbara Clements

Unit 207 got lucky! World famous teacher and player, Larry Cohen, offered a "Bridge Camp" in Austin in October at a nearby hotel. Before the start of his program, Larry gave a 30-minute talk to almost 50 of us at the Bridge Center of Austin about "Getting Out of a Slump." His tips included:

- Going Back to the Basics
- Not Stressing and Overloading with Memorizing Conventions
- Pre-game Mental Gymnastics
- Last Round "Wake Ups"
- Staying Disciplined and True to Your Style
- Avoiding Dumb Errors - Concentrate
- Getting along with Your Partner



Larry Cohen

After his talk, we had an open game of 21 tables!

We were happy to see old friends and hope to see one another more often!

Unit 207 had some impressive performances at the Summer NABC in Chicago. Congratulations go to the following Unit 207 members:

Morehead GNT Championship

3/4. Sam Dinkin, Finn Kolesnick, Austin

7/8 Sarah Chen - Andrew Chen - Charlie Chen, all Austin

0-10,000 Pairs

7. Steve Chen, Austin

Spingold Teams

5/8. Finn Kolesnick, Austin

17/32. Sam Dinkin, Austin

Truscott/USPC Senior Swiss Teams

18. Lynn Baker, Austin,

Wagar Women's Pairs

13. Katheryn Bailey, Dripping Spring -

Lilly Justman, Austin

Roth Open Swiss Teams

4. Finn Kolesnik, Austin

Winners from our September open tournament are posted in this issue.

We have three tournaments coming up in November and December:

- November 3-5, 0-750
- November 11, Open Swiss Teams
- December 1-2, 0-200

All these events to be held at the Bridge Center of Austin. Check out the flyers to see who to contact if you have questions.

Unit 207 will be celebrating the Holidays with a Holiday Party on December 9. All are welcome to join us at the Bridge Center of Austin.



Unit 209 - Great Permian Basin

By Ann Parish

The following submitted by Marlene Blumentritt:

A Gold Life Master Party for Midland's Deborah Brookins and Marlene Blumentritt was held on Sunday, September 10. The Bridge Club was decorated beautifully by Paula Bayley, Marilyn Matthews, and Marilyn's granddaughter, Allison. Allison and her boyfriend inflated lots of balloons and made a spectacular archway for the entry way. Paula Bayley, with Marilyn's help, decorated the festive bulletin board



Marlene & Deborah

and the lovely dining area. Thank you, Paula, Marilyn, and Allison for all your hard work and exquisite taste. Deborah told me that the party meant more to her than anybody imagined.

The food was mostly catered by Ray's Italian Bistrot including Lasagna, meat and vegetarian Pizzas, Stuffed Mushrooms, salad, and Tiramisu. There were a couple of additional vegetable dishes and plenty of delicious desserts, all provided by the players. We welcomed guest family and friends who came to eat lunch and celebrate with us.

The bridge game was held at 1:30 p.m. with 6 ½ tables. Scott Vaughan directed and did a great job. The 1st place winners were Patty Heard and Kay Arrell, 2nd was Kay Sewell & Sandy Hill. Thank you all for participating, and to the players who could not make it, you were missed.

For the ACBL-Wide International Fund Game on Wednesday evening, September 27, we had 5 ½ tables. First in the club was KC Evans & Juanice Welsh with 65.10%; they were also 1st in the district and 5th nationwide. Second in the club and 3rd in district was Belle Harris & Debra Jones with 61.46%.

Unit 209 is planning its main Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 5, in combination with the ACBL-Wide International Fund Game. Lunch will be included.

We welcome the cooler fall weather, and we're looking forward to lots of "cool" bridge!





Unit 225 - East Texas

By Debbie Pascoe

New U225 Board Unit 225 inducted a new board of directors in September. The new Executive Committee consists of:

Suzanne Birdwell, President
Jo Booth, Vice President
Bonnie Magee, Secretary
Linda Gurasich, Treasurer

Our thanks to outgoing president Shreedhara Ramarathnam and outgoing treasurer Sandra O'Bannon for their tremendous contributions and support of the unit.

New Website & Facebook Group

Earlier this year, the unit was notified that the platform hosting our website was being retired. Researching the options we discovered Bridgewebs, a platform designed specifically for bridge clubs. We also discovered that many other units and clubs in the U.S. were already using the platform. By adopting this platform, we were able to quickly transition our website and are back in business. Our new web address is <https://www.bridgewebs.com/acblunit225/>

In related news, a new Facebook group has been established for the unit. While the group is primarily focused on the happenings within Unit 225, bridge players from other units are welcome. Our address is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/unit225acbl>

Dottie Pirkle DBC

New Location

Our sincere thanks to St. Edwards Catholic Church in Athens for hosting Dottie Pirkle's club for the next two years. Henderson County will be doing a significant remodel of the Senior Citizens Center. When complete, it will house offices and meeting spaces for several organizations and will welcome the club back at that time. Ginger Rhamey describes it as "a place we love." It is large, light and bright, and located very close to downtown Athens. Comments from our players have been overwhelmingly positive.

Player Recruitment

Unit 225 is actively working to recruit new players. Pittsburg and Tyler Clubs have recently delivered, or are currently delivering, bridge lessons.

Pittsburg Duplicate Bridge Club (PDBC)

PDBC delivered a basic 8-week bridge class during September and October. The two hour classes were held prior to the weekly 12:30 p.m. Friday game. Linda Harrison, PDBC Director/ACBL Certified Instructor, taught the class. Students have an invitation to stay for free play in the game or to kibitz.

Rose City Duplicate Bridge Club

Rose City DBC delivered EasyBridge! lessons over a 10 week period beginning in October. Classes are being delivered by Sandy O'Bannon.

Nacogdoches Duplicate Bridge Club

By Gay Roach, Club Manager

Our little club is still hanging in there. We have a unit game scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Monday, November 6 and another on Monday, December 4. The December game will be our Pot Luck Christmas Party and everyone is invited to both games.

Sadly (for us), Steve and Susan Jennings moved to Arkansas this summer and are building a new home there, but they promised to come play with us when they are again in the area.

New Life Master Levels

Life Masters: Jackie McElhaney, Dorothy Miller both Scroggins

Bronze Life Master: Lisa Looney, Texarkana

2023 Awards

Emily Leake Award: Ethan Collins, Rose City Club

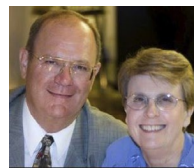
Steve Lawrence Tournament of Stars Award:

Mike Graham, Longview

Tournament of Roses Award: Mary Bartley,

Brenda Baker, Rose City

Congrats to Unit 225 players who were recognized for their significant achievements.



Unit 233 - Central Texas

By George & Pam Holmes

Unit 233 bridge has had a quiet fall and continues to muddle along with our clubs having fun but small games. We are planning a Holiday Lunch and special afternoon game at the Sul Ross Senior Center in Waco on the first Monday of December which will be hosted by the Monday Slammers Club.

On a sad note: our beloved longtime unit secretary, Lynn Sykes, Belton, has had an extremely bad fall. Our prayers and thoughts are with her during this very difficult time.

Meanwhile our clubs keep on keeping on. From Unit 233 to all: have a Wonderful Holiday Season and

a Great New Year of bridge.



D16 Masterpoint Races Quarter Ending 30-September-2023



Top 5 in 0-1000 MPs

Mini McKenney Awards

0-5 MPs

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Pam Beck, Georgetown | 122 |
| 2. Winnie Mohsenzadeh, Houston | 90 |
| 3. Steve Broderick, Montgomery | 74 |
| 4. Julia Farmer, San Angelo | 57 |
| 5. Robert Neal, McKinney | 47 |

5 to 20 MPs

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|---------------------------------|----|
| 1. Kamal Das, Arlington | 73 |
| 2. Brenda Schrader, Haltom City | 47 |
| 3. Juanita Baker, San Angelo | 37 |
| 4. Patricia Lavelle, Beaumont | 37 |
| 5. Marilyn Knatz, The Woodlands | 37 |

20 to 50 MPs

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|---------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Michael Atchison, Georgetown | 119 |
| 2. Beryl Booker, Houston | 111 |
| 3. Robert Domsalla, Tomball | 109 |
| 4. John Burgess, Granbury | 76 |
| 5. Lynn Clark, Magnolia | 53 |

50 to 100 MPs

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|-----------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Gwendolyn Atchison, Georgetown | 137 |
| 2. Sanjay Santhanam, Gilmer | 130 |
| 3. Brenda Darby, Granbury | 106 |
| 4. Carolyn Hardy, Friendswood | 94 |
| 5. Antoun Henri, Katy | 88 |

100 to 200 MPs

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|-----------------------------|-----|
| 1. Kyo Chen, Sugar Land | 146 |
| 2. Hua Chen, Sugar Land | 144 |
| 3. Teresa Mack, Georgetown | 140 |
| 4. Walter Netschi, McKinney | 122 |
| 5. Robert Lane, Huntsville | 115 |

200 to 300 MPs

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|------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Karen Bell, Gilmer | 182 |
| 2. Lois McCallister, Houston | 151 |

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|--------------------------------|-----|
| 3. B. Schuller, Georgetown | 112 |
| 4. Teresa Bolen, The Woodlands | 109 |
| 5. Earl Wright, Winona | 102 |

300 to 500 MPs

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|--------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Scott Cantor, Houston | 182 |
| 2. Travis Woodward, Odessa | 161 |
| 3. Martin Hrachovy, Sugar Land | 159 |
| 4. Janice Hardcastle, Houston | 141 |
| 5. Yao-Hui Hsiao, San Antonio | 124 |

500 to 1000 MPs

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|-------------------------|-----|
| 1. Andrew Chen, Austin | 246 |
| 2. Charlie Chen, Austin | 245 |
| 3. John Luebke, Addison | 214 |
| 4. Sarah Springer, Katy | 194 |
| 5. Ariel Smid, Huilucan | 180 |

For a complete list, click [here](#).

Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

0 to 5 MPs

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|--------------------------------|----|
| 1. Winnie Mohsenzadeh, Houston | 62 |
| 2. Steve Broderick, Montgomery | 62 |
| 3. Robert Neal, McKinney | 43 |
| 4. Julia Farmer, San Angelo | 38 |
| 5. Pam Beck, Georgetown | 32 |

5 to 20 MPs

- | | |
|---------------------------------|----|
| 1. Kamal Das, Arlington | 40 |
| 2. Patricia Lavelle, Beaumont | 35 |
| 3. Thomas Knox Jr., Odessa | 33 |
| 4. Brenda Schrader, Haltom City | 29 |
| 5. Julie Moorman, San Angelo | 29 |
| 6. Ruth Pimm, Georgetown | 25 |

20 to 50 MPs

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|-----------------------------------|----|
| 1. Beryl Booker, Houston | 66 |
| 2. Michael Atchison, Georgetown | 39 |
| 3. Howard Ratcliff, Morristown TN | 39 |
| 4. Michele Domec, Vidor | 38 |
| 5. Scott Johnson, Midland | 38 |

50 to 100 MPs	
1. Sanjay Santhanam, Gilmer	87
2. Carolyn Hardy, Friendswood	68
3. Michael Frederick, Fort Worth	58
4. Gwendolyn Atchison, Georgetown	56
5. Antoun Henri, Katy	54

100 to 200 MPs	
1. Teresa Mack, Georgetown	102
2. Marty Simpson, San Angelo	92
3. Elouise Young, Beaumont	89
4. John Fee, Fort Worth	79
5. Zane O'Keefe, Montgomery	76

200 to 300 MPs	
1. Lois McCallister, Houston	119
2. B. Schuller, Georgetown	99
3. Karen Bell, Gilmer	91
4. Earl Wright, Winona	89
5. Dale Linton, Midland	86

300 to 500 MPs	
1. Travis Woodward, Odessa	141
2. Sharon Schuller, Georgetown	99
3. Tim Elsea, Georgetown	84
4. Brian Eaton, Fort Worth	80
5. David Boyle, Rockport	78

500 to 1000 MPs	
1. Sarah Wright, Odessa	145
2. William Churchman, Pasadena	121
3. Mark Incerto, Houston	115
4. Lonnie Yee, Midland	111
5. Margaret Kennedy, Corpus Christi	110

For a complete list, click [here](#).

Virtual Ace of Clubs

0 to 5 MPs	
1. Pam Beck, Georgetown	31
2. Thomas Brown, Rosenberg	22
3. Ann Conrad, Georgetown	6
4. Larry Lawhorn, The Woodlands	5
5. Gunjan Singh, Cypress	5

5 to 20 MPs	
1. Sandy Lantz, Richardson	21

2. Glen Petrick, Missouri City	8
3. Sandra Parker, Kyle	8
4. Barbara Monroe, Austin	7
5. Ellen Singer, Houston	7

20 to 50 MPs	
1. Elaine McPike, Houston	20
2. Jim Rhodes, Horseshoe Bay	20
3. Linda Thompson, San Marcos	20
4. Lynn Clark, Magnolia	10
5. Gloria Harkey, San Antonio	9

50 to 100 MPs	
1. Richard Kobes, Conroe	36
2. Janie Kobes, Conroe	36
3. Barbara Craven, Cypress	34
4. Warren Klein, Cedar Park	33
5. Patti Klein, Cedar Park	31

100 to 200 MPs	
1. Thomas Dilger, Spring	82
2. Lindy Kahn, Houston	56
3. Kyo Chen, Sugar Land	48
4. Hua Chen, Sugar Land	48
5. Anita Motard, Dallas	47

200 to 300 MPs	
1. Jan McLaurin, Lakeway	78
2. David Proctor, Dallas	75
3. Elizabeth Eisenach, Porter	69
4. Janet Medlin, Dallas	68
5. Joseph Rogers, Houston	65

300 to 500 MPs	
1. B.K. Sloan, Dallas	82
2. Sadashiv Pethe, The Woodlands	72
3. Mahlon First, Katy	66
4. Kathleen Hubbard, Cypress	60
5. Patti Monroe, Tarzana CA	58

500 to 1000 MPs	
1. Dan Kahn, Dallas	114
2. Nancy Campbell, Dallas	112
3. Richard Southworth, San Antonio	108
4. Charlene Coor, Austin	83
5. Jean Scott, Plano	65

For a complete list, click [here](#).

Education

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I won't bet even two tacos on whether this is the perfect list or some conventions should be added, removed or are even not considered. Its purpose is to give you some food for thought to develop your own list by questioning and discussing this one.

I would love to hear your ideas and/or comments. We are all together in this.

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District 16 2023 Oswald & James Jacoby Service Awards



District 16 is pleased to announce that Scott Nason of Dallas, Unit 176, was awarded the 2023 Oswald and James Jacoby Service Award on Saturday at the Dallas Labor Day Regional. As editor of our Labor Day Regional Bulletin, Scott would normally be writing this article himself, but this one was prepared in advance so that he could be surprised, and indeed he was!



Betty Starzec presents Scott Nason of Dallas with the District 16 2023 Oswald & James Jacoby Service Award

The Jacoby Service Award is given each year to a player who has volunteered and served with distinction at both the unit and district level. Scott is currently in his sixth year on the Unit 176 Board of Directors where he has served in almost every capacity. He is the GNT Coordinator, serves on the tournament committee, and writes the bulletin at the Dallas Labor Day Regional. Scott cochairs the monthly unit games that have returned since Covid which have been very successful. He writes the Unit 176 report for Scorecard, keeping everyone up to date on happenings unit wide.

On the district level, Scott also manages the GNTs and serves as the Unit 176 representative to the District 16 Board of Directors.

One of Scott's best qualities is his true love of bridge. He became a certified director to improve his knowledge of the game and finds time to use it on his frequent cruises. Scott takes time to mentor developing players and is a frequent speaker on the D16 Zoom® Lecture Series. He is happy to answer questions whenever asked, and always wears his National Goodwill Pin with pride.

Congratulations, Scott, from the many, many friends you have made at the tables. Both Unit 176 and District 16 are enormously proud of you.



Intermediate/Newcomer Resources

Games & Classes for Newer Players - Come Join us!

Zoom Spanish Lecture Series - Third Saturday of every month at 12:30 p.m.
Zoom Intermediate Lecture Series - Fourth Saturday of every month at 12:30 p.m.

0-50 masterpoint game: Every Monday at 4:00 p.m.

District 16 is offering to all 0-50 masterpoint players a 12-board game on BBO for \$3.00 every Monday at 4:00. You can ask a partner to play, or sign in at the partnership desk and pick up a new partner.

Practice, practice, practice. Your experiences at the table can be your best teacher. A director and assistants will be on hand to offer guidance during the game.

For more information email Beginner20Bridge@gmail.com

0-99 masterpoint game: Every day at 6:00 p.m. (CT)

The "99er Nite Club!" games are offered seven days a week at 6:00. If you are a 99er, ask your club if they are participating. Your club must "opt in." If your club has any questions, ask them to contact Nancy Strohmer, nastrohmer@yahoo.com



Don't Miss the November Beginner/Intermediate Lecture

*Saturday, November 25th
12:00 p.m. Central Time*

Topic: Lebensohl Convention Over Notrump Interference

*Speaker: Nicci Beninger
Jalasco, Mexico*

Watch for Reminder Emails!



**THE
99ER
NITE CLUB**

**GREAT PLAY, LESSONS
& LOADS OF FUN!**
And...It's Only for You, New Players!

District 16 now has a BBO game just
for the 0 to 99 player—
the "99er Nite Club"!

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

Perks:

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

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




199ER NITE CLUB

*Ready to Graduate from
the 0 to 99 Game?*

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


7 DAYS A WEEK AT 6:05 PM CST

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

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

*Contact Nancy Strohmer for details:
nastrohmer@yahoo.com*

New Game in Town



The Longest Day ACBL Top 40 District 16 Teams



Many of the D16 clubs participated in the The Longest Day fundraiser for Alzheimer's Research. The following District 16 Teams made it into the ACBL top 40 teams:

183 Granbury Bridge Club	Granbury Bridge Club	Granbury	\$19,220 (11th)
174 Bridge Academy of West Houston		Houston	\$7,880 (26th)
174 Clear Lake Bridge Club		Houston	\$6,885 (29th)

Good Jobs, Everyone!



In Memoriam

- Mary L. Carns, Nacogdoches
- * Stan E. Carr, Fort Worth
- Betty J. Friedman, Conroe
- Mrs. Mary F. Hair, Cypress
- * Thomas F. Hughes, Jr., Austin
- Janvan Jenkins, Gilmer
- Charles K. Krause, Mansfield
- Lou E. Lovell, Gilmer
- * Mrs. Gulzar Mitha, Houston
- * Rolf Paul, Dallas
- Wanda F. Prokop, Kemp
- * Darlene C. Shirey, Fort Worth
- * John E. Spessard, Dallas
- * Mrs. Carmeline Squires, Universal City
- Charles W. Stenholm, Granbury
- * Bonn Tanner, Humble
- * Maxine R. Todd, San Angelo
- * Rosalyn R. Tullos, Canton
- * Mrs. Betty L. Wilkinson, Nocona

*Life Master

Darlene Carmichael Shirey | 1946- 2023



Darlene Carmichael Shirey was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma to John and Artell Carmichael. Darlene started ballet and tap dance classes at age 4, and later modern jazz over 16 years of dancing. At age 12, she learned to fish, water ski, camp out and even cook on a Coleman stove.

In high school, Darlene joined the Junior Red Cross, eventually serving as the local president.

Darlene attended Washington University in St Louis, finishing 3rd in her class with a degree in Medical Technology which she used in various jobs while traveling the world as an Air Force wife. In 1988 she settled down for good in Fort Worth. She started a job with Genetic Design setting up paternity testing labs in Texas. The University of North Texas

Health Science Center in Fort Worth opened a DNA lab in 1991 where she worked until retiring in 2006.

Darlene's favorite pastimes were cooking, gardening and bridge. Bridge began as mostly Officers Wives Clubs or party bridge. In Fort Worth, she started duplicate where she met her second husband, Steve Shirey. When they met, Darlene was not a Life Master, but she eventually achieved Diamond Life Master, and was just 350 masterpoints short of Emerald Life Master. They married on December 29, 1994.

After retiring Darlene played 5-6 times a week in local clubs, also making hospitality food for the players as Steve directed. The couple also attended many tournaments across the U.S.

Darlene and Steve later added bridge cruises to their itinerary where Steve would direct the games with Darlene arranging partners and filling in when needed. They sailed all over the world, from the Caribbean, Alaska, the Baltic and Mediterranean Seas and a 66 day trip around South America. Their last cruise (Greenland) arrived home on September 28 and may have been their 50th.

For years Darlene and Peggy Hughes worked the partnership desk at Fort Worth tournaments. When Peggy passed away, Darlene took over. She took great pride when she received emails from people that had continued playing with partners Darlene had arranged.

Darlene was a dog lover sharing three great dogs with Steve: Seven Notrump (Trump for short) a stray mixed breed for eight years, Zanzibar, a Bichon Frisé (frequent bridge game attendee) for 10 years, and another Bichon, their current puppy Baby Girl (BG).

Darlene had one son, Greg Chandler, married to the former Heather Green, and two grandsons: Greyson and Brayden. All live in the Fort Worth-Dallas area. She enjoyed attending their football games and dining together as schedules permitted. Darlene was proud of how all four had successful, rewarding careers, as well as being great people.

Married to Steve gave her more family: Father-in-law Ron, mother-in-law Alpha, brother-in-law Greg and his wife Joslyn and daughter Cady, all in Fort Worth. Darlene was especially close to Cady as they shared a birthday. They enjoyed many meals together, some at restaurants, some cooked by Darlene. Ron raved about her standing crown rib pork roast. Brother-in-law Kevin was nearby in Austin.

Steve and Darlene enjoyed trips to New York City when Ron took his choirs to sing at Holiday Concerts at Carnegie Hall. That enabled enjoying Broadway musicals and plays, and even a taping of David Letterman.

Darlene was a people person loving friends as well as family. She considered all her bridge acquaintances as family. She enjoyed favorite partners Kay, MB, LaQuitta, Winnie, and others. She loved meeting new people and old friends at the games and on cruises. (Although, on some cruises, she did have a short list of difficult players she wanted to see go overboard!)

Awards: Darlene was appointed to the ACBL Goodwill Committee in 2002. In 2008, she was awarded the Texas Star for Unit 183.

♥ **New Braunfels Sectional Winners** ♦
Unit 172

Thursday September 7 - Saturday September 9 - Open Pairs



Thursday AM - A
 Patty Hinze,
 Greg Hinze



Thursday AM - B
 Scott Anderson,
 Grant Coon, II



Thursday PM - A
 Gary Anziani,
 Ed Rawlinson



Thursday PM - B
 Charlotte Davis,
 Richard Day



Thursday PM - C
 Georgia Baron,
 Dean Groussman



Friday AM - A
 Rosemary Kelley,
 Pam LaShelle



Friday AM - B & C
 Leigh Primerano,
 Yesh Singh



Friday PM - A
 Robert Martin,
 Barbara Morgan



Friday PM - B & C
 Vance McCracken,
 Gary Amaon



Saturday AM - A
 Ellen Hessel,
 Ira Hessel



Saturday AM - B & C
 Nancy Tom,
 Sharon Evans



Saturday PM - A
 Patty Hinze,
 Greg Hinze



Saturday PM - B
 Ronald Kunkel,
 Charlene Coor



Saturday PM - C
 Nancy Tom,
 Sharon Evans

Sunday September 10 - Stratified Swiss Teams



A
 Greg Hinze,
 Patty Hinze,
 Ellen Hessel,
 Ira Hessel



B
 Martin Hester,
 Sam Williams,
 Karen Fillis,
 George Fillis



C
 Lew Spurlock,
 Ann Kuehler,
 Cindy Cummins,
 Yesh Singh



**Top Masterpoint
 Winners - 35.85**
 Ellen Hessel,
 Ira Hessel

♥ Austin 2023 September Sectional Winners ♦
Unit 207

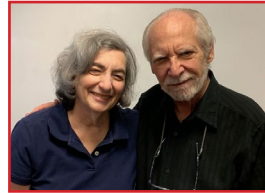
Thursday September 21 - Saturday September 23 - Pairs



Thu AM - Open - A
Ron LaCour,
James LaFountain
(np)



Thu AM - Open - B
Rodney McCullough,
Charles Anderson



Thu PM - Open - A
Beth Tobias,
Paul Tobias



Thu PM - Open - B
(tie)
Richard Clark,
Nancy Joe



Thu PM - Open - B
(tie)
Mark Craig,
Brett Leach



Thu PM - Open - C
Karen O'Shea,
Jim Ferguson



Fri AM - Open - A
Ellen Hessel,
Ira Hessel



Fri AM & PM -
Open - B
Brett Leach,
Anita Albert



Fri AM - Open - C
Phillip Mingola,
Christopher Steele



Fri AM - 0-499 - A
Suzanne Matthews,
Tomas Sears



Fri PM Open - A
George Watkins,
Forrest Gray



Fri PM 0-499 - A
Marie Bailey,
Susan Thompson (np)



Sat AM - Open - A
Marc Levine,
Chris Compton



Sat AM - Open - B
Anita Albert,
Stan Pushkarsky



Sat AM & PM -
0-499 - A & B
Steve Luning,
Jamie Southerland



Sat PM - Open - B
Forrest Gray,
Rebecca Brown

Thursday September 21 - Sunday September 24 - Swiss Teams



Thu AM & Fri PM -
A (Tie)
Charlene Sands,
Virgil Massey,
Kim Brinkman,
Steve Wood



Thu AM - B & C
Pam Beck,
MJ Reidlinger,
Pam Pannell (np),
Jody Westland (np)



Thu PM - A & B
Ester Ellis,
Terri O'Brien,
Liz Hinkle,
Michael Luckenbach
(np)



Thu PM - C
David Minito,
David Secrest



Fri AM - A
James Breihan,
Chris Compton,
Jennifer Breihan,
Marc Levine



Fri PM - A (Tie)
Tom Breur,
Sam Dinkin,
Simone Scumpia,
Alexander Labry



Sat PM - A
Tom Breuer,
Sam Dinkin,
Nancy Joe,
Kalyan Venkat



Sat - PM - C
Philip Mingola,
Christopher Steele,
Nathan Yee,
Thomas Hughes



Sunday - Bracket 1
Finn Kolesnik,
Andrew Chen,
Charlie Chen,
Steve Chen



Sunday - Bracket 2
Forrest Gray,
Rebecca Brown,
Wiley McMinn,
Jerry Barrett



Sunday - Bracket 3
Abby Kaighin,
Belva Courts,
Sue Carter,
Susanna Busico



Dallas Fall Sectional November 15-18, 2023



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Snacks and Drinks Every Day!
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Wednesday, November 15

Stratified Open and 749er Pairs (Single Sessions)
Open Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)

10:00 am & 2:30 pm
10:00 am & 2:30 pm

Thursday, November 16

Stratified Open and 749er Pairs (Single Sessions)
Open Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)

10:00 am & 2:30 pm
10:00 am & 2:30 pm

Friday, November 17

Stratified Open and 749er Pairs (Single Sessions)
Open Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)

10:00 am & 2:30 pm
10:00 am & 2:30 pm

Saturday, November 18

Stratified Open and 749er Pairs (Single Sessions)
Open Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)

10:00 am & 2:30 pm
10:00 am & 2:30 pm

Stratifications:

Open Pairs: A: 4000+, B: 1500-4000, C: 0-1500 (By average masterpoints)

749er Events: A:500-749, B:300-499, C: 0-299 (By average masterpoints)

NOTE: Stratifications may be adjusted by director based on attendance.

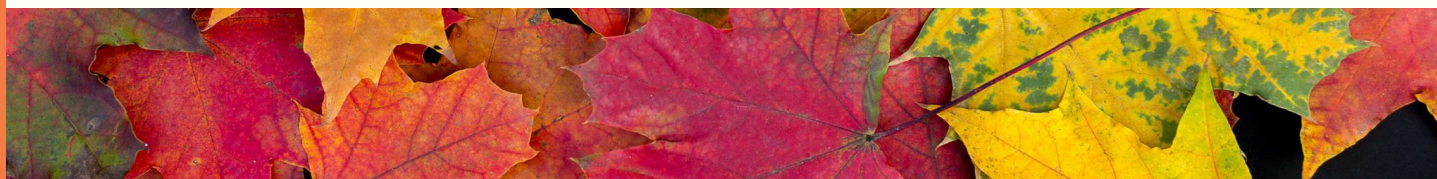
Entry Fees: ACBL members \$14 per session; Non-members \$17

Tournament Chairperson: Milt Neher miltneher@tx.rr.com

Partnerships: Connie Scott (email: PartnershipU176@gmail.com)

Tournament Director in Charge: Melody Euler

Hotel Info: Embassy Suites, Love Field, 3880 W. Northwest Hwy, Dallas, TX 75220; Phone: 214-358-6904; Rate: \$159. Reserve by November 1.



♥ **Diane Olson Election Sectional Winners** ♦
Unit 172

Wednesday October 11 - Friday October 13 9 - Open Pairs



Wednesday AM - A
 Thomas Trudeau,
 Jerry Harrington



Wednesday AM - B
 Yao-Hui Hsiau,
 Charles Jefferson



Wednesday AM - C
 Michael Beldon,
 Lousie Beldon



Thursday AM - A
 George Fillis,
 Karen Fillis



Thursday AM - C
 Gloria Harkey,
 Yao-Hui Hsiau



Thursday PM - A
 Greg Hinze,
 Patty Hinze



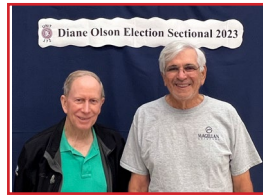
Thursday PM - B
 Andy Villastrigo,
 Susan Hernandez



Thursday PM - C
 Louise Beldon,
 Michael Beldon



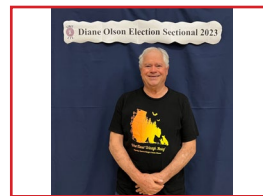
Friday AM - A
 Ellen Hessel
 Ira Hessel



Friday AM - B & C
 Don Marcott,
 Jim Roff



Friday PM - A
 Terry Riely,
 Marel Bates



Friday PM - B & C
 Peter Doyle,
 Kay Dabney (np)

Wednesday October 11 and Saturday October 14 - Stratified Swiss Teams



Wednesday - A
 Donna Swarhout,
 Dave Swarhout,
 Ed Rawlinson,
 Gary Anziani



Wednesday - B
 Catherine McGaffic,
 Mary Rita de Hoyos,
 Hazel Medellin,
 Elisabeth Kay



Wednesday - C
 Gloria Harkey,
 Peter Doyle,
 Kay Dabney,
 Marry Massey (np)



Sunday - A
 Daniel Jackson,
 Bill McCarty,
 Roxie Tom,
 Brian Bankler



Sunday - B
 Cynthia Rivet,
 Rebecca Brown,
 Barbara Morgan,
 Robert Martin



**Top Masterpoint
 Winners - 36.2**
 Ellen Hessel,
 Ira Hessel

♥ Dallas Labor Day Regional Winners ♦
Unit 176

Wednesday August 30 - Monday September 4 - Pairs



Wednesday Open - B
Jim Atteberry,
Mike Blanchard



Thursday Open - A
Adrienne Feuer,
Nancy Stanton



Thursday Open - B
Phil Yorston,
Khalifa Ahmed



Friday GR - C
John Fee,
Brenda Schrader



Saturday Open A
Barbara Morgann,
Kathryn Bailey

Wednesday August 30 - Monday September 4 - Swiss Teams



Wednesday Bracket 1
Frederik Nystrom,
Johann Upmark,
Robert Hollman,
Billy Cohen



Wednesday Bracket 2
Jeff Dater,
Tomi Storey,
Jane Kirby,
Diana Winkelmann



Wednesday Bracket 3
Sharon Tomnitz,
Rosalee Hacker,
Lynn Trigg,
Patty Stille



Wednesday Bracket 4
Bill Higgins,
Dan Butler,
Jean Higgins,
Linda Lindley



Wednesday Bracket 5
Leonard Epstein,
Alan Josephson,
Stuart Litwin,
Susan Moss



Wednesday Bracket 6
Hal Spottswood,
Hal Schultz,
T.R. Sartor,
Suzy Lynch
Cummings



Wednesday Bracket 7
Kathy Beasley,
Ken Melvin,
Ken Hajek,
Bill Brooks



Wednesday Bracket 8
Judy Crabtree,
Cindy McShane,
Dorores McCuistian,
Tawana Arnett



Thursday Bracket 1
Mark Bumgardner,
Nancy Kornegay,
Kimmel Jones,
Steve Kornegay



Thursday Bracket 2
Jeff Dater,
Siqing Yu,
Emily Harrell,
Kristen Onsgard



Thursday Bracket 3
Rupa Shah,
Don Domsalla,
Karen Jennnings,
Susan Domsalla



Thursday Bracket 4
Jim Simmons,
Bob Vilyus,
Frances Simmons,
Marilyn Vilyus



Thursday Bracket 5
Mike Blanchard,
Brian Eaton,
Cynthia Benton,
Randy Eads



Thursday Bracket 6
Judi Mairs,
Linda Harley,
Tom Mairs,
Janet Borg



Thursday Bracket 7
Susan Clarkson,
Cheryl Bradford,
Amy Anderson,
Chuck Thomas



Thursday Bracket 8
Ann Haynes,
Dee Norris,
Sanjay Santhanam,
Laura Kelly



Friday Bracket 2
Terry Wolfe,
Bill Driscoll,
Rich Brandenburg,
Bob Holliday



Friday Bracket 4
Sharon Tomnitz,
Rosalee Hacker,
Lynn Trigg,
Patty Stille



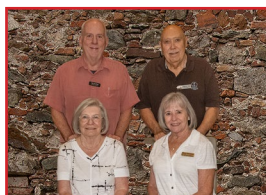
Friday Bracket 5
Hal Schultz,
TR Sartor,
Michael Tiernan,
MB Howard



Friday Bracket 6
Karen Bell,
Pud Patterson,
Liz Smith,
David Worrell



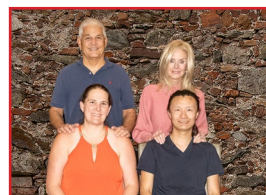
Friday Bracket 7
Catherine Bard,
Chuck Thomas,
Amy Anderson,
Angela Johnson



Friday Bracket 9
Tim Kauffman,
Charles Tapp,
Jeannie Campbell,
Mary Klompus



Saturday Bracket 1
Frederik Nystrom,
Johann Upmark,
Robert Hollman,
Billy Cohen



Saturday Bracket 2
Jeff Dater,
Emily Harrell,
Kristen Onsgard,
Siqing Yu



Saturday Bracket 4
Ed Yetter,
Tony Arthur,
Bonnie Yetter,
Carol Arthur



Saturday Bracket 5
Bill Brooks,
Ken Melvin,
Walter Netschi,
Bob Bender



Saturday Bracket 7
John Peart,
Kent Baxter,
Phil Brown,
Jackie Brown



Saturday Bracket 8
Tim Kauffman,
Charles Tapp,
Jeannie Campbell,
Mary Klompus



Sunday Bracket 1
Jimmy Breihan,
Chris Compton,
Jo Smith,
Steve Shirey



Sunday Bracket 2
Erika Walker,
John Luebkekmann,
Mary Chaffin,
Alan Chernov



Sunday Bracket 3
Kalyan Venkat,
Stuart Litwin,
Susan Moss,
Simone Scumpia



Sunday Bracket 6
John Peart,
Calvin Winchester,
Kathy Russler,
Judy Brown



Monday Open - A
Frederik Nystrom,
Johann Upmark,
Robert Hollman,
Billy Cohen



Monday Open - X
Danny Feng,
Steve Chen,
Andrew Chen,
Charlie Chen



Monday Open - B
Jerry Frankel,
Scott Norville,
Erica Walker,
John Luebkekmann



Monday Open - D
Darlene Campbell,
Kathy Russler,
Judy Wood,
Judy Brown

Dallas Labor Day Regional New Life Masters



Chuck Thomas
Carrollton



Gail Wingfield
Irving



Lori McCline
Denton

New Bronze and Silver Life Masters



Bronze LM Ann Gronewald, Marietta, Georgia
Silver LM Jean Scott, Plano
Bronze LM Maggie Miller, Marietta Geogia

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 Sat/Sun - Jan 20/21
 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
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Table Fees (per session)
 Monday thru Friday \$15
 Saturday (\$1 for NABC) \$16
 Sunday (lunch included w/2 session entry) \$18
\$4 more for lapsed member

LSR Speakers
 Mon-Sat at 2:00
 

Please note new schedule change.
1st game will be Monday at 10:00 am.

Future Life Master Games

(Single session)

299er Pairs

Mon – Sat: 10:00 & 2:30

Sun: 9:30 & TBA

99er Pairs

Tue 10:00 & 2:30

Session and overall awards will be **red** points

0-750 Gold Rush Schedule

(Double session - Gold & Red points)

(Single session - Red points)

Mon – Sat: 10:00 & 2:30

Pair Games

(Double session unless noted)

MON/WED/FRI – JANUARY 22/24/26

A/X/Y Pairs 10:00 & 2:30

Morning Side Pair Series *(Single session*)* 10:00

Afternoon Side Pair Series *(Single session*)* 2:30

Evening Side Pair Series *(Single session*)* 7:00

TUE/THU/SAT – JANUARY 23/25/27

A/X Pairs 10:00 & 2:30

Mid-flight Pairs 10:00 & 2:30

Morning Side Pair Series *(Single session*)* 10:00

Afternoon Side Pair Series *(Single session*)* 2:30

Evening Side Pair Series *(Single session*)* 7:00

*(*These games may be merged into the double session games at the director's discretion, but a player may still choose to play a single session)*

SATURDAY – JANUARY 27

LSR On-Line Pairs 10:00 & 2:30

(Instructions on Unit 174 website)

SUNDAY – JANUARY 28

A/X/Y Pairs 9:30 & TBA

Side Pairs *(Single sessions*)* 9:30 & TBA

Team Games

(Double session)

MON - SAT – JANUARY 22-27

Bracketed Teams 10:00 & 2:30

TUE/WED – JANUARY 23/24

Mini-Soloway *(2 day, 4 sessions)* 10:00 & 2:30

Handicapped Swiss *(2 sessions)* 7:00

THU/FRI – JANUARY 25/26

Mini-Soloway *(2 day, 4 sessions*)* 10:00 & 2:30

*(*at director's discretion)*

Handicapped Swisss *(2 sessions)* 7:00

SUNDAY – JANUARY 28

A/X Swiss Teams 9:30 & TBA

Bracketed Teams 9:30 & TBA

(No player with > 3000 MPs)

STRATIFICATION & FLIGHTING

A/X Pairs A: 5000+ X: 0-5000

A/X/Y Pairs A: 5000+ X: 2000-5000 Y: 0-2000

Mid-flight Pairs B: 1500-3000 Y: 0-1500

Gold Rush Pairs C: 300-750 Z: 0 300

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

299er A: 200-300 B: 100-200 C: 0-100

99er A: 50-100 B: 20-50 C: 0-20

Strats may vary at the director's discretion

Bracketed Teams grouped by average MP

A/X Swiss A: 4000+ X: 0-4000

Sunday Bracketed Teams B: 0-3000

No player with > 3000 MPs

Team or pair average used for all stratified events

DAILY START TIMES

Monday - Saturday 10:00 & 2:30 & 7:00

Sunday 9:30 AM & TBA



Regional Bridge Tournament 2024

San Miguel de Allende February, 27 - March, 3

Hotel Real de Minas **Reservation code: Torneo de Bridge 2024**
 Hotel and playing site **Bridge rate: \$2,349 MXP weekday**
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415 152 2626

MONDAY, FEB 26
 FREE REGISTRATION 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

TUESDAY, FEB 27
 Open Pairs 1st session 1st Bracketed KO teams 10:00 am
 Open Pairs 2nd session 2nd Bracketed KO teams 3:00 pm
 SIDE GAME Session 1/4-SWISS TEAMS-single version 3:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, FEB 28
 Open Pairs 1st session 3rd Bracketed KO teams 10:00 am
 Open Pairs 2nd session (TBA) 4th Bracketed KO teams 3:00 pm
 SIDE GAME Session 2/4-(TBA) SWISS TEAMS-single version 3:00 pm

THURSDAY, FEB 29
 Open Pairs 1st session 1st Bracketed KO teams 10:00 am
 Open Pairs 2nd session 2nd Bracketed KO teams 3:00 pm
 SIDE GAME Session 3/4-SWISS TEAMS-single version 3:00 pm

FRIDAY, MAR 1
 Open Pairs 1st session 3rd Bracketed KO teams 10:00 am
 Open Pairs 2nd session (TBA) 4th Bracketed KO teams 3:00 pm
 SIDE GAME Session 4/4- (TBA) SWISS TEAMS-single version 3:00 pm

SATURDAY, MAR 2
 (OPEN MIGUEL REYGADAS)
SPECIAL AWARDS 1ST PLACE A-B-C

ABC Pairs	1st session	10:00 am
GOLD RUSH Pairs	1st session	10:00 am
ABC Pairs	2nd session	3:00 pm
GOLD RUSH Pairs	2nd session	3:00 pm

SUNDAY, MAR 3

SWISS TEAMS	1st session	10:00 am
SWISS TEAMS	2nd session	(TBA)

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Entries per session: USD \$20 or \$350 MXP CASH ONLY

NOTES:
 All events are stratified: A(2000+) / B(750-2000) / C(0-750)
 Side Series and Side SWISS teams: A(1500+) / B(500-1500) / C(0-500)
 *ABC Pairs: A(2000+) / B(1250-2000) / C(0-1250)
 **Gold Rush Pairs: A(300-700) / B(200-300) / C(0-200)
 SIDE GAMES & 299ers along all sessions if attendance allows.

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Unit 173 & Unit 254

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