

# District 16 Scorecard



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President's Message



By Betty Starzec  
President District 16

The January Houston Lone Star Regional (LSR) made playing tournament bridge feel almost back to normal. While the attendance may never reach pre-Covid numbers, the playing rooms looked full with many players enjoying the regional. The tournament attracted quite a few top players as well. These great top players included ACBL 2022 Player of the Year, Zach Grossack, who exhibited goodwill to everyone. He loved the tournament and hopes to return next year. His youth gives us hope that this game will flourish for years to come. Zach and his teammates each accumulated the top masterpoint award holding of 137.50 points during the tournament.

The LSR also provided the venue for recognizing this year's District Star and Goodwill recipients as well as the recognition of Sally Sassen, Austin, as D16 Teacher of the Year. Read further to see the articles about these recipients. Congratulations to all.

The District Board also established dates for two Royal STaCs for 2023 which are May 8-14 and October 16-22. Remember, a Royal STaC is where you can win gold at your face-to-face club. The games have been a tremendous success for clubs and the ACBL is happy to let us have them again. Please mark them on your calendar!

The District Board also established a Cooperative Advertising Program to assist units, clubs and teachers as a supplement to the ACBL Cooperative Advertising

Program. The district has \$250 per quarter available for this program. You can read about this program in another article in this issue or for more information contact Rachell Jackson, [rachellann.tx@gmail.com](mailto:rachellann.tx@gmail.com)

The Presidential Extra Mile Award was presented to Nancy Strohmer at the District meeting by me for her contributions to the board over and beyond her established responsibilities. My personal thanks and congratulations to Nancy.

Changes in committee members are also occurring: Sandy Potts is now Awards Chair and Lauri Laufman is Membership Chair. Congratulations to you both and good luck with your new responsibilities.

For those of you who are interested in numbers, the following is a small summary of points won in 2022:

- 107,819 ACBL members won 5,619,313.42 points at any level of play
- 8,206 members won points at online clubs ONLY
- 35,120 members won points at face-to-face clubs ONLY

So, 64,493 ACBL members who won points played both online and f2f. The remaining bridge population either didn't play or didn't win masterpoints when they did. See you at the table!

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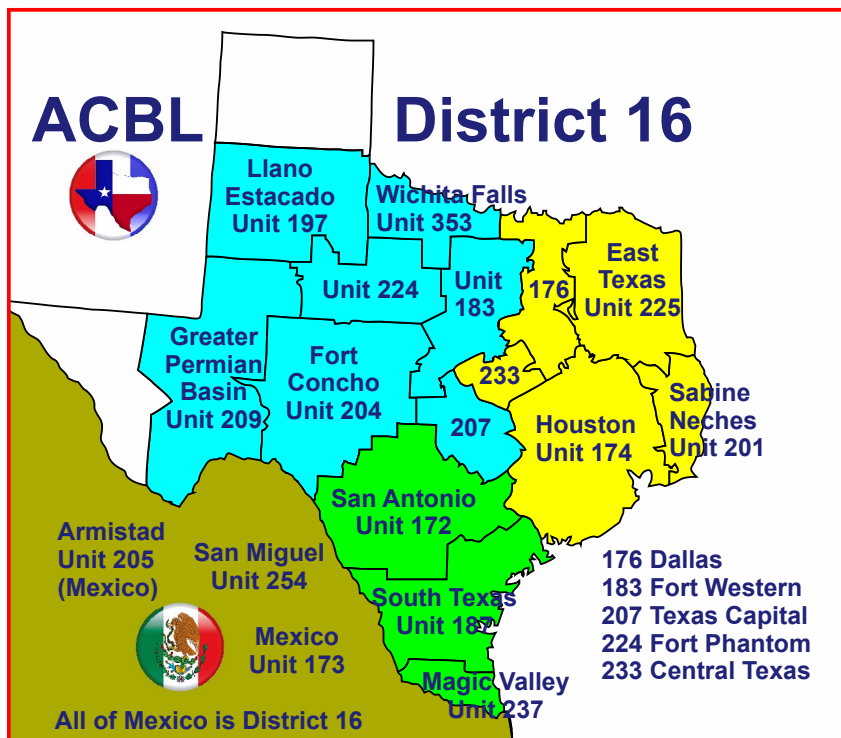
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## Upcoming D16 Tournaments

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- Mar 9-11 Beaumont Spindletop Sectional
- Mar 22-25 Dallas Spring Sectional
- Mar 24- 25 Dallas D16 Final for 2022-2023 GNT/NAP
- Mar 29-Apr 1 [San Antonio Roxana Tom Sectional](#)
- Apr 4- 8 [East Texas Tournament of Stars Regional](#)
- Apr 4-14 Denton April Showers Pairs < 500 NLM Sectional
- Apr 14-16 [Houston Electional Sectional](#)
- Apr 15-16 Houston D16 Final for 2022-2023 GNT/NAP
- Apr 22-23 Austin Spring NLM Sectional
- Apr 27-30 Spring (Houston) 499er/NLM Tournament Sectional
- May 4-7 Austin Spring Sectional
- May 18-21 Spring (Houston) 499er/NLM Tournament Sectional
- May 30-Jun 4 Fun in the Sun - Acapulco Regional

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# Regional Director's Update

District 15, 16 Regional

Director

Interim ACBL Executive Director



By Paul Cuneo

As you know, I'm wearing two hats, first as the Regional Director and as the Interim Executive Director. I'm going to integrate those roles for this report and cover what I think are the most important issues for ACBL and the actions that are underway.

Membership continues to decline at a rate of about 6.5%/year due to lower recruitment and retention rates. Efforts are underway that have the potential to reverse the decline and we should be able to see a significant change by mid-year.

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- **Project Boost** – ACBL is funding advertising using social media for beginning bridge classes / teachers who teach F2F. We had 30 teachers in the Fall and over 60 now. There will be another set of teachers being assisted for both the spring and fall.
- **BBO** is cooperating with free advertising on the following which will launch this month:
  - New member special price of \$29.99 for a year's membership. Regular is \$49.00.
  - Lapsed member rejoin for \$29.99 for a year.
  - Foreign Players special price of \$29.99 for a year's membership.
    - Robot games to earn gold and silver masterpoints to meet Life Master Requirements. These games will only be for foreign players.
    - Hope to evolve to live play if it is successful in attracting enough players.
- **Element3 Health** – This company represents insurers that offer Medicare Advantage plans to seniors. They advocate physical, mental exercise, social interaction and other activities to improve health. They operate a "club" program which pays a stipend to their partner organizations based on member activity. We've signed an agreement so ACBL members could get credit for their annual dues and ACBL would get exposure to the 12 million participants of the insurance companies. Members whose Medicare Advantage Insurance are with the Element3 Health will see emails be-

ginning February 15th advertising this agreement.

**Budget and Finances** – Management had proposed a budget with nearly a \$1 million loss in Phoenix. 2022 loss is near \$1 million from operations. There will also be investment loss but that is caused by the market decline. I set the objective of balancing the operations portion of the budget in 2023. We now have presented a budget with a \$100,000 surplus from operations. The change is caused by a decrease in costs coupled with some revenue increases.

**NABCs** – Our contracts now stretch into 2027 with a couple further out. They were based on the significantly higher attendance that we saw in the past year. Unfortunately, attrition is being forecast for New Orleans and unless there is a significant increase in attendance, it may haunt us all year. I'm working with the board's committee on site selection and believe we need to change our model:

1. The playing space needs to be in hotels; not convention centers.
2. A housing bureau to manage reservations is a luxury we can't afford.
3. A consultant to help negotiate is needed.

**Information Technology** – The board initiated a review of Information Technology after our Providence meeting and Jay Whipple and Uday Ivatury were honored for their efforts. Both have continued to be involved.

A consulting firm was hired to help with the AS400 project which will replace the code for most of our business systems in modern language and improve our processes.

After reviewing their work, I decided to terminate the contract. Jay and Sue Manning (both volunteers) began working with Richard Oshlag to understand the business processes and we have a contract firm that is starting to write the new code. I believe we'll be able to complete the work in 2023.

**Cheating and Discipline** – As the Interim Executive Director role, I have become the "Charging Party" in discipline cases.

I review each case that is presented by the National Recorder's office and decide on whether to charge or whether we need more evidence.

The cases have been strong, and we are making good progress. Both EDGAR, the cheating detection system, and the Institute for Bridge Arbitration have made good progress and we are sending a strong message to the players that "If you cheat, you'll get caught and punished".

A big "Thank You" to Rebecca Brown for volunteering to serve as Adjunct National Recorder. Rebecca has been very active in investigating and prosecuting conduct cases.



# 2023 District 16 Star & Unit Goodwill Awards

By Betty Starzec  
D16 Awards Chair

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

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

Congratulations to all the District 16 recipients of the 2023 Star and Goodwill Awards!

## District Star Recipients



Unit 172 is pleased to recognize Beth Gale for her untiring service to the Unit and the local bridge community. She served many years on the Board of Directors and supported local clubs and tournaments.

She is always friendly and willing to help whenever there is a need. Her smile and welcoming attitude at the table are always appreciated by partners and competitors alike.

We are thankful for her hospitality. She is a wonderful cook, and the local bridge community has been fortunate to enjoy her dishes at unit games and tournaments.

She was chairperson for numerous sectional tournaments and unit games. The checklist she prepared for tournaments and games continues to be helpful to the current chair. Even after she completed her last post on the board, she continues to prepare the flyers for tournaments.

The board members of Unit 172 want to thank her for her generous contributions to the unit and local bridge community.



Jack LaVigne, Unit 174 member, became interested in bridge after college while he waited to join the military. After serving in the Air Force, he joined Schlumberger as a field engineer. He later went on to

specialize in analyzing nuclear magnetic resonance data acquired in oil and gas wells.

After his retirement, Jack became more focused on bridge. He is known for being a great partner, and a

very courteous opponent. In his words, "I would like to apply my energy toward helping others to play and enjoy this great game that we love. This includes improving the playing environment, the atmosphere, hosting tournaments and especially encouraging new players to join and retaining current players."

His actions have mirrored his words. He served Unit 174 in many capacities including Supply Coordinator and most recently as president. During his tenure, Jack was tasked with keeping our Board of Directors focused and on point during the pandemic. We were zooming our board meetings and Jack would Zoom™ or chat with any of us any time to teach and explain what needed to be done. He was always available to help the new board members learn operations and procedures and share his own experiences. With patience and foresight Jack is still an integral part of our Unit 174 Board and is always willing to help. In 2019, Jack was asked to serve as District 16 Recorder. He gladly accepted this role and all of its responsibilities as another way for him to 'give back' to our bridge community.



Unit 176 is pleased to award the 2022 Unit Star award to Joe Gill. Joe served on the unit board for the last six years, including two years as President.

During his time on the board Joe became our unit communication guru. He streamlined and automated the monthly newsletter and cleaned up our contact list. Because of his efforts the read-rates for our email communications increased greatly.

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Joe's expertise was also integral as we transitioned to an online unit board election process during wvthe Covid pandemic.

In addition to these specific efforts, Joe brought valuable insight and leadership during a very challenging time for our unit. Congratulations Joe, and thank you for all your hard work.



**R**andy Eads burst upon the duplicate bridge scene in Unit 183 the very day he retired from his real job as an engineer at Lockheed Martin.

His new career began. Randy played often and well and he advanced fast! Since he was so often at the studio - and such a likeable guy - he was, and still is, an easy target for anyone wanting something done. His first "volunteer" job was keeping the drink machine stocked. Soon after that he started taking random pictures at studio events. After acquiring some bigtime photography equipment and taking some special classes he got serious about it and, sure enough, he got volunteered to be the official photographer for lots of sectionals and regionals in the area.

Randy had the misfortune of being in the wrong place at the right time and got volunteered to help chair the Unit 183 tournaments. He is now designing our flyers, keeping track of the covid cards, and contributing to the daily bulletins at regionals. And finally, this year he was nominated to run for the Unit 183 Board of Directors. In his own words, "When Jacque asked me to run, my initial reaction was to run the other way as fast as possible. But I could not outrun her, so here we are." Randy easily won election to the board.

Now there's a guy who knows how to volunteer! Truth be told, folks just like having Randy around. That's why he gets volunteered so much and that's why he is our Star!



**M**abel Byrnes is Unit 187 District Star honoree this year. She started playing bridge about twenty years ago after she sold her CPA practice and semi-re-

tired. She was hoping to just improve at party bridge, but instead got hooked on duplicate.

She has been an active and valued member of our club ever since, serving several terms as Treasurer. Covid and leasing issues have made this a difficult time for the club and she is working hard to make sure that we can continue to have "face-to-face" bridge in Corpus Christi.

Mabel is presently the unit treasurer, does a really great job and is very well liked by all our members. We think she is definitely deserving of the Award.



**R**ita and Bill Lancet, Unit 197 members, began their fairy-tale romance in May 1969. After six dates, Bill asked Rita to marry him and she said yes!

During their 53 years, Bill and Rita have continued to strengthen one another daily. Not only are they partners for life, but they have always been duplicate bridge partners. Bill and Rita took a 30 year hiatus from bridge while working and raising their family in Seagraves, Texas.

They began playing duplicate bridge again in 2016 when they moved to Lubbock, Texas. Bill and Rita soon realized that all opening two bids were not strong!

They made everyone at the Llana Estacado Unit 197 their second family and lifetime friends.

To be recognized by their peers with the Texas Star Service Award, Bill and Rita are honored. Everything in which they participate at the club is done with the support of their bridge enthusiasts and the love and challenge of the game.



**V**alerie Townley-Smith is an active supporter of Unit 201 since she first joined. She serves on the board, chairs tournaments, and encourages new members.

She created an evening game to encourage newcomers, and continues its weekly organization.

Val doesn't ask for recognition, but continues to support our membership and duplicate bridge. This award can only begin to say how grateful we are for all her continuing hard work.

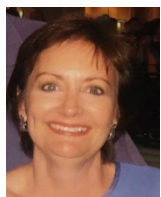
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**P**at Bitner, Unit 204 member, shines bright in person and thru text. Our bridge community appreciates Pat for her thorough reporting of bridge happenings, participants and results each week.

She is encouraging to all players with a mix of recognition, humor and appreciation via group email and local newspaper weekly.

Our human interest stories are colorfully described by Pat. She previously served on the board of Directors for many years specifically as our scribe for meetings. Congrats and thank you.



**M**ary Ann White, Unit 205 member, grew up in a family that played bridge, and she “tinkered” at it for several years before being introduced to duplicate.

She began to take the game more seriously and started playing duplicate about 16 years ago at the Arlington Duplicate Bridge Club in Arlington.

The plan was to do something to keep her mind active as she crossed the 50-year-old threshold. But it turned into something more than that -- a passion for the game and a love for the many wonderful people she meets along the way.

Mary Ann now plays most of her bridge, and teaches, at the Lake Chapala Duplicate Bridge Club in Lake Chapala, Mexico where she has lived for the last eight years.

She is president of the Unit 205 board in western Mexico, is active in planning the Puerto Vallarta Regional and Ajijic Valentine Sectional tournaments, and is a regular attendee at other tournaments in Mexico.



**R**ita Wiegenstein, Unit 207 member, learned to play social bridge in Wisconsin where she and her husband, Glen, lived.

While on a winter vacation in Sun City, she began playing duplicate bridge with her longtime partner, Kay Lynch.

In 2009, Rita and Glen moved to Sun City permanently. Their next-door neighbor, Dale Irish, was an avid duplicate player who became her mentor. Rita was soon playing in tournaments all over Texas.

Rita quickly began volunteering at the club for events and activities, including developing a class she called “Bridge Mechanics” designed to turn a social bridge player into a tournament player. She has taught this class every year since 2013.

In the past 10 years she contributed countless hours to the growth of the Sun City Bridge Club. Among her accomplishments:

Teaching the Audrey Grant Conventions Class and Bridge Mechanics yearly.

Named Education Chair for Sun City

Earned her director certification

Served on the Unit 207 board

Acts as Club Coordinator and Unit Facebook Administrator

Welcome Committee Chair for the Austin NABC

Speaker program for the Sun City Club

In her spare time, she and Glen enjoy tennis, biking, traveling, church and entertaining friends and family in her home.



**S**cott Vaughan, Unit 209 member, first joined ACBL in 1994. After a year, he quit until 2011.

Since 2011, he became a Life Master and currently holds more than 1500 points.

Scott is an excellent bridge player, who is consistently pleasant to both his partner and his opponents at the bridge table, but it is not his ability at the bridge table that got him a unanimous vote from the nominating committee to be the Unit 209 District Star. Nor is it his willingness to serve as an officer of both the unit and the Odessa Duplicate Bridge club.

He has served as Unit Vice President, Odessa Duplicate Club President multiple times and he is currently serving as Unit President.

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It is Scott's willingness to help out anywhere he is needed that made him our nominee.

Scot helped with bridge lessons in Odessa, is always available to substitute as Club Director for games in both Odessa and Midland, as well as acting as Club Director for a game in Odessa.

He spent countless hours helping with the remodeling of the Allison Bridge Center in Midland.

Scott accomplished all of this while holding a full-time job.



**M**arsha May, Unit 353 member, was born in Norman, Oklahoma, where her father was stationed in the Navy. The family moved to Wichita Falls when she was two and where she grew up. Marsha graduated from Midwestern State University and married Gary May.

They moved to Irving for 17 years where she taught mathematics at MacArthur High School, had two children and graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington. Marsha and Gary moved back to Wichita Falls in 1981 where she taught mathematics at MSU for 31 years, retiring in 2013.

"I taught for nearly 50 years and had no idea what I would do when I retired." Luckily, a good friend introduced her to duplicate bridge. "I love every minute that I have been involved with Unit 353. I took lessons and started playing with another novice who was a special partner for seven years. She was my crutch when my husband of 54 years died in 2018. Sadly, she died in 2021 and I miss her. I have been privileged to play with many different partners including the good friend who first introduced me to duplicate bridge." Marsha served as secretary, treasurer and president on the Unit 353 Board.

She is Unit 353 "Scorecard" reporter and also serves as the Unit 353 Representative on the District 16 board.

"I am so blessed to be involved with all our members and I consider it such an honor to be nominated for the Star Award. Thank you, Unit 353."

## District Goodwill Recipients

- Unit 172 Jo Neesvig  
Rita DeHoyos
- Unit 174 Linda Drake  
Mary Ellen Vail
- Unit 176 Mike Chockley  
Adrienne Feuer
- Unit 183 Gary Neisler  
David Adams
- Unit 187 Joe Alexander  
Russ & Kathe Powers
- Unit 197 Betty Skibell
- Unit 201 Phyllis Mann  
Paul Keedy
- Unit 204 Barbara Wright  
Carol Diminnie
- Unit 205 Tom Gillett
- Unit 207 Cindy Bell  
Jean Durocher
- Unit 209 Kathryn Evans  
Trwavis Woodward
- Unit 225 Nancy Green  
Charles Ford
- Unit 353 Carolyn Bell  
Lois Robertson



## Sally Sassen Named 2023 Teacher of the Year



Ed Rawlinson - Sally Sassen

Sally Sassen of Austin was named 2023 Teacher of the Year for District 16 at a ceremony at the recent Houston Lone Star Regional.

The announcement by District President, Betty Starzec, was the culmination of a process that started in August 2022 with an invitation to district members to submit nominations for the award by December 1, 2022.

Nominees were asked to submit information about their teaching schedule, style, and philosophy.

The Selection Committee consisting of Betty Starzec, Ed Rawlinson, Gary King, Dave Glandorf, and Mary Jane Orock evaluated the submissions and selected the winner during the month of January 2023.

Teacher of the Year Chairman, Ed Rawlinson, stated that all of the finalists (including Audley Karrasch, Jeff Kroll, and Thomas Rush) had impressive credentials and testimonials from students.

Sally began teaching bridge informally in 1995. She completed her teaching certification through the TAP Program in 2014 and has been teaching at the Bridge Center of Austin since.

When COVID shut the club down, Sally began teaching using Zoom™. She taught 69 students via Zoom. Since the club reopened, she taught two 10-week beginning bridge classes with 27 and 29 students each.

Sally started a 0-20 game for these beginners. Sally is committed to building Bridge in Austin and plans to continue these initiatives for beginners.

## Nancy Strohmer Receives the District Presidential “Extra” Mile Award



Nancy Strohmer

Nancy Strohmer has been a member of the District 16 Board for numerous years starting as the Charity Coordinator in 2014. Her organizational and personal skills have enabled her to move forward to various levels including both District 16 President and Representative on the ACBL Advisory Council. When her position as president expired, she agreed to continue as the Robly® contact for the district sending out announcements as needed. Nancy continues to assist with the lecture series which was created during her presidency. Oftentimes when there is a change at the top, the transition may not be easy, but Nancy is always available to assist whenever called upon. Her continued input as Past President is invaluable to maintain the positive

direction of the district. Nancy is a member of Unit 174, Houston. Kudos and many thanks to Nancy!



## District 16 NAP Winners

Congratulations to the following District 16 North American Pairs (NAP) winners who have qualified to compete in the NAP finals at the Spring NABC in New Orleans. Winners who attend the finals receive a stipend from District 16 and support from the ACBL. Consider this fun event with initial qualifying at your local clubs beginning in June for the 2024 NABC in Louisville, Kentucky!



### Flight A:

- 1st James Breihan and Tony Haddad (Houston)
- 2nd Finn Kolesnik and Phil Clayton
- 3rd Hua Yang and Yan Song



### Flight B:

- 1st Eric Goff and Neil Cohen (Austin)
- 2nd James Zhan and Ying Peng
- 3rd Phillip Jaeger and Thomas Hackenberg
- 4th Scott Cantor and Gregory Andrews



### Flight C:

- 1st Cheri Gross and Martin Hrachovy (Sugar Land)
- 2nd Janice Hardcastle and Juanice Welsh
- 3rd Michael Fohey and Christine Dailey
- 4th Peter Clive and Diana Clive

# Grand National Teams ♠

By Scott Nason

D16 GNT Coordinator



It is getting close now. The Grand National Teams D16 District Finals will be competed in four flights, two in Dallas in March and two in April in Houston.

The Championship Flight is open to any resident of District 16 and will be competed on March 24th (and 25th if necessary) in Dallas at the Lovers Lane United Methodist Church at 9200 Inwood Road (in conjunction with the Dallas Sectional.)

Flight A is open to players who had less than 6000 masterpoints as of the August 6, 2022's report. It will be competed in Houston on April 15-16 at the Shriners, 10510 Harwin Drive (in conjunction with the Houston Sectional.)

Flight B is open to players with less than 2500 points and will be in Dallas. Flight C is for Non-

Life Masters with less than 500 points and will be in Houston. A team that plays in Dallas can also compete in Houston if they are eligible for that event as well. For example, a Flight C team may compete in Flight B in Dallas and C in Houston, or a B team may compete in B in Dallas and A in Houston.

The winners of each flight – as well as a second team in Flights B and C if eight or more teams are entered – will earn the right to play in the Nationals in Chicago in July and will receive a substantial expense stipend if they actually play there.

So, get your team together and please pre-register by sending your team's information (names, ACBL numbers, email addresses, and flight in which you will compete) to Scott Nason at: [sdnason@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sdnason@sbcglobal.net) at least five days before the start of your event.

More details may be found in the tournament [flyer](#) and the D16 GNT [Conditions of Contest](#).

## March ~ District 16's Charity Month ♠

By Nancy Strohmer

D16 Charity Chair

*Charity begins at home, but should not end there. – Scottish Proverb*



I am in the process of updating the best practices for Charity Committee Chair. In doing so, I reached out to other districts for input and much to my surprise, we are the only district that holds yearly charity games.

That fact will probably change in the future once our district's efforts are shared. Our records show that District 16 has been holding charity games for more than 23 years—that's impressive!

District 16's charity games will be held on March 27, 29, 30 and 31 and will be offered by many of the clubs. This means that you can play in

club games and win additional masterpoints while supporting games that fund local unit charities (local unit) as well as augmenting the district subsidies paid to the winners of the NAP and GNT (Grassroots).

The March 27 and 30 games will be "Grassroots" games. The March 29 and 31 games will be "Local Unit" games.

Prior to 2018, the money for the "Local Unit" games went to the District Charity fund.

In 2018, the board voted to give the money to the Units directly so that the charity decision would be made and given locally. If you have interesting stories of charity in your unit, please send them to Nancy Strohmer, [nastrohmer@yahoo.com](mailto:nastrohmer@yahoo.com)



# The Most Beautiful Game in the World ♠

By Patricia Herrera

D16 Education Coordinator



Bridge never ceases to amaze me. It is the most beautiful game in the world and the ultimate social sport. Ever since I became president of the Mexican Bridge Federation, people constantly tell me that we need to do something for bridge. Most are

willing to do something but do not know what.

It is no secret that bridge is struggling. Played by over 220 million people worldwide, bridge is the most popular card game in the world. But the trends indicate that the number of players is declining. Here are some things that we can do for bridge. We all know what bridge has done for us ☺.

Support the clubs. Yep, most of us love playing online but we need people at the clubs so that newcomers have a place to go.

- Become a teacher. Even if you are not the best player in the world, think about getting trained to become a teacher and get some new people interested. You will even make some extra money.

- We all dislike some people. Nevertheless, being nasty to other bridge players, speaking poorly of them and other toxic behaviors, prevents newcomers from joining and worse, from staying and attending our local clubs. Be an adult please.

- In my last column, I talked about sportsmanship. Re-read it. We need everyone to be on board.

- Learn the rules. Yes, this is a sanctioned game and rules apply. We can't try to make up our own or bend the existing ones or try to ignore them. Things work better everywhere when rules are followed.

- Be nice. You probably are but sometimes things happen at the bridge table. Try to avoid not being nice at all costs. People usually quit because they felt disrespected. Not worth it for anybody not to be nice ☺.

- Become a volunteer. Studies have shown it will make you happier. It will also help bridge. Bingo!

- Pay your ACBL fees. Yes, supporting the institutions helps to support bridge.

- Pay your federation's fees. Ditto.

- Learn about the benefits so that when non play-

ers ask you, they can be intrigued. Some of the cool facts are:

- It is a social game. Not only you will find new friends but even maybe romance.

- It is probably the only competitive activity that all generations can do together and all have an equal chance of winning.

- Is not played for money (no gambling).

- It is an Olympic sport recognized by the International Olympics Committee.

- Is played by people of all ages, all walks of life, all social and ethnic backgrounds.

- When four people sit down at a table to play bridge together, none of the usual prejudices apply, all that matters is the game and the challenge

- Improves mood, reduces stress and strengthens cognition.

- Has many health benefits like: Improves mood, reduces stress and strengthens cognition.

- Helps in lowering the risks of developing Alzheimer's and dementia by 75%.

- It keeps stress at bay.

- Helps in forming a routine.

- Improves memory and thinking ability.

- Improves concentration and faster thinking.

- Is a relatively inexpensive past time.

- Most of all, it is fun.

Remember to win you need opponents. So, roll up your sleeves and remember that we are all learning together.

Please join us and encourage others to come and practice in a fun environment with other newcomers (0-50 points) every Monday from 4:00-5:40 pm CET on BBO. Email Kim Brinkman at

[beginner20bridge@gmail.com](mailto:beginner20bridge@gmail.com) She will follow up and give you instructions about how to find the game.

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# Masterpoint Milestones

## December 2022 - January 2023

### Junior Master (5 MPs)

174 Kelly Harp  
 174 Bjorn Mossberg  
 174 Lu Xu  
 176 Jan Barksdale  
 176 Michael A Ruch  
 176 Rex Vardeman  
 207 Mrs Kay A Seats

### Club Master (20 MPs)

174 Robert L Rolnick  
 187 Judy Bell  
 201 Earl Pittman  
 201 Howard Ratcliff

### Sectional Master

#### (50 MPs)

172 Mary Massey  
 174 Mrs Emilee G Ahern  
 174 Judi Whaling  
 176 Mr Jim Bowen  
 176 Eldon Joersz  
 183 Deborah K Greenslade  
 201 Dean Domec  
 205 John F Gray  
 207 Mrs Phyllis H Graves  
 209 Dianne Anderson  
 209 Jimaileen Jensen

### Regional Master

#### (100 MPs)

174 Pat S Esslinger  
 183 Peter D Clive  
 183 John H Fee  
 183 Mrs Sandra Martinez  
 183 Mrs Laura R Paulsen  
 207 Paul E Marino  
 225 Mrs Dena W Hill  
 225 Brenda M Williams

### NABC Master (200 MPs)

174 Karen E Burnley  
 174 Elizabeth J Gast  
 174 Anthony Knistautas  
 174 C Jane Lacy  
 174 Ken Russell

### Advanced NABC Master

#### (300 MPs)

225 Fredye Alford

### Life Master (500 MPs\*)

172 Ms Evelyn L Pitman  
 173 Mrs Frida Cassab  
 174 Ms Danuta Parzych

### Bronze Life Master

#### (750 MPs\*\*)

173 Mrs Frida Cassab  
 173 Mrs Miriam Pagani  
 174 Ms Danuta Parzych  
 174 Ms Martha T Wallace  
 176 Dee A Bridgewater  
 176 Mrs Lucy M Buchanan  
 176 Patricia Stille  
 204 Ms Frances E Grogan

### Silver Life Master

#### (1000 MPs)

172 Mrs Debbie K Schweiss  
 174 Irene White  
 176 J Reagan Dixon  
 176 Diana Winkelmann  
 207 Mr Don Grider  
 207 Ann E Roe  
 207 Dr Simone Scumpia  
 209 Ms Linda K Buzan

### Ruby Life Master

#### (1500 MPs)

174 Mr Bharat B Shrestha  
 174 Mr James Zhan  
 176 Mr Robert O Holliday  
 176 Mrs Eloise P Meachum  
 176 Mr Robert Scrimale  
 207 Col Daniel M Rothwell  
 225 Mrs Martha Taft

### Gold Life Master

#### (2500 MPs)

174 Mrs Marilyn G Leiman  
 254 Mr Misha Tomic

### Sapphire Life Master (3500 MPs)

174 Ms Linda Rensi  
 174 Mr Raleigh S Williamson  
 205 Mr Raymond G Hickey

### Diamond Life Master (5000 MPs)

183 Mrs Annette C McCarty

### Emerald Life Master (7500 MPs)

174 Dr Bruce Wick  
 176 Mr Jay Gibson  
 176 Mr Milton B Neher

\*Prior to January 1, 2010 - 300 MPs

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

## New Members

### December 2022 - January 2023



172	Allison Hayne	176	Ann W Dyer
173	Nora Aizpuru	183	Linda D Mansky
173	Ana M Domenech Macias	204	Michelle R Anderson
173	Silvia Garza Buentello	204	Debra Dawkins
173	Mira Levinson	204	Susan L Gober
174	Bob Driskell	204	Anita Sheffield
174	Najet S Guinn	204	Susan M Solomon
174	Barbara Medlin	205	Robbin D Moore-Mcgrath
174	Dk K Medlin	207	Michael Boy
174	Winnie Mohsenzadeh	207	Allan L Frank
174	Tina Obut	207	Tammany T Lafosse
174	Dilip N Patel	207	Sandra Wratten
174	Leah S Tigner	209	D Ann F Norwood
176	Linda Arnold-Day	225	Ronald D Gates
176	Diane J Brown	225	Susan Gross

### Bridge Quotes

"I'm not sure whether glory or masterpoints is first on the list, but I know learning to play better is definitely last." Eddie Kantar

"It is not the handling of difficult hands that makes the winning player. There aren't enough of them. It is the ability to avoid messing up the easy ones." Alan Sontag

"I favor light opening bids. When you're my age, you can never be sure the bidding will get back to you again." Oswald Jacoby at age 77.

"We had a partnership misunderstanding. My partner assumed I knew what I was doing." Anonymous

"I'm the biggest masterpoint winner in Texas, doesn't that count for anything?" Anonymous

# D16



## Reporting D16 70% + Games

The D16 70% + Club will recognize 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:

[D16EditorScorecard@gmail.com](mailto:D16EditorScorecard@gmail.com) 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.

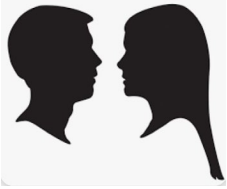
## Nominations are Open for the 2023 Jacoby Award

The *Oswald and James Jacoby Service Award* was established in 1982. It is designed to honor those volunteers who have worked diligently at the unit level and risen to recognition at the district level after many years of outstanding service.

It is *District 16 Premier Service Award*. The Awards Committee only considers volunteers nominated by a unit. Although the district only presents one award annually, qualified nominations of those not selected in a current year are still available for consideration in the future.

Nominations for the 2023 Oswald and James Jacoby Award must be received by the Awards Chair, Sandy Potts

([sandy.potts5@yahoo.com](mailto:sandy.potts5@yahoo.com)), by July 1, 2023. The Jacoby Award will be presented at the Dallas Labor Day Regional on Saturday before the second session.



## Member Profiles

### Member Extraordinaire

## John Taylor Unit 174

By Ronnie Martin

After a recent Wednesday morning Open Pairs Game at the Clear Lake Bridge Club (Houston Bay Area, Unit 174), I was able to spend some time speaking with John Taylor.



**Ronnie Martin (Left) , John Taylor (Right)**

John was born on January 4th, 1925 in Saratoga, Texas. He was born into a family with one son (John) and seven daughters.

John spent his preschool, elementary and high school years in Saratoga graduating from Saratoga High School as valedictorian in 1942.

His academic prowess at Saratoga earned him a partial scholarship to Texas A&M where he began his college career. After finishing his first year at Texas A&M, John was drafted into the US Navy in 1943.

Following boot camp, he was chosen to join the Naval V-12 program which trained enlisted men to become

officers. John began his V-12 training at Tulane University in New Orleans. But, after one year at Tulane, John was sent to Harvard University where he was assigned to Advanced Naval Training. He was commissioned into the Navy as a 20-year-old Ensign in 1945.

After serving in the Navy at Subic Bay in the Philippines as a paymaster, he was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1946. After his discharge, John went back to Tulane to finish his degree and graduated from Tulane with a BBA in 1947.

John's first job as a college graduate was with Shell Oil Company in downtown Houston. Soon after, he moved to Mississippi and went into private business.

In 1959 John moved to Pasadena, Texas and began working for Lubrizol where he retired in 1990.

John married Theresa Poythress in 1954 and they raised three daughters. He and Theresa were married for 60 years until her death in 2014.

At the age of 50 when John wasn't working, raising daughters and playing bridge, he started painting after taking some classes.

John started playing bridge while in college at Tulane and has continued to play.



**John with one of his pieces that hangs at the CLBC.**

He was a part of the Pasadena Bridge Club which evolved into the Clear Lake Bridge Club where he continues to play regularly.



**John celebrating his 98th Birthday at CLBC**

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Ronnie Martin is the President of Clear Lake Bridge Club.



# Leon (Vacc) & Annetta Vaccarella

## Unit 353

By Marsha May

This article is a tribute to Leon (Vacc) and Annetta Vaccarella – two very special past players of Unit 353. Vacc was born in 1923 in Hammonton, New Jersey, and grew up on a farm with a sister and five brothers. He graduated from Hammonton High School in 1941, was drafted in 1943 and assigned to the US Army Air Corps. He was a bombardier during WW II. After the war Lt. Vaccarella was stationed in Germany. Annetta Preston was born in 1926 in Burlington, Kansas. Her family moved around a lot during WW II because her father was in the Army Air Corps. After the war her father was stationed in Germany at the same base where Vacc was stationed. Vacc and Annetta met, fell in love and married in 1948.

Vacc later became a pilot in the United States Air Force. Annetta had good training as a military wife and was happy to move around the country with Vacc as they raised their family.

However, they did put down roots when they ended up in Wichita Falls at Sheppard AFB. Lt. Colonel Vaccarella served as a B-52 pilot and aircraft commander in the 864th Bomb Squadron Strategic Air Command until he retired in 1965. He then worked for the US Postal Service from 1966-1987.

Vacc and Annetta had a daughter, Glenda (James) Jeter; two sons, Joe (Sherrie) Vaccarella and Anthony Vaccarella; six grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. They loved spending time with their family, ballroom dancing and duplicate bridge. Vacc played at every game in Unit 353 for years. Annetta also played in games that were not held on Thursday, that was the day she hosted a game at the Zone for senior citizens.

Vacc became a Life Master in 1996 and received the D16 Star Award in 2000. Annetta always had a smile on her face and even as her health declined, she continued to play when she could.

Annetta had a stroke in March 2022, and went to Heaven on November 5, 2022; at the age of 96. Vacc went home to Annetta six weeks later on December 13, 2022; at the age of 99. They were married for 74 years and he played bridge until he was 98. They were amazing!



**Vacc & Annetta's 70th Wedding Anniversary**

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Marsha May is the Unit 353 Scorecard Reporter.





## Unit 174 - Houston

By Jack LaVigne

### Message from President – Kathy McDougall

The Lone Star Regional was a huge success! Attendance increased by about 50% over last year. The hotel rooms were booked to capacity and the playing areas were packed with players. People came out to play for the first time since Covid and there were several newcomers attending their very first tournament. FLM (Future Life Masters) table count was triple that of last year! This is extremely encouraging for the future of F2F bridge.

Many thanks to Tournament Chair Karen Nussbaum for her hard work, and thanks to the volunteers who helped make this event a success. Thank you, Ken Hudson (Partnership), Marty Hrachovy (I/N), Jane Armstrong (Hospitality), John Herzer (Event Naming), and the entire FLM team! An additional thank you goes out to the volunteers who continuously commit their time to help make our tournaments a success.

Congratulations to Jack LaVigne, who is this year's District 16 Star award recipient, and Sally Sassen, who received the 2023 Teacher of the Year Award for District 16! Many thanks to both of you for your hard work and your outstanding contributions.

This year's Goodwill Awards go to Linda Drake and Mary Ellen Vail. See page 5 of this issue for the award description.

Congratulations to these wonderful members, and many thanks to them for all of their hard work. Our unit is fortunate to have Linda and Mary Ellen, both very dedicated individuals who are very passionate about the bridge community.

### Election Sectional April 14-16

The Election Sectional is fast approaching. The unit will host its 175th Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday, April 15. This meeting was moved from Sunday to encourage greater attendance and ensure a quorum is achieved. The annual award presentations will take place and the election results will be presented on Saturday, with candidates selected to fill three board positions. Voting will take place one hour before each session of the tournament on Friday and on Saturday morning. Early online voting available from March 6 until April 11 at 3:00 pm. Information about the candidates and further voting information can be found at [Unit 174 Election Information](#).



#### Future Life Masters (FLM)

The Future Life Masters of Unit 174 is a board-sponsored program with the mission to support and develop the newest players (0-99 masterpoints) in Greater Houston Bridge.

FLM was so pleased with the great turnout at the January Lone Star Regional. The table count was triple from the prior year limited-point games! Monthly play started in the summer of 2022 with 10-12 table of 0-199 games — offered in central Houston for all Greater Houston players. **These new players** have gotten to know each other beyond their clubs,

created additional partnerships and grown in confidence to play in tournaments.

Upcoming Sunday FLM 0-199 games:

- March 4 hosted by Bridge Club of Houston.
- March 19 hosted by the Bridge Academy of West Houston at the Arabia Shriners Center.

Additionally, FLM hosts an online BBO game every Tuesday at 3:05 for 0-50 masterpoint players. In all, the program has had over 300 tables of bridge and continues to grow.

All players from D16 are welcome! Please contact us the day before the game if you've never played in the game ... or never played online ... we will help you get set up!

Mary Ellen Vail: [mevail48@gmail.com](mailto:mevail48@gmail.com) 678-910-6402.

### News from Unit 174 Clubs

#### [Bridge Academy of West Houston](#)

##### Mentor/Mentee



The first Mentor/Mentee game was held on February 14 and everyone had a great time. There has been a date change: Future games will be held on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:30 am. The next games are scheduled for Tuesdays, March 7 and April 4.

If you have not yet registered, you can register online by clicking [here](#). Mentees must have fewer than 300 masterpoints. Anyone with over 300 MPs, a love for the game and willingness to play is asked to sign up as a Mentor.

##### Eight is Enough Swiss Teams



The Bridge Academy of West Houston is proud to announce a new Swiss Teams game. The games will be held once a month on a Sundays at 1:00 pm beginning on March 19.

Subsequent monthly games will be announced.

There are three levels:

- Level 1 – 0-1000 masterpoints (1)
- Level 2 – 1000-3000 masterpoints (2)
- Level 3 – 3000+ masterpoints (3)

The members of the team must have a team total of eight or less. For example one Level 3, two Level 2 and one Level 1 player would add up to eight as would four Level 2 players. Another example would be to have three Level 2 and one Level 1 player. That total is 7 which is less than 8.

##### Future Life Masters

The club hosts a Future Life Masters game once a month on Sundays. Next games are scheduled for March 19 and April 23 at 1:00 pm.

##### Weekly Game Schedule

The Bridge Academy of West Houston has an Invitation Pairs every Wednesday and combined Open and 0-299 Pairs every Thursday at 10:30 am. The games are held at the Arabia Shriners.

Charity games, Unit Championships and ACBL Grass Roots games are scheduled for March.

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### Bridge Club of Houston

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 am. The game follows and begins at 10:30 am. We will set up partnerships for those who need. Text Julie at 713-857-8004 with questions or concerns. Lessons are open to all!

2/1 Game Force -- Transition from Standard American to the present Standard, 2/1 Game Force Wednesdays at 2:30-4:30 pm on March 8, 15, 22, 29, and April 12 at Bridge Club of Houston. Julie Halperin, Diamond Life Master, \$90, plus the cost of the Audrey Grant text. Register by texting Julie at 713-857-8004.

Mentor/Mentee F2F -- Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 10:30 am. Sign up at club or contact Judy Cupps [judy\\_n\\_al@yahoo.com](mailto:judy_n_al@yahoo.com) or by phone 713-320-5592 or Bob Zeigler 713-829-6928 with any questions.

Swiss Teams games -- Fourth Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Register at the club, check the website calendar for more information.

Saturday F2F open game once every month - check [BCOH website](#) for details.

Save the date for our next 499er/NLM Tournament on April 27-30.

### Clear Lake Bridge Club

Clear Lake Bridge Club (CLBC) is located at 16614 Sea Lark Road Houston 77059. Phone number is 281-480-1911.

We welcome all players to our F2F games: Open, Limited and Special. We do ask that people interested in either the Mentor/Mentee (third Wednesday) game or the Swiss Teams/Eight is Enough (second Sunday) games to call and make a reservation.

We do require any person who wants to play at CLBC to provide proof of COVID vaccination.

Since January, we continue to have improvement in our attendance. On Wednesday, January 18 we had 33 ½ tables when we combine our morning Open game with the Wednesday afternoon Mentor/Mentee game.

In February and March, we have our second Wednesday Bridge, Breakfast and Lesson. Next is March 8, speaker to be announced. Our Annual Club Meeting was on February 18.

Come visit us. We have a nice variety of games. And the price (\$5/members, \$6 visitors) is right. Visit the [CLBC website](#) for details about our games and additional information.

### Fort Bend Bridge Club

New starting time of 9:30 am! Open game every Tuesday at 9:30 am at Jack's Conference Center, 3232 Austin Parkway, Sugar Land 77479:

- Free coffee and snacks
- Bridge Mate II
- Hand Records
- Nice balance of friendly A, B, & C players
- Regular, and most upgraded games, are \$6.00

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## Unit 176 - Dallas

By Scott Nason

Slowly getting back to normal. The Dallas tournament calendar has returned to “mostly” normal. Most months now feature a unit or a Pro-Am game and several clubs are successfully running a few games per week for the F2F crowd.

Our next sectional will be held at the Lover's Lane Methodist Church on March 22-25. We will offer pairs and teams games every day. The District 16 Finals in the Grand National Teams will be competed in the Championship Flight and Flight B on Friday, March 24 (and continuing on March 25, if needed) during the tournament (Flights A and C will be in Houston in April.) We look forward to seeing you there.

Our most recent monthly game was a Pro-Am held on January 15, with 19 tables. Flight A was won by Valarie Remmers and Dan Boylan. Flight B was won by Bill Higgins and Joe Bindo, while Flight C was won by Fran Shelton and Barbara Pittenger. Our next unit game was held on February 19, while we will take March off for our Spring Sectional.

The unit's Mini-McKenney winners for 2022 were Hanuman Goel (0-5), Athena Leung (5-20), James Smith (20-50), Walter Netschi (50-100), Susan Henchal (100-200), Donna Beatty (200-300), Gail Wingfield (300-500), Amy Schumacher (500-1000), Mary Lynn Genovesi (1000-1500), Bob Bender (1500-2500), Scott Nason (2500-3500), Hua Yang (3500-5000), Milt Neher (5000-7500), Jim Bauer (7500-10000), and Mike Passell (over 10,000). Several of these players also won their Ace of Clubs, but the following were Ace of Clubs winners (only): Richard Eshelbrenner (20-50), David Proctor (50-100), David Nurenberg (3500-5000), and Marion Gebhardt (over 10,000).

A new unit board was seated, welcoming four new board members. The new members are Bob Holliday, Bill Driscoll, Connie Scott, and Cheryl Rider. They join continuing board members Stu Nelan (President), Eileen Davidoff (Secretary), Milt Neher, Bill Higgins (Vice President), and yours truly (as I serve out my sixth and final year on the board.) Bob Holliday has been elected treasurer.

We look forward to seeing you at the tables at our Spring Sectional on March 22-25.





## Unit 183 - Fort Western

By John Robbins

Bridge finds itself alive and well in Unit 183 on the backside of Covid. Thanks to lots of hard work by members of the board and a host of other volunteers.

### [Arlington Duplicate Bridge Club](#)

The Arlington Bridge Club has successfully moved into a new location a stone's throw from the old site just off Fielder Road.



The new, smaller storefront still has plenty of room for bridge tables and accommodated a sizeable crowd at the official Grand Opening in January.

Attendance at games since the move has been on the upswing while the club has also maintained on-line club play. And while players frequently bring gourmet food for the group there's now an ever-present if slightly less vaunted backup option.

Other ongoing activities in Arlington include the development of new players via a series of lessons for beginners by Dorothy Moore.

Among the volunteers lending their hands to support the move to new quarters was David Adams, winner of one of the unit's two Goodwill awards this year, along with Gary Neisler, a regular player and volunteer at the Fort Worth Bridge Studio.



David Adams  
Goodwill Award



Garu Neisler  
Goodwill Award



Special kudos also this year to Randy Eads, chosen by the board as the unit's Star Award recipient. In addition to other volunteer duties, Randy seemed to pop up everywhere through-

out the year with his ready camera to record tournament winners or whatever else caught his eye at the Fort Worth and Arlington clubs. Randy's award was celebrated by friends at a recent tournament.



Sharon Stewart, Randy Eads, Cynthia Benton & Kathy Coleman



Sue Doe, Burton Shepherd, Ross Ramse

Standing out among unit members at the NAP games were Greg Resz along with Peter and Diana Clive, who are now headed on to the NABC finals in New Orleans.

### [Denton Bridge Studio](#)

The Denton Bridge Studio has added an additional 0-50 game on Mondays along with planning a NLM tournament in April.

### [Fort Worth Bridge Studio](#)

The Fort Worth Bridge Studio hosted another successful Fort Western Sectional in February. The winners' pictures appear above in the Scorecard.



Ongoing efforts to develop newer players in Fort Worth include lessons by Kathy Coleman for players with limited experience.

Fort Worth Bridge Studio Director Steve Shirey is maintaining well-attended open games in Fort Worth five days a week but took time out along with spouse, Darlene Shirey, to conduct yet another bridge cruise. We're happy to report the trip went well and there were no new candidates for Darlene's legendary "over the side" club.





## Unit 204 - Fort Concho

By Neal Perlman

A new game has started at the Sue Barber Bridge Center Tuesday afternoons 1:30., San Angelo. Teri Tedford and Marifrances Watson are the directors. Players learning to play bridge or new to duplicate are getting accustomed to the mechanics of duplicate play, bidding boxes and the rules regarding bidding and play. There has been a short mini lesson before play either on basics or aspects of marking the new convention card. Three tables have gathered for easy, fun games for a growing community. Contact Teri at 325-365-0263, and in her absence Marifrances at 325-277-9959.

A new exterior paint job at the Sue Barber Bridge Center coupled with storm door and ramp upgrade were definitely appreciated.

Congratulations to Dale Harris for achieving Life Master with the last bit of gold won in a STAC game. His steady partners are Nancy Greer and Brenda Chapman.

Fran Grogan moved up to Bronze Life Master. Fond times have been enjoyed with partners Candice Plugger, Linda Cole and Carol Reed-Jones over the years.

All of Unit 204 congratulates your success and appreciates your personable competition.

The Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs standings follow and the 1st place standings in points for the Mini-McKenney races coincided exactly: 0-5-Rhea Parramore; 5-20-Janis Dislikes; 20-50- Larry Gray; 50-100-Pamela Scott; 100-200 Charlotte Sisco; 200-300-Ingrid Rich; 300-500-Joy Foster; 500-1000-Dodie Whitworth; 1000-1500- Nancy Harris; 1500-2000-Carl McGill; 2500-3500-Barbara Wright; 3500-5000-Suzanne Dorris; 5000-7500-Neal Perlman and 7500-10,000-Virginia Noelle. Top points won in the Ace of Clubs were 1- Suzanne Dorris-83 and 2 Barbara Wright-82. Honorable mention for 2nds in both races go out to Julie Moorman, Troy Harvey, Madalyn Jones, Harry Trainer, Hope Garza, Linda Reichenau, Tootie Whitworth, Terri Tedford, Marifrances Watson, Toni Hurlbut, Peggy Jackson, Iris Warren, Louetta Green and Norma Walker.



## Unit 207 - Texas Capital Bridge

By Sharon Hoger

It's been busy here in Unit 207. The first week in January brought the Winter Sectional/District NAP at the Holiday Inn.

The NAP concluded on Sunday with winners in Flights A, B and C. Qualifiers may now compete at the NABC in New Orleans. See NAP winners on page 10 of this issue.

### January Sectional

#### Thursday Morning Open

1. Donna Swarthout - Dave Swarthout, San Antonio
2. Norman Beck, Dallas - Tom Edwards, Austin
- 1B. William Davis - Harry Ingham, San Marcos
- 2B. Sandra Harris - Gloria Wilson, Austin

- 1C. Terrie Kolvoord, Austin - Linda Gaston, Pflugerville
- 2C. Dianne Morris, The Hills - Pam Akins, Austin

#### Thursday Afternoon Open

1. Sam Dinkin - Finn Kolesnik, Austin
2. Jim Hilton - Kenneth Schutze, Austin
3. Norman Beck, Dallas - Tom Edwards, Austin
- 1B. Sandy Potts - Linda Griffith, Austin
- 2B. Dean Truair, Leander - Bob Allen, Austin
- 3B. Stuart Litwin, Round Rock - Kim Brinkman, Austin
- 1C. Carol Thibodeaux - Robert Penksa, Austin
- 2C. Jim Ferguson, West Lake Hills - Dan Mudgett, Austin
- 3C. Terrie Kolvoord, Austin - Linda Gaston, Pflugerville

#### Friday Morning Open

1. Zaeem Lutfi - Anita Albert, Austin
2. Ed Davis - Linda Lewis, Austin
- 1C. John Olson - Gary Koenig, Georgetown
- 2C. Linda Gaston, Pflugerville - Terrie Kolvoord, Austin
- 3C. Pam Pannell - Beverly Miller, Georgetown

#### Friday Afternoon Open

1. Norman Beck, Dallas - Tom Edwards, Austin
2. Stephen Kornegay - Nancy Kornegay, N. Richland Hills
3. Terry Riely - Carolyn Riely, Helotes
- 1B. Brett Leach - Neil Cohen, Austin
- 2B. Thomas Thomas - Samuel Smith, Round Rock
- 1C. Linda Vincent - Susan Hamm, Johnson City

#### Friday Swiss Teams Bracket 1

1. Dave Swarthout - Donna Swarthout, San Antonio - James La Fountain, Temple - Richard Clarke, Austin
- 2/3. Sam Dinkin - Nancy Joe, Austin - Harry Elliott - Thomas Rush - Houston
- 2/3. Joe Black - Jerry Barrett - Wiley McMinn III - Kim Brinkman, Austin

#### Friday Swiss Teams Bracket 2

1. Sue Alt - Cindy Walthall - Cindy Johnson, Austin - Deborah Carver, The Hills
2. Cindy McCauley - Virginia Miller - Billie Ogens - Susan Angle, Georgetown

#### Friday 299er Pairs

1. Steve Luning - Jamie Southerland, Austin
- 2/3. Nancy Spaulding - John Burton, Jr., Austin
- 2/3. Sue Ellen McAnally - Sandra Searls, Austin

#### Saturday Morning Open

1. Norman Beck, Dallas - Tom Edwards, Austin
2. George Watkins - Linda Anthony, Austin
3. Lee Stokes Hilton - Jim Hilton, Austin
- 1B. Liga Byrne - Dianne Ebert, Austin
- 2B. Linda Griffith - Frank Floca, Austin
- 1C. Dan Mudgett, Austin - Jim Ferguson, West Lake Hills

**Saturday Morning Swiss Teams**

1. Rachell Jackson - Nell Sanders, Austin - Virginia Miller - Billie Ogens, Georgetown
  2. Jane Collins, Georgetown - Steven Andersen - Gloria Wilson - Sandra Harris, Austin
  3. Simone Scumpia - W. Kenneth Davis - Lazaro Brener - Sharon Dameron, Austin
- 1C. Stuart Litwin, Round Rock - Nora Fallon - Terrie Kolvoord, Austin - Linda Gaston Pflugerville

**Saturday Afternoon Open**

1. Joan Sitton - Victor Sitton, Cedar Park
  2. Dean Truair, Leander - Sandy Potts, Austin
  3. Dave Swarthout - Donna Swarthout, San Antonio
- 1B. Earnestine Broyles - Jean Durocher, Austin
- 2B. Thomas Thomas, Round Rock - Betty Cartmell, Houston
- 3B. Bob Allen - Wendy Marks, Austin

**Saturday Afternoon Swiss Teams**

1. Charlene Sands, Pflugerville Louis Sachar - Stephen Wood Austin - Virgil Massey, Driftwood
- 1B. Donald Messer, Jr. - Susan Breeding - Michael Rainbird - Eric De Rouffignac, Austin
- 2B. Jane Collins, Georgetown - Steven Andersen - Sandra Harris - Gloria Wilson, Austin

**Sunday A/X Swiss Teams**

1. Thomas Rush - Harry Elliott, Houston - Eddie Bass, Brookeland - Ellen Hessel, San Antonio
  2. Pam LaShelle - James La Fountain - Ron LaCour - Anne LaCour, Georgetown
  3. Sam Dinkin - Lynn Baker - Nancy Joe, Austin - Xinpeng Huang, West Lake Hills
- 1X. George Watkins, Austin - C. David Mitchell - Sheryleen Grothus, San Antonio - Rebecca Brown, Lakeway

**Sunday 0-2000 Swiss Teams**

1. Wendy Marks - Bob Allen - Frank Floca - Linda Griffith, Austin
2. Randy Eads - Cynthia Benton, Fort Worth - Ross Ramsey, Flower Mound - Sharon Harbach, Argyle
3. David Goodwin - Rose Goodwin, Leander - Tom Bell - Cindy Bell, Austin

**Sunday 0-2000 Swiss Bracket 2**

1. Stuart Litwin, Round Rock - Linda Gaston, Pflugerville - Terrie Kolvoord - Nora Fallon, Austin
2. Martin Hrachovy, Sugar Land - Cheri Gross, Austin - Janice Hardcastle, Houston - Juanice Welsh, Midland
3. W. Kenneth Davis - John Foley - Curt Wyman - Michael Rainbird, Austin

**New Life Masters**

On January 14 at the BCA 11 New Life Masters were honored: Charlie Chen, Ken Davis, Eric DeRouffignac, Mike Edwards, Cheri Gross, Michael Rainbird, Sandy Reynolds, Ann Roe, Sally Sassen, Linda Vincent and Curt Wyman.



**Milestone Celebration**



Forty-seven players were honored at the Milestone Celebration at the BCA on January 16th.

Honorees attained levels from Junior Master to Emerald Master.

A 0-750 NLM was held at the BCA on February 4th and 5th.

**Saturday Morning Overalls**

- 1 Paul Fafoutakis & Ronald Perkowski
  - 2 MacDonald Kempf & Paul Alford
  - 3 Suzanne Matthews and Thomas Sears
  - 4 Susan Carter & Susanna Busico
  - 5 Mary Graf & Eli Lang
- 3 Jamie Southerland & Steve Luning

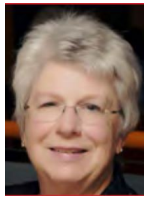
**Saturday Afternoon Overalls**

- 1 Gwendolyn & Michael Atchison
- 2 Sue Ellen McAnally & David Sechrest
- 3 Jean Durocher & Earnestine Broyles
- 4 Paula and Gary Amaon

**Sunday Overalls**

- 1 Sue Ellen McAnally & David Sechrest
- 2/3 Karen O'Shea & Dorothy Foster
- 2/3 Maria & Steve Foust

Finally, we would like to honor our Goodwill Award Winners, Cindy Bell and Jean Durocher; and our Unit Star Rita Wiegenstein; and District 16 Teacher of the Year, Sally Sassen.



## Unit 209 - Great Permian Basin

By Ann Parish

We've had a busy two months with lots of bridge and lots of parties.

In January, six players from Unit 209 went to the Albuquerque Regional Tournament. Bill Brooks, Linda Buzan, Sandy Hill, and Lonnie Yee comprised the Midland contingent, while Scott Vaughan and Shirley Davenport from Odessa completed the group. The people were friendly, the food was great, and every single one of our players got some points—even some gold—at the tournament!

The parties started on New Year's Eve with the Black-Eyed Pea Party in Odessa. First place winners were Scott Vaughan and Sarah Wright. Second place winners (names not reported!) got 58%. Third place winners were Paula Bayley and Bill Brooks.

Midland held its belated New Year's Party on Thursday night, January 5, with seven tables playing. North/South 1st place winners were Marlene Blumentritt and Dianne Anderson. Ann Servatius and John Seymour were 2nd, and 3rd were Paul Newbury and Scott Vaughan. East/West 1st place winners were Linda Buzan and Dale Linton, 2nd were Patti Heard and Sarah Wright, and 3rd were Bill Brooks and Ann Parish.

The Midland Valentine Party was held on February 9 with ten tables. First place winners North/South A and B were Sonya Hopkins and Ann Parish. North/South second place winners were Kay Arrell and K.C. Evans, and third place were Ann Servatius and Kay Sewell. East/West winners were first place Linda Buzan and Travis Woodward, second place Bill Brooks and Georgia Temple, and third place Dale Linton and Marty Massie. Lots and lots of snacks were served! Congratulations to Scott Vaughan for making Life Master and Ruby Master at the same time! Odessa hosted a party in his honor on Saturday, February 11, at Caprock Bridge Center. We hope that Scott will be an inspiration to other bridge players. North/South first place winners were Linda Buzan and Travis Woodward. Second place were Shirley Davenport and Amanda Shaw, and third place winners were David Hudson and Sarah Wright. East/West first place winners were KC Evans and Scott Vaughan. Second place winners were Gloria Jackson and Marilyn Matthews, and third place were Marlene Blumentritt and Debbie Conly.



Scott Vaughan's party for Gold and Ruby Life Master

We have also done a little business. At the Odessa Annual meeting in December, Scott Vaughan was elected

as the new President, Delores Schuler was re-elected Vice President, Lonnie Yee will continue as Secretary, and Paula Bayley was newly elected as Treasurer. Unit 209 will have their annual meeting at the Allison Bridge Center on Sunday, March 5. They will be electing officers and recognizing players for their achievements.

The Midland Country Club (MCC) bridge group is no longer functioning. Their sanction was added to the Permian Basin Bridge group, and the MCC players are now playing at the Allison Bridge Center on Fridays at 1:00 pm—same day and time, new location.

Belle Harris's learning beginning bridge classes have paid off with some 20+ new people learning bridge. They are still a little shy about playing in our regular games and want more practice before playing with the "Big Guys." A brave few have played in our regular novice games and have done well. Thanks to Belle for getting them started and to our members for encouraging these new folks and mentoring them.

Players with 70% or more:

December 28 - KC Evans and Scott Vaughan 72.68%

January 15 - KC Evans and Debbie Conly 70%

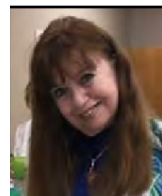
January 18 - Flo Curry and Mary Truex 70%

The Tall City Sectional Tournament is scheduled for the weekend of June 2-4, 2023. It will be held at the Allison Bridge Center in Midland again. Everyone is invited to make plans to come out and play bridge. Visitors can come to Midland before and/or after the tournament and check out the surrounding sights in our area. We offer inexpensive hotel stays, convenient location from the hotel to the event, nice restaurants, and friendly people.

Happy Spring—and happy bridge

## Unit 225 - East Texas

By Susan Ford



The unit board selected Charles Ford and Nancy Green as 2023 Goodwill Award recipients.



The Goodwill Award is awarded annually to member or members within our unit who exhibit good will in deeds and actions at their clubs and tables.



70% or Better Games

- Larry Brough & Liz Guthrie 70% , Pittsburg DBC
- Cliff Smith & Mike Graham -71.88% --12/17 Longview DBC
- Beth Hankins & Mike Graham - 72% --12/19 Longview DBC
- Gloria Rowland and Judy Adams --70%--1/3 Van Zandt County DBC
- Selma Dawson and Rosemary Mize --72%--1/10 Van Zandt County DBC
- Karen Bell and Liz Guthrie -- 74% - -1/6 Pittsburg DBC
- Mary Bartley & Nancy Green -75%--1/11 Rose City DBC
- Mary Bartley & Nancy Green -72.80% --1/18 Rose City DBC
- Max Walton and Gavin McGown -- 70% --2/6 Nacogdoches DBC

The Rose City DBC celebrated a “milestone” birthday for Liz Jacobson who turned 70. Happy birthday Liz!



**Christmas Parties**

During December, clubs throughout Unit 225 celebrated Christmas. Here are photos from a few:



Van Zandt County DBC celebrated at Nannie's House on 12/22

**Santa's Kids**

A big "thank you" to Unit 225 for the \$846 donation to Santa's Kids! The contributions were a combination of the Unit Game (\$204), Rose City DBC (\$134), and Van Zandt County DBC (\$508). Many children had a brighter Christmas thanks to all of you!

Nacogdoches DBC

A red-letter month for our little club - it is the first month since COVID that we have had at least a 3-table game every Monday. Hey, you've got to take your successes where you find them! Several members attended the Houston Lone Star Regional last month: Bob Echols, Mark Reynolds, Steve Jennings, Susan Jennings, and I came home with some gold, some red, and some black.

Attendance is increasing at the regional, and it was such fun seeing old acquaintances and finding a new partner, Marie Smerjac, who is moving to Nacogdoches County. She and I played with Jonathan and Dave in a Swiss Teams and, in spite of being blitzed in the last round, placed 2nd overall.

We are slowly, slowly gaining some new players for our club. Since SFA is now part of the UT system, perhaps some of the incoming faculty will join us. And Nacogdoches is such a beautiful small town to retire to.

We have been so proud to have a local 12-year-old, Jonah Raychev, who is a prize-winning violinist, come play duplicate with us whenever he can. He is now an official ABCL member!

We are all looking forward to the East Texas Tournament of Stars Regional April 4-8.

May all your points be colored? Is black a color? Crayola says, "Yes." Physics says, "No." What does ACBL say?

Van Zandt County Duplicate Bridge Club

Our dear friend Kay Mitchell suffered a stroke in late December and passed away a few days later in Baylor Hospital in Dallas. She played in the Canton game every week for many years except for occasional trips to the hill country ranch that she and her husband Ben enjoyed so much. A few years ago her health began to decline and she had to give up her bridge game with us.

Our Christmas Party was well attended and a delicious catered lunch was served. Gifts were given by the players to Sandy Hilliard and Charles and Susan Ford. Charles was our director while Sandy was out and did a great job. Of course, he had a very good assistant in his wife Susan. We appreciate their commitment to our club, but we are so grateful that Sandy returned healthy and happy.

In December, the club raised over \$800 for Santa's Kids, a charity that buys new Christmas gifts for the foster children of Van Zandt County.

Longview DBC

Longview is pleased to welcome four new members to our club.

Jo & Gary Britt are new homeowners in Longview after relocating from Kerrville.

Mike Peck moved to the area after retiring from his dental practice in Plano. And Sanjay Santhanam is also new to our club, having moved from just outside New York City.

Longview is excited to be hosting the upcoming East Texas Tournament of Stars Regional April 4-8 at the Holiday Inn on Tuttle Circle in Longview.

Please make plans to attend!

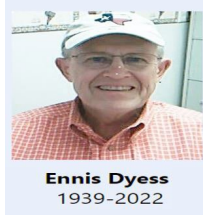
Rose City DBC

Sally McAnulty and Colleen O'Neal and Liz Jacobsen had success in the Houston tournament. Liz got 40.8 points

Martha Taft was awarded the Ruby Life Master.



## In Memoriam



**E**nnis K. Ducky Dyess was born July 28, 1939 to the late Stuart and Mildred Dyess of Tyler. Ducky passed from this life on December 21, 2022 in Tyler.

Ennis graduated from John Tyler High School and attended Texas Tech University. He served our country in the United States Marine Corps 1957-1959. He was a loving husband and devoted father as he worked for Cotton Belt, Southern and Union Pacific railroad lines for 40 years, providing for his family while making lifelong friends.

During his retirement he enjoyed fishing, geocaching, coaching soccer, managing the Tyler Bridge Club, and participating in the Longview Bridge Club. He loved peaceful mornings at the lake drinking coffee on the porch with his wife, Sue, cat (Jorgie), and dog (Tommy) while bird watching. He was a lifelong Dallas Cowboys fan, never missing a chance to watch a game. He sure loved to sip some whiskey and devour sweet treats when his wife wasn't looking.

Ennis was the most patient man the kindest soul and a loving heart. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Ennis is survived by his wife of 25 years, Sue Dyess and sister Judy Dyess, his sons Dodd Dyess and Phoebe Heath, Derek and Tabitha Dyess and children, stepdaughter Tammy Scahill and Matthew Finamore, Stephen Wayne Toole, grandchildren Haylie and Preston Herman, Dalton Dyess, Aubrey Dyess, Kooper Scahill and Dylan Scahill, great grandchildren Easton Herman and Laikyn Herman.

A Celebration of Life service for Ennis was held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 28.

# Roxana Tom Sectional

## March 29 - April 1, 2023

### SAN ANTONIO TEXAS



Nearby Hotel

**1 block away: Fairfield Inn & Suites-North/Stone Oak**  
On exit ramp of N Loop 1604 E  
80 Trailcrest St \*\*\* (210) 491-9595

Proof of Covid  
Vaccination required

Playing Site

**St. Thomas Episcopal Church**  
1416 North Loop 1604 East  
San Antonio, TX

All ACBL COVID-19  
protocols will be  
followed.

**♥ Wednesday, March 29, 2023 – Cost \$12 per person per session**      **♦ Friday, March 31, 2023 – Cost \$12 per person per session**  
10:00 am & 3:00 pm Stratified Pairs      10:00 am & 3:00 pm Stratified Pairs  
10:00 am & 3:00 pm 499er Pairs      10:00 am & 3:00 pm 499er Pairs

**♣ Thursday, March 30, 2023 – Cost \$12 per person per session**      **♠ Saturday, April 1, 2023 – Cost \$120 per team**  
10:00 am & 3:00 pm Stratified Pairs      10:00 am & TBA Bracketed Swiss  
10:00 am & 3:00 pm 499er Pairs      (unless changed to Stratified by Director)  
Meal served between Saturday's session



Wednesday,  
Thursday & Friday  
are Single Sessions

Stratifications: A: 2500+ B: 0-2500 C: 0-750  
All Events Average MP's  
499er Pairs with a 3 Table Minimum

Changes of Strats at the  
discretion of the DIC



Non ACBL Members  
ADD \$4

**Tournament Chair:** Jerry Harrington (210) 906-6301 & Rosemary Kelley (512) 825-1720  
**Partnership Chair:** Jo Neesvig (210) 508-1448  
**Director in Charge:** Melody Euler

Credit Cards Only



## Intermediate / Newcomer Resources

### Games for Newer Players - Come Join us!

New to duplicate bridge? Try the 0-50 MPs game.

Welcome to the bridge family! 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, check out [D16 0-50 Frequently Asked Questions](#) or email [Beginner20Bridge@gmail.com](mailto:Beginner20Bridge@gmail.com)

OK, I think I'm getting it—Stretch up to the 0-99 and/or 0-199 masterpoint game!

District 16 offers our 99ers a game just for them – the “99er Nite Club!” These games are offered seven days a week at 6:00 pm CT. If you are a 99er, ask your club if they are participating. Your club must “opt in” for these games so you can participate. If your club has any questions, ask them to contact Nancy Strohmer, [nastrohmer@yahoo.com](mailto:nastrohmer@yahoo.com)

We want every 99er to have the opportunity to play as much as possible and have the best experiences. There are extra perks for this game--Lynn Berg provides mini-lessons @ 5:30 pm and these are bigger games offering more masterpoints!

District 16 also offers a 0-199 game – the “199er Nite Club!” These games are offered seven days a week at 6:05 pm CT. If you have any questions, contact Nancy Strohmer, [nastrohmer@yahoo.com](mailto:nastrohmer@yahoo.com)

For additional newcomer information, click: [D16 Intermediate/Newcomer Info](#).

For all tournament information, click: [D16 Calendar](#).

For the comprehensive newcomer game schedule. [Click Here](#). Contact information is also provided, if you have questions.

## 2023 Tournament of Roses



The 2023 Tournament of Roses will be held July 27-29 at the Holiday Inn South Broadway in Tyler.

The tournament is not only a Sectional but also a Non Life Master Regional for those players with 750 or less master points.

Mark your calendars now for this special event! If you have any questions or want to volunteer to assist in the tournament's success, contact Tournament Chairs Rathnam and Sandy O'Bannon.





**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](mailto: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](mailto:nastrohmer@yahoo.com)

*New Game in Town*




**The FUTURE LIFE MASTERS of Unit 174  
is a Board sponsored program for 0-99ers**

**FLM provides resources for new players by:**

- Maintaining a website for FLMers about Houston bridge.
- Providing information regarding local classes and teachers.
- Working with area clubs and facilities to offer entry-level games that are competitive, social and relaxed.

**FLM also provides services for our beginning bridge players:**

- Sponsoring a Sunday afternoon 199er game for all Houstonians.
  - Once a month in Central Houston
  - Quarterly 'visiting games' at local clubs
- Offering online BBO games 'Choose Houston FLM'
  - 0-49ers
    - Tuesday afternoon at 3:05
  - 0-20 Supervised Play
    - Second Saturdays at 9:00.
- Assisting in partner-search for the many players who launch their bridge journeys as singletons.

**Visit our website to learn more about our programs, games,  
players, and teachers.**

[www.FLM174.org](http://www.FLM174.org)



♥ **Austin January Sectional Winners** ♦  
**Unit 207**

**January 5 - Thursday - Open Pairs**



Flight A  
 Dave Swarthout,  
 Donna Swarthout



Flight C  
 Linda Gaston,  
 Terrie Kolvoord



Flight A  
 Sam Dinkin,  
 Finn Kolesnik



Flight B  
 Linda Griffith,  
 Sandy Potts

**January 6 - Friday - Pairs**



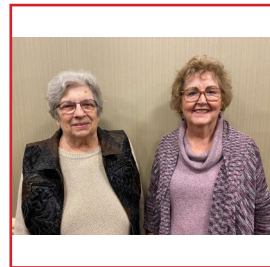
Open - Flight A & B  
 Zaeem Lutfi,  
 Anita Albert



Open - Flight C  
 John Olson,  
 Gary Koenig



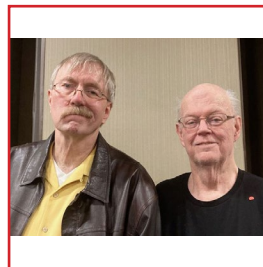
Aft. - Open - Flight B  
 Brett Leach,  
 Neil Cohen



Open - Flight C  
 Linda Vincent,  
 Susan Hamm



0-299 - Flight A & B  
 Steve Luning,  
 Jamie Southerland



Fri/Sat Open  
 Flight A  
 Norman Beck,  
 Tom Edwards

**January 6 - Friday - Bracketed Swiss Teams**



Bracket 1  
 Dave Swarthout,  
 Donna Swarthout,  
 James La Fountain,  
 Richard Clarke



Bracket 2  
 Sue Alt,  
 Ciny Walthall,  
 Cindy Johnson,  
 Deborah Carver



### January 7 - Saturday - Open Pairs

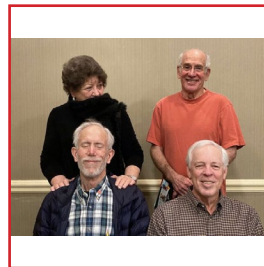


Aft - Flight A  
Victor Sitton,  
Joan Sitton

### January 7 - Saturday - Stratified Swiss Teams



Flight A  
Rachell Jackson,  
Nell Sanders,  
Virginia Miller,  
Billie Ogens



Flight A  
Charlene Sands,  
Louis Sachar,  
Virgil Massey,  
Stephen Wood

### January 7 - Sunday - Swiss Teams



Bracket 1  
Frank Floca,  
Wendy Marks,  
Bob Allen,  
Linda Griffith



Bracket 2  
Terrie Kolvoord,  
Nora Fallon,  
Linda Gaston,  
Stuart Litwin



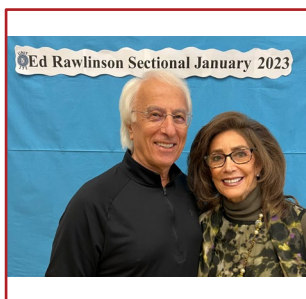
Flight A  
Ellen Hessel,  
Eddie Bass,  
Harry Elliott,  
Thomas Rush

♥ Ed Rawlinson January Sectional Winners ♦  
Unit 172

January 18 - Wednesday - Pairs



Open - Flight A  
Larry Levin, Jerry  
Harrington



Open - Flight B  
Victor Press, Sandra Press



Open - Flight C  
Anni Pack, Jon Pack



Open -Flight A & B  
Rich Curtin, Kay Laird



Open - Flight C  
Bob Christophel,  
Betty Jean Dobbins

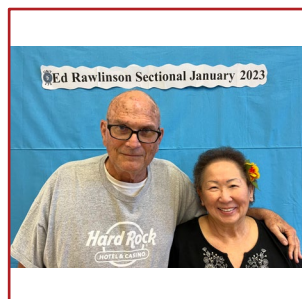


0-499- Flight A & B  
Elizabeth Bartek,  
Karen Henderson

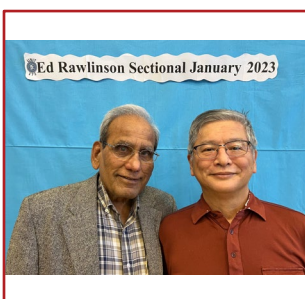
January 19 - Thursday - Pairs



Open - Flight A  
Ed Rawlinson,  
Robert Donathan



Open - Flight B  
Andy Villastrigo,  
Carol Ramberg



Open - Flight C  
Yesh Singh,  
Yao-Hui Hsiau



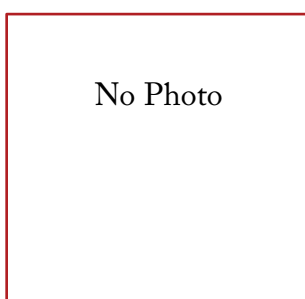
Open- Flight A (2)  
Ed Rawlinson,  
Robert Donathan



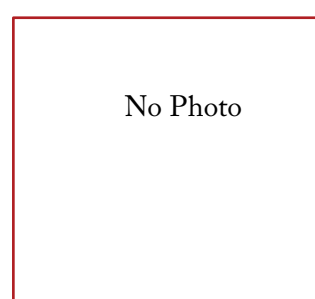
Open - Flight B  
Sam Williams, Jr,  
Sally Sanders



Open - Flight C  
Andrea Williams,  
Marjorie Norton

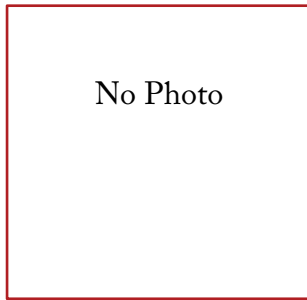


0-499 - Flight A  
Bonna Benjamin  
Robert Muscianese

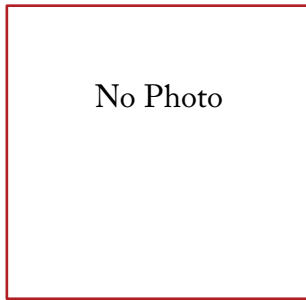


0-499 - Flight B  
Joan Guerra  
Gerard Van Den Dries

### January 20 - Friday - Pairs



Open - Flight A  
Larry Levin,  
Laurie Levin



Open - Flight B & C  
Jim Roff,  
Don Marcott



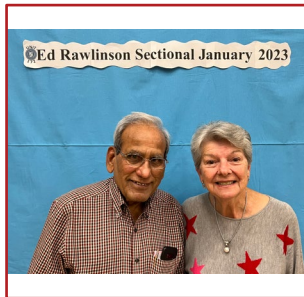
0-499 - Flight A & B  
Michael Fohey,  
Christine Dailey



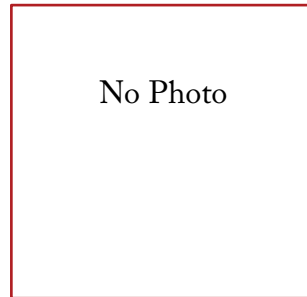
Open - Flight A  
Ellen Hessel,  
Ira Hessel



Open - Flight B  
Myra Ribak,  
James Gardner



Open - Flight C  
Yesh Singh,  
Leigh Primerano

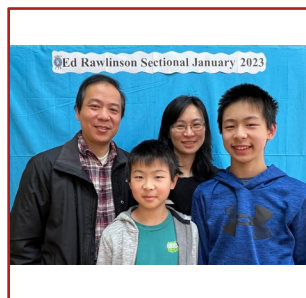


0-499 - Flight A  
Helen James  
Valerie Katz

### January 20 - Saturday - Stratified Swiss Teams



Flight A  
Daniel Jackson,  
Bill McCarty,  
Roxie Tom,  
Rosemary Kelley



Flight B  
Steve Chen,  
Sarah Chen,  
Andrew Chen,  
Charlie Chen



Tied Flight C  
Nancy Tom,  
Sharon Evans,  
Lelia Jackson,  
Brian Bankler  
(not pictured)



Tied Flight C  
Eleanor Siegal,  
Marjorie Norton,  
Carol Ellis,  
Rena Lunke





# Houston Unit 174 Proudly Presents

April 14 thru 16



\$1 Coffee & Soda



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

## 2023 Election Sectional

**Note: ACBL has increased awards by 20%**

### ARABIA SHRINE CENTER

10510 Harwin Dr,  
Houston, TX 77036



#### Stratification

Stratified Open Pairs

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

Stratified 299'r Pairs

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

Bracketed Swiss

Brackets of 7-9 teams



**Director in Charge - Kevin Perkins**

#### Table Fees per Session

Fri & Sat: \$13 (\$4 more for lapsed members)

Sunday: \$15 (Sunday lunch included)

Table Fees are cashless (credit card only)

#### TownePlace Suites by Marriott

10610 Westpark Dr, Houston TX 77042

(713) 266-2210 - Room Rate: \$69 king or \$109 2 bdr studio

#### Springhill Suites by Marriott

5851 Rogerdale Rd, Houston, TX 77072

(832) 300-0200 - Room Rate: TBD

#### Covid Safety

See Unit 174 website ([acblunit174.org](http://acblunit174.org))  
for latest guidelines

### Playing Schedule

#### Friday & Saturday, Apr 14 & 15th

Stratified Open Pairs	10 & 2:30
Stratified 299'r Pairs (single sessions)	10 & 2:30
Side Game (single sessions)	10 & 2:30
0 - 50 FLM Pairs (Fri & Sat only)	10 & 2:30
Bracketed Swiss	10 & 2:30

#### Sunday, Apr 16th

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

**GNT Finals: Saturday & Sunday Apr 15 & 16th**

GNT Flights A & C 10 & TBD

**Unit 174 annual meeting between Sunday Sessions  
Election Results & Awards (10 min) 2:20**

### Tournament Chairs

#### Clif Rice

[clif709@aol.com](mailto:clif709@aol.com)  
(832) 541-7607

#### Charles Dalton

[cdinc35@aol.net](mailto:cdinc35@aol.net)  
(713) 861-3399

#### Hospitality Chair

**Brenda & James Morgan**

[brmetzc1@att.net](mailto:brmetzc1@att.net)  
(832) 689-9595

#### Partnership Chair

**Harry Selldin**

[hselldin@mc.com](mailto:hselldin@mc.com)  
(713) 899-3163

#### I/N & FLM Chairs

**Cindy Cox**

[bridgccindy5@gmail.com](mailto:bridgccindy5@gmail.com)  
(832) 985-8734

**Please Be Scent-sitive**

**No Cologne No Perfume No Offensive Odors**



Guest Speakers - TBD Friday and Saturday

Friday:

Saturday:

v2



# Lone Star Regional Winners Unit 174

## January 23 - Monday - Bracketed Swiss Teams



Bracket 2  
Scott Cantor,  
Gregory Andrews,  
Paddy Fiorino,  
Jay Evert



Bracket 3  
Erica Walker,  
Mary Chaffin,  
Daniel Boylan,  
John Luebkekmann



Bracket 4  
Carleen Sandoz,  
Dee Daigle,  
Dion Dubois,  
David Friedrichs



Bracket 4  
Harlene Michaels  
Valerie Town-  
ley-Smith, Lawrence  
Michaels, Zach Town-  
ley-Smith

## January 24 - Tuesday - Bracketed Swiss Teams



Bracket 2  
David Littmann,  
Alfred Fortier III,  
Pamela White,  
Susan Kaplan



Bracket 3  
Pat Kubicek,  
Joyce Wormser,  
Victoria Ornowski,  
Linda Brending



Bracket 4  
Mavis Warren,  
Kay Marechek,  
Sandra Maalouf,  
Sarah Hardin



Bracket 5  
Jean Kiesel,  
Dee Daigle, Ginger  
Hebert,  
David Friedrichs



Bracket 6  
Erica Walker, Mary  
Chaffin,  
Daniel Boylan,  
John Luebkekmann



Bracket 8  
Madhu Moza,  
Marcia Chambliss,  
Shirley Kingsley,  
Darlyn Dusek



Bracket 9  
Linwood Olson,  
Lynn Luster,  
Jeff Armstrong (np),  
Robert Mott (np)



Bracket 11  
Carol Jenkinson,  
Robert Lane,  
Ronald Randleman,  
Cheryl Benash

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### January 24 - Tuesday - Pairs



Gold Rush - B  
Linda Schiwart,  
Joseph Moore



Mid-Flight - B  
Janie Funk,  
Karen Young

### January 25 - Wednesday - Pairs



299er - F  
Sally Ward, Kelly  
Harp



Gold Rush - A  
Julie Barkas,  
Barbara Rourke

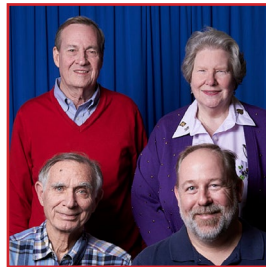


Open - A  
Donna Garrard,  
William Garrard



Side - C  
Mary Gilmore,  
Donna Terry

### January 25 - Wednesday - Bracketed Swiss Teams



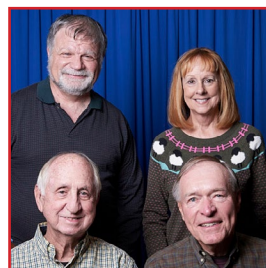
Bracket 1  
Bill McCarty,  
Rosemary Kelley,  
Harry Elliott,  
Mike Doyle



Bracket 2  
Tomi Storey,  
Jeff Dater,  
Joe Black,  
Jerry Barrett



Bracket 5  
Corbin Shouse,  
Thomas Rush,  
Evan Marti,  
Randy Pearson



Bracket 6  
Andrew Remson,  
Robin Johnson,  
Bob Matlock,  
Herbert Warner



Bracket 7  
Myra Marsh, Julia  
Thompson, Thomas  
Martinsen (np),  
Linda Martinsen  
(np)



Bracket 8  
Debra Alexander,  
Debbie Zimmer,  
Nancy Carlin,  
Karen Burnley





Bracket 9  
Joan Schnider,  
Kathleen McDougall,  
Christian Liipfert,  
Ann Sinclair



Bracket 10  
Betty Westbrook,  
Johara Nour,  
Mark Levy, Ahmet  
Kalkan



Bracket 11  
Paul Shack, Mark  
Incerto  
Kenneth Hudson,  
Susan Smith

**January 26 - Thursday - Pairs**



299er - A  
Meynard Nussbaum,  
Marilyn Beal (np)



Gold Rush - A  
Joanne Hilton,  
Iris Stewart



Gold Rush - B  
Susan Hanna,  
Michael Hanna



Mid-Flight - B  
Kas Rangan,  
Steven Bell

**January 26 - Thursday - Bracketed Swiss Teams**



Bracket 2  
Cameron Cotton,  
Eddie Bass,  
Wirt Gilliam,  
Thomas Rush



Bracket 3  
Jeff Dater, Karen  
Tabak Nussbaum,  
Nancy Strohmmer,  
David Ticen



Bracket 4  
Kim Brinkman,  
Ramona Bienstock,  
Stuart Litwin,  
Cherry Blevins



Bracket 4  
Pamela White,  
Paddy Fiorino,  
David Littmann,  
Jay Evert



Bracket 6  
Susan Belding,  
Laura McWilliams,  
Carolyn Campbell,  
Charlotte Johns



Bracket 7  
Cindy Cummins,  
Ann Kuehler,  
David Fowler, T  
om Fowler



Bracket 9  
Harlene Michaels,  
Valerie Townley-  
Smith,  
Lawrence Michaels,  
Zach Townley-  
Smith



Bracket 10  
Sarah Springer,  
Mary Gilmore,  
Martin Hrachovy,  
Donna Terry



Bracket 11  
Susanne Dittmann,  
Sherry Deal  
Robert Ziegler, Brian  
Schaffer



Bracket 12  
Joy Cowan,  
Millie Perner,  
Mike Cowan,  
Cindy Schaefer

### January 25 - Friday - Pairs



A/X - A  
John Bromberg,  
Barry Schaffer

### January 27 - Friday - Bracketed Swiss Teams



Bracket 3  
Kate Hopkins,  
Liz Jacobson,  
Robert Holliday,  
Jane Kirby



Bracket 9  
Jeffrey Walker,  
Rolf Hubmayr,  
Louis Tesler,  
William Anderson



Bracket 11 -Timucin  
Erkoc (coach),Mary  
Gilmore, Sarah  
Springer, Donna Ter-  
ry, Martin Hrachovy

### January 27 - Saturday - Bracketed Swiss Teams



Bracket 2  
Wirt Gilliam,  
Cameron Cotton,  
Harry Elliott,  
Thomas Rush



Bracket 4  
Jane Kirby,  
Kate Hopkins,  
Liz Jacobson,  
Robert Holliday



Bracket 5  
Ronald Schulman,  
David Wicks,  
Linda McReynolds,  
Carol Jewett



Bracket 7  
Linda Drake,  
Pamela White,  
Hasin Jinna,  
David Littmann



Bracket 8  
Laura Chandler,  
Jeannie Stone,  
Brad Chandler,  
Donald Bell (np)

### January 27 - Sunday - Bracketed Swiss Teams



Bracket 1  
David Wicks,  
George Nelson,  
Linda McReynolds,  
Mary Nelson



Bracket 2  
Linda Drake,  
Pamela White,  
Hasin Jinna,  
David Littmann



Bracket 3  
Anne Goodman,  
Debrah Chockley,  
Burton Shepherd,  
Michael Chockley



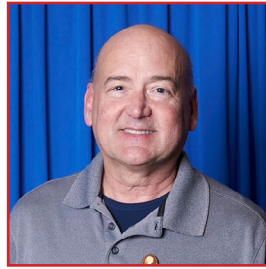
## Lone Star Regional - New Life Masters



William Anderson



Charlotte Ewing



Martin Hrachovy



Loretta Martin



Jim Middleton



Scherry Sprague



Lucille Steiner



Donna Terry



Debbie Zimmer

## Lone Star Regional - New Silver Life Master



Cindy Cummins

## Lone Star Regional - New Gold Life Master



Alfred Fortier III

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## 2023 Schedule Highlights

Daily Bracket Swiss Teams  
(2 Sessions)

0-750 Gold Rush Pairs  
(2 Sessions)  
Tuesday to Friday

Side Game Series  
Morning & Afternoon  
Tuesday to Friday

299er Pairs  
Morning & Afternoon  
Tuesday to Friday

CARD FEES:  
**\$15.00**  
\$19.00  
for unpaid ACBL members

Saturday 2-Session Swiss  
**\$132.00** per team

Saturday entry includes:  
4 Lunch ticket per Swiss team  
(\$10 for extra)

## PAIR EVENTS

Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions)  
Tuesday - Friday  
10:00 AM & 2:30 PM

Side Game Series (2 sessions)  
Tuesday - Friday  
10:00 AM & 2:30 PM

299er Pairs  
Tuesday - Friday  
10:00 AM & 2:30 PM

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## SWISS TEAMS

Bracketed Swiss (2 sessions)  
Tuesday - Friday  
10:00 AM & 2:30 PM

Saturday A/X Swiss (2 sessions)  
Tuesday - Friday  
10:00 AM & TBA

Saturday BCD Swiss  
Tuesday - Friday  
10:00 AM & TBA

Intermediate/Novice Events  
A: 200-300; B: 100-200; C: 0-100

299er Pairs  
(single session)  
Tuesday - Friday  
10:00 AM & 2:30 PM

APRIL 10:00

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TUESDAY  
299ER PAIRS  
[morning session]

BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS  
[1st Session]

GOLD RUSH PAIRS  
[1st Session]

02:30

299ER PAIRS  
[afternoon session]

BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS  
[2nd Session]

GOLD RUSH PAIRS  
[2nd Session]

Hosted by Longview DBC

APRIL 10:00

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THURSDAY  
299ER PAIRS  
[morning session]

BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS  
[morning session]

GOLD RUSH PAIRS  
[1st Session]

April 7, Friday continuation...

BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS  
[2nd Session]

GOLD RUSH PAIRS  
[2nd Session]

Hosted by Rose City DBC

02:30

BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS  
[afternoon session]

GOLD RUSH PAIRS  
[2nd Session]

Hosted by Pittsburg DBC

APRIL 10:00 & TBA

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SATURDAY A/X SWISS

SATURDAY BCD SWISS

Hosted by Van Zandt DBC &  
Dottie Pirkle DBC Athens

## Flights & Strats

## Gold Rush:

B: Both under 750 C: Average under 300

## Side Series:

A: 2500+ B: Under 2500  
C: under 750 Average

## Saturday A/X Swiss:

A: 5000+ X: under 5000+

## Saturday BCD Swiss:

All Under 2500 BCD

APRIL 10:00

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WEDNESDAY  
299ER PAIRS  
[morning session]

BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS  
[1st Session]

GOLD RUSH PAIRS  
[1st Session]

02:30

299ER PAIRS  
[afternoon session]

BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS  
[2nd Session]

GOLD RUSH PAIRS  
[2nd Session]

Hosted by Texarkana Sheila Bell DBC

APRIL 10:00

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FRIDAY  
299ER PAIRS  
[morning session]

BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS  
[1st Session]

GOLD RUSH PAIRS  
[1st Session]

02:30

299ER PAIRS  
[afternoon session]

Conditions for the regional will depend on the status of covid-19 and its variants at the time of the tournament. Proof of vaccination will be required and masks may be required. Please check the D16 website for up-to-date information.

## Open Pairs Schedule

Tuesday April 4 - 10:00 am & 2:30 pm  
Wednesday April 5 - 10:00 am & 2:30 pm  
Thursday April 6 - 10:00 am & 2:30 pm  
Friday April 7 - 10:00 am & 2:30 pm  
(May play single session if desired.)