

District 16 Scorecard



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President's Message



By Betty Starzec
President District 16

There is new enthusiasm and excitement coming from the ACBL and her name is Bronia Jenkins. At the Chicago NABC I attended three meetings where Bronia, ACBL's new Executive Director, outlined current and possible future initiatives that the ACBL will be taking to enhance our bridge experience and increase membership.

For example, this past month each unit in the United States was sent a list of lapsed members and was asked to contact them in coordination with a postcard sent to them by the ACBL. This postcard offered \$20 towards playing face-to-face at their local club if they rejoined. We should be seeing the results of this campaign shortly. Possible future initiatives include bridge and pickleball amongst others. It's an exciting time for the ACBL and I wish Bronia much success in bringing these initiatives to successful fruition.

Speaking of the Chicago NABC, there were 8,343 tables in attendance. The beautiful location right on the river in downtown offered access to many great museums and sites as well as the Magnificent Mile. Lunching along the Riverwalk was one of my favorite activities during the visit to my hometown. Even

more important, the table count signified a definite return to face-to-face-table play. It's exciting and the camaraderie that is felt cannot be matched online. So if you have been on the fence about returning to F2F, please know you have been missed and your friends are excited about welcoming you back!

Also, kudos to Nancy Strohmer, who has been appointed the new chair of the Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee. Rebecca Brown joins her as an assistant chair along with others from across ACBL. Congratulations!

See you at the table.



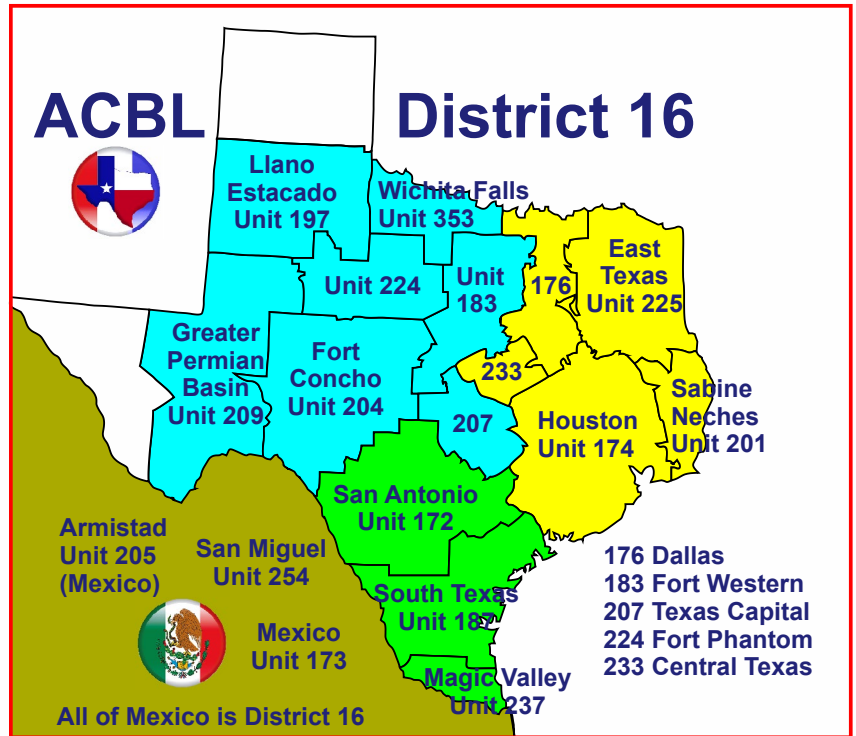
Morris "Mojo" Jones
ACBL Goodwill Member
of the Year & Nancy
Strohmer



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Upcoming D16 Tournaments

- August 30-September 4 Dallas Labor Day Regional
- [September 7-10 New Braunfels NLM Regional](#)
- [September 7-10 New Braunfels Sectional](#)
- [September 14-16 Denton 0-750 NLM Sectional](#)
- September 21-24 Spring 499er NLM Sectional
- [September 21-24 Austin Fall Sectional](#)
- October 5-7 Beaumont Sabine Neches Fall Sectional
- October 11-14 Diane Olson Election Sectional
- October 13-15 Fort Western Sectional
- October 16-22 District 16 Royal Sectional Tournament at Clubs (STaC)
- [October 27-29 Houston Unit 174 Sectional and I/N Regional](#)
- [October 30-November 5 Puerto Vallarta Regional](#)
- November 1-3 Denton Turkey Trot Pairs Sectional
- November 4-5 Austin Fall NLM Sectional
- November 6-12 STaC Unit 174 (D16) Sectional Tournament at Clubs
- November 15-18 Dallas Fall Sectional
- November 16-19 Houston (Spring) 499er/NLM Sectional

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Regional Director's Update



By Paul Cuneo
District 15, 16 Regional Director

The Chicago Sheraton Riverfront was a wonderful venue for the Summer NABC. There were plenty of restaurants within walking distance and the area around the hotel was beautiful. The final table count at 8343 was about 900 tables better than 2022 Providence.

Bronia Jenkins is off to a very good start as ACBL Executive Director. She is learning quickly and trying new ideas to grow membership and improve retention. Expect to see these in the next couple of months. ACBL shows a positive net income from operations at \$189,000 – an increase in investments of \$355,000 through midyear. I am optimistic that the rest of the year will be even better.

Currently there is a campaign to bring back “lapsed” members. If they rejoin for \$49 they receive \$20 in free plays at their face-to-face clubs. Please reach out to lapsed members you know and encourage them to come back and play! The league has decided to continue to produce the “old style” convention cards which will continue to be legal for club and tournament games. The Conventions and Competitions Committee will make a few changes to the card before printing begins – primarily to update colors to conform to the current alert chart.

Key Board Actions

- The second reading of the proposed bylaws change to designate the Institute for Bridge Arbitration as the venue for ethical violation hearings and appeals from other disciplinary bodies passed unanimously. It was ratified by the Advisory Council at their July 25 meeting.
- Passed a motion to require that all candidates

such as Honorary Member, Hall of Fame inductee, etc. to be honored by ACBL have their league disciplinary records reviewed prior to their nomination becoming public. This does not apply to honors bestowed by districts or units.

Information Technology Updates

- Security – During late April thru mid-May, ACBL suffered security breaches where a hacker was able to use ACBL’s email system to send millions of spam emails. None were sent as ACBL communications. This led to an overall assessment of services hosted by Amazon Web Services and significant changes have been made to prevent further intrusions. Complete implementation is expected by the end of summer, but no further intrusions have occurred.
- Masterpoint Engine V2 is nearing completion and will update all club games. ACBL is working on a solution for tournaments that will be tested soon. If successful, Strength of Field will be added to the parameters for awarding masterpoints in tournament pairs games, Swiss and Round Robin/Bracketed Teams. It has been in place for Knock-outs for more than five years.
- The AS400 migration project has been underway since the beginning of this year. The first process studied was membership dues and that is being implemented. The next step is membership which includes masterpoints and the interface used by ACBL’s Club and Member Services Department. I expect significant progress in the second half of 2023.



The Most Beautiful Game in the World ♠

By Patricia Herrera

D16 Education Coordinator



Bridge is the most beautiful game in the world and the ultimate social sport. A great part of its beauty relies on it being a partnership sport – we need a good partnership to succeed. That leads us to having to have good communication between partners, especially while playing.

This can put us in some awkward situations. We need to do it without providing unintended hints to anyone at the table, partner and opponents. This is a key aspect of bridge. And I am not talking about intentional cheating which, unfortunately, happens. I am talking about things we usually do without noticing or without knowing that it can hurt the game. These unintentional cues include: body language, facial expressions, or even subtle hints. They also include:

- Not Playing in Tempo. Tempo is defined by the speed at which a player plays his cards. We will dedicate a column to tempo but for now suffice it to say that we must keep the same pace when bidding to avoid what are called “breaks in tempos.”
- Not Alerting What Is and what must Be Alerted. This is an easy one. Everything that is in red on the convention card must be alerted. I dedicated both a column and a lecture series about filling the CC. You can look them up on the [district’s website](#).
- Not Announcing What must Be Announced. Same. Everything that is in blue on the convention card must be announced.
- Not Having Two Identical Convention Cards

Available. I cannot over stress the importance of having two CC filled out and available at all times for your opponents.

By avoiding unintentional information transfer, players challenge themselves, hone their mental acuity, and foster effective partnerships. This also elevates the bridge experience, celebrating the spirit of fair play, and helps to forge a strong and vibrant bridge community that stands as a testament to the values it upholds and makes us all happier persons. What else do we need?

We really want to win because we used our analytical abilities, observation skills, and inferences drawn from the auction and play. Also because we have a strong partnership.

If we want bridge to grow and be fun, we need an atmosphere that promotes enjoyable play and healthy competition.

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

Patricia Herrera is a Mexican bridge teacher and player and the Education Coordinator for the ACBL’s District 16. She is also the President of the Mexican Bridge Federation. When she is not playing bridge, she runs a nonprofit consulting firm based in Mexico City called Pontis or designing personalized itineraries for people that visit Mexico City at Secret Cool Mexico. You can reach her at: herrerapatricia@gmail.com



D16 Charity Games ♠ Uniting for Worthy Causes

By Nancy Strohmer

D16 Charity Chair



District 16 scheduled a series of charity games earlier this year. We extend our appreciation to each and every club that lent their support to make these charity games a success.

The following clubs

deserve a special mention for their participation in the District 16 Charity Games

- Apple (Houston)
- Apple II (Houston)
- Arlington Duplicate Bridge Club
- Beaumont Bridge Studio
- Bordello Bridge (San Miguel de Allende, Mexico)
- Bridge Academy of West Houston
- Bridge Center of Austin
- Bridge Club of Houston
- Clear Lake Bridge Club
- Colonial Duplicate Bridge Club (Fort Worth)
- Denton Bridge Studio
- Fort Phantom (Abilene)
- Friday Duplicate Bridge Club (Fort Worth)
- Friendly Bridge Club (Dallas/Plano)
- HI Bridge (Kyle/San Marcos)
- Hill Country (New Braunfels)

- Kingwood Duplicate Bridge Club
- Lake Conroe Duplicate Bridge Club
- Lone Star Bridge Club (Conroe)
- Longview Duplicate Bridge Club
- MAC Bridge (Mansfield)
- Odessa Duplicate Club
- Orange Comm Bridge League
- Pebble Creek Duplicate Bridge Club (College Station)
- Permian Bridge (Midland)
- Robson Ranch Denton Bridge Club
- Rose City Duplicate Bridge Club (Tyler)
- Sheila Bell Duplicate Bridge Club (Texarkana)
- Star Duplicate Bridge Club (College Station)
- Steve's Tuesday Afternoon Bridge (Fort Worth)
- The Bridge Studio of SMA (San Miguel de Allende, Mexico)
- Van Zandt County Duplicate Bridge Club (Canton)

With a collective effort that spanned these clubs, there were 400 tables in total. The funds collected from these charity games have been channeled towards local charities, grassroots initiatives, and the ACBL Charity Foundation. It's not just about the numbers; it's about the lives touched and the positive impact of those in need.

Advisory Council Report from Chicago NABC ♠

By Tomi Storey

D16 Advisory Council Representative



I wish I had been able to attend the Chicago NABC in person, but fortunately the AC Meeting was held by Zoom after the tournament was completed. This gave us an even better opportunity to review decisions made by the Board of Directors that require our stamp of approval.

The highlight of this meeting for me was a chance to

meet our new CEO, Bronia Jenkins, again and get to see and hear the incredible vitality she brings to the table. ACBL Headquarters is stressing an emphasis on creating an energized atmosphere in support of the organization, and Bronia is the very personification of energy! We wish her the very best of luck.

Major challenges at this point are stabilizing membership, getting players back to face-to-face (F2F) play, and continuing to improve technology. Watch for some of the cool social bridge initiatives! (Bridge and pickleball, anyone?)

Some good news on the financial front for a change. Revenues have outpaced expenses by \$364,000, well above the budget of \$156K. The market value of our investments has increased. While membership is down 4.4%, new membership YTD is up 32.9% over last year. District presidents have been tasked with getting their units to connect with inactive players. You will be seeing that soon in D16.

F2F growth at clubs continues to increase even though we are still not back to 2019 levels. Tournament growth is very encouraging: the number of tournaments and table counts are up strongly. We see that growth in our district, and it is certainly a welcomed sight.

We had several motions for consideration:

- Reconsidering changes in conditions of contest to allow online competition for the GNT. There was a lot of discussion that this should be a district decision. This motion passed, with possible proctoring added, so it will be sent back to the Board of Directors (BofD), and they will vote at their next meeting.

- Several by-laws' amendments have been published for the general membership to view and they have now been approved by the BofD. They needed to be approved by the AC and this motion passed, so changes are effective immediately.

We also discussed a number of new business items – I'll try to touch on a few highlights:

- There has been a great deal of controversy over the

new convention card. We had planned a conversation about it, but management and the C&C Committee have decided to make the old card still available and produce another card that's easier to see. I think we can all agree that a simpler card will be a great decision.

- Our guest membership program is proving successful. Unfortunately, the experience online is not the best. Guest members should be able to see their masterpoints online. Being able to see them on the website is a big hook – this is something that will happen on acbl.org ASAP.

- Regionals have a third session that runs small attendance, making DIC charges overly burdensome. There is a proposal that local trained directors be able to run regional sanctions for one event up to 20 tables. This proposal has several issues: color points allowed, certification of local directors, limits on tables, opportunities for working players. It was agreed that we need to do something for our players who work. This is something on which we will continue to work.

I must admit that is difficult to convert a two hour-meeting to a short article. I hope that if you see something here that sparks ideas or discussions, you will let me know so I can take it to the AC. We are here to be a liaison for you with management. Please contact me at skeeter303@yahoo.com Your other AC representatives are Nancy Strohmer and Betty Starzec.

I hope to see you at the Dallas Labor Regional.

NABC Chicago ♠

By Stefanie Scott

D16 NABC Correspondent/Reporter



NABC Summertime fun in Chicago! Players from all over the world gathered at the Sheraton Grand Chicago Riverwalk. We were greeted with spectacular views of the river and temperatures in the 70/80s. Perfect weather for walking around and enjoying all the amenities Chicago has to offer. I heard from others, but was not able to go, that right near the playing site was the starting spot of one of the best of Chicago's architectural boat tours. I loved that just a short walk away from the Sheraton there were scrumptious dining opportunities. The Purple Pig located on Mag-

nificent Mile was my go-to restaurant. The food was spectacular. There were so many places within walking distance. I was lucky enough to go to Girl and the Goat, Prime and Provisions, and Jinsei Motto just to name a few. If food wasn't your thing also on Magnificent Mile, there was some of the best shopping in the country. It was hard to tear me away ... but I do love my bridge.

In the bridge world there were many successes by District 16 players. Special shoutout to Michael Pennick for winning his first unlimited title thereby making him a Grand Life Master.



Michael Pennick



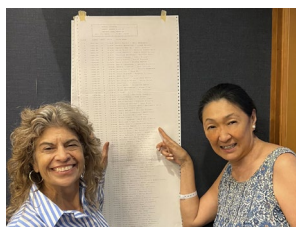
Finn Kolesnik

Another player with great success at the nationals was Finn Kolesnik with making it to the round of 4 in the Grand National Teams, round of 8 in the Spingold Teams and 4th in the Roth Open Swiss. He accumulated over 200 masterpoints in Chicago, which put him in 1st

place in the Mini-McKenney in the district, and in the top 20 of the Barry Crane Top 500. *Go, Finn!*

Another D16 team had some success in Chicago, *Go Chen* team for making it to the round of 8 in B.

Another fun occurrence was during the Women's Pairs where every District 16 player that participated qualified for day 2 – most notably Mary Lynn Genovesi and Jennifer Rao. This was Mary Lynn's first national event ever and she qualified for day 2 and got her first platinum points



Mary Lynn Genovesi
&
Jennifer Rao

I hope to see more strong success at the Atlanta Nationals in the Fall. See you all there.

List of National Winners

Morehead Grand National Teams Championship Flight

3/4. Sam Dinkin - Finn Kolesnik - Bart Bramley - Eric Greco - Greg Hinze

Sheinwold Grand National Teams Flight B

5/8. Sarah Chen - Andrew Chen - Charlie Chen - Pingshan Wen - Jin Chu

0-10,000 PAIRS

7. Steve Chen

von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs

5. Jeffrey Juster

14. Bob Hamman

25. Mike Passell

43. Eddie Wold - Arjune Bose

45. Kitty Cooper

Wagar Women's Pairs

9. Kitty Cooper

11. Kristen Onsgard

13. Kathryn Bailey - Lilly Justman

Truscott USPC Senior Swiss Teams

1. Michael Penick

16. Eddie Wold - Bart Bramley

18. Lynn Baker

Freeman Mixed Board-a-Match Teams

6. Eddie Wold

10. Sally Wheeler - Buddy Hanby - Hua Yang - Yan Song

Spingold Teams

5/8. Finn Kolesnik

17/32. Eric Greco

17/32. Mike Passell

17/32. Sam Dinkin

17/32. Jeffery Juster

17/32. Greg Hinze, Venkatrao Koneru

Wernher Open Pairs

31. Shawn Quinn

0-10,000 Mixed Swiss Teams

7. Patricia Herrera

Roth Open Swiss Teams

4. Finn Kolesnik

5. Mike Passell

11. Jeffrey Juster

34. Ira Hessel - Ellen Hessel - Buddy Hanby - Sally Wheeler



A Chance to Thank a Teacher ♠

By Ed Rawlinson

D16 Teacher of the Year Chair



A great bridge teacher gets us hooked, helps us progress, and helps the bridge community grow. District 16 annually recognizes teacher excellence with its Teacher of the Year (ToY) Award. District 16 members

may make ToY nominations until November 30, 2023. The nominator should describe why they are suggesting the teacher. Nominations must be submitted to edrawlinson@satx.rr.com

To be considered for the award a teacher must:

- Have taught bridge at least five years. Normally

there is a requirement to have taught at least 50 hours during the past year, but, due to COVID, that requirement is waived.

- Be an individual teacher, not just a team teacher.
- Not be a previous ToY winner.
- Reside in District 16 and be an ACBL member in good standing.

In December, the ToY Chair notifies the nominees of their possible selection and requests additional information about their teaching philosophy and techniques. In January a ToY Committee evaluates the candidates and selects a winner. The 2023 ToY winner will be recognized at the January 2024 Houston Regional.

District 16 Tournament Directors

By Larry Davis

As a tournament assistant, I have worked closely with Melody Euler, Scott Humphrey and Kevin Perkins, and I can attest that they are among the finest tournament directors in the ACBL. This was especially evident at the recent San Antonio Regional where they worked under great duress (88 tables in four different events on Thursday with only the three directors). District 16 has two other excellent directors, Carolyn Pinto and Jennifer Breihan. The district is indeed blessed to have these five tournament directors

I should also mention that tournament directors face a lot of challenges. They get blamed for things that are not actually their responsibility (but that of the sponsoring unit) such as the schedule of events, the starting/ending times, the length of the meal break, the playing site, and the room temperature. They deal with angry players, petty complaints and a sea of ignorance about the rules of bridge. How they maintain their composure is beyond me. You might ask yourself if you would like to be a tournament director if you had to deal with such complaints.

Players often think because everything is (usually) running so smoothly, directing must not be too difficult. From much personal experience, I can assure that directing is difficult. Things usually do run smoothly in District 16, not because directing is easy, but because our directors are so good. It is not that any one aspect of directing is rocket science – it is that there are so many aspects (about most of which the players are oblivious). One of those aspects is having to change the movement at the very last minute, sometimes to a very different movement (not just a tweak of the existing movement).

The next time you encounter one of our District 16 directors, consider thanking them for the great job that they do.

Larry Davis, District 16 NAP Coordinator, is a past District 16 President and Jacoby Award recipient.

New Members

July 2023 - August 2023



172 Laura Nikas
 172 Kathryn Palmer
 172 Anita L Ramirez
 172 Sarah Simons
 173 Ana M Domenech Macias
 173 Marcela Vergara
 174 Susan Altschuler
 174 J George Carmichael
 174 Patricia R Cowan
 174 Thomas W Davis
 174 Giorgio A Drugovich
 174 George W Edwards
 174 Terry D Knab
 174 Lorraine Miller
 174 Barbara L Moody
 174 Susan Pinkerton
 174 Ajay C Shah
 174 Carol A Wheeler

176 Ellen Duffy
 176 Patricia R Eggemeyer
 176 Sherry J Garcia
 176 Mooki Harris
 176 James W McBride
 176 Pamela McBride
 176 Jose Portela
 176 Joy L Richardson
 176 Ed Suder
 183 Suzy B Stout
 183 Jean M Suprenant
 187 Petra Ramharack
 201 Cecilia Brouard
 201 Arlene Turkel
 204 Ladene Vance
 207 James Brenton
 207 Easwara R Illuri
 207 Joyce Johnson

207 Robin Knowles
 207 Katherine A Miller
 207 Barbara L Pentrack
 207 Joseph Remonte
 207 Robert A Sedgwick
 207 Sriram Sivaram
 207 Chris Smith
 207 Jeannie B Strange
 207 Angelica Xu
 207 Lucas Xu
 225 Thelma H Dalmas
 233 Scott Pitzer
 237 Susan E Klem
 237 Gail R Stamler



Masterpoint Milestones

July 2023 - August 2023

Junior Master (5 MPs)

172 Jack B Lenox
 172 Gwynne S Mayer
 172 Jennifer Zimmerle
 173 Zandra Garza
 174 Shayne E Bell
 174 George W Brewer
 174 Mrs. Suanna H Debusk
 174 Tamara R Finchee
 174 James P Harris
 174 Branson B Hunter
 174 Lesley Kellet
 174 Larry Lawhorn
 174 Karen Loonam
 174 Jacqueline Sayles

174 Steve Vandoorn
 176 Michelle A Allums
 176 Susan H Coleman
 176 Raymond L Hamilton
 176 Jose Portela
 183 Paula Bradford
 183 Sue Brown
 183 Cliff Hair
 183 Kimberly S Lee
 187 Ignacio E Adame
 187 Yong Du
 187 Denise H Glispin
 187 Joanne W Grace
 197 Cissy Lara
 204 Michelle R Anderson

204 Priscilla Griffis
 207 Cliff Haigler
 207 Luke A Obermann
 207 Ainge Southerland
 207 Sandra Wratten
 225 Joy M Stover

Club Master (20 MPs)

172 Mr. Thomas H Veitch
 174 Elizabeth J Bradley
 174 Mr. Thomas Brown
 174 Pamela A Greenwood
 174 Veronica L Hines
 174 Glen Petrick
 174 Donald K Steinman

174 Rita Zwartkruis
176 Sandy Lantz
176 Mr. Raymond E Murphy Jr
176 Robert Neal
176 Sarah Warnecke
183 Arlene Bond
204 Juanita Baker
204 Julia B Farmer
207 Ann Conrad
207 Kevin Lin
207 John Pimm
207 Ruth G Pimm
225 Jana D Ferguson
225 Doug Letsch
233 Linda A Pitzer

Sectional Master (50 MPs)

173 Marcela Guerra
174 Rajni Amin
174 Bob Canobbio
174 Lynn M Clark
174 Amy Mannie
174 Edward P McKee
174 Winnie Mohsenzadeh
174 Mrs. Wynette B Stuntz
176 Stephanie J Strom
183 Allan Grenadier
183 Jan A Vanhummel
187 Robert M Ball
201 Howard Ratcliff
209 Scott D Johnson
209 Robert C Reimers
224 Karen L Turner

Regional Master (100 MPs)

174 Barbara Craven
174 J B Davis
174 Dan E Egner
174 Antoun Henri
174 Barbara L Hitt
174 Ms. Pene P Moore
176 Jyoti Boppana
176 Eldon Joersz
176 Dianne Mendelsohn
176 Francey Parnell
176 Georgia Schrader
176 Robert J Serfling
176 Veronica R Vokolek
183 Deborah K Greenslade
207 Paula Amaon
207 Michael L Atchison
207 Mrs. Nancy J Spaulding
209 Travis A Woodward

NABC Master (200 MPs)

174 Michael W Abbott
174 Mrs. Ann L Bragg
174 Betty J Friedman
174 Michael E Hanna
174 Mr. Douglas Kincannon
174 Mr. Robert D Lane
176 Ms. Margaret S Cooley
183 Kimberly M Dorsey
183 Mr. Dennis L Johnson
207 Mr. Xinpeng Huang
207 Teresa J Mack
207 Bruce Mansbridge
207 Mr. B Schuller
207 Jamie Southerland

Advanced NABC Master

(300 MPs)

173 Ariel Smid
176 Mrs Joni. Antweil
176 Dr. Robert M Bugbee
207 Mrs. Jean Durocher

Life Master (500 MPs*)

174 Phyllis Louderback
174 Ms. Sue L McCulley
176 Mr. Bill Brooks
176 Mr. Dan Kahn
176 Kathy F Russler
183 Brian R Eaton
207 Mr. Michael T Chow

Bronze Life Master

(750 MPs)**

174 Mr. Scott B Cantor
174 Phyllis Louderback
174 Mr. Sadashiv G Pethe
174 Iris Siqueira
176 Mr. G Brantz
76 Mr. Dan Kahn
176 Mrs. Beverly K Laster
183 Carol C Segreti
204 Mr. Tootie Whitworth
207 Benjamin Klaunder
225 John F Gurasich

Silver Life Master

(1000 MPs)

174 Mrs. Elisabeth P Cabiness
174 Mrs. Catherine B Brown
174 Mrs. Carol M McCord
174 Mrs. Mary R Nelson
174 Dr. Dennis Tanner

183 Mrs. Kara Jean Hawthorne
207 Cynthia J Rivet
209 Ms. Shirley A Davenport
225 Mrs. Joyce C Hahn

Ruby Life Master

(1500 MPs)

172 Mr. Wright A Barnebey
183 Ms. Virginia S Boudreau
207 Sunny J Laird
207 Kalyan Venkat

Gold Life Master

(2500 MPs)

172 Barbara Morgan
173 Mrs. Elena S Brucilovsky
174 Mr. Mark D Howard
176 Carol Calkins
176 Mr. Frank J Durante
176 Nancy F Fellman
176 Lue R Waddle
183 Mr James A Lutz
225 Nelda Aven

Sapphire Life Master (3500

MPs)

172 Mr. Charles M Jefferson
174 Timucin Erkoç
174 Mrs. Karen J Nimmons

Diamond Life Master (5000

MPs)

172 Everette Lewis
174 William B Daniel III
176 Mrs. Gerrie G Owen
183 Hjalmar N Beijl

Emerald Life Master (7500

MPs)

176 Mr. John E Spessard
207 Mr. Scott A Humphrey

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

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

D16

70% + Club

Mary Bartley and Mark Leighton Tyler - Rose City DBC	74.44%
Charles Ford and Shreedhara Ramarathnam Athens - Dottie Pirkle's DBC	72.92%
Mary Bartley and Brenda Baker Tyler - Rose City DBC	72.91%
Jolly Woolsey and Doni Phillips Texarkana - Shelia Bell DBC	72.50%
Steve Kornegay and Kimmel Jones Arlington - Arlington DBC	72.45%
Judy Cupps and William Daniel III Houston - Bridge Club of Houston	72.19%
Mary Bartley and Nancy Green Tyler - Rose City DBC	71.85%
Gay Roach and Thelma Dalmas Nacogdoches - Nacogdoches DBC	71%
Tomi Storey and Milt Neher Plano - Friendly Bridge Club	70.99%
Bob Bender and Bob Holliday McKinney - McKinney DBC	70.83%
Anne Halsell and Bennie Youing Wichita Falls - Bridge Club of Wichita Falls	70.83%
Pat Wright and Sandy O'Bannon Tyler - Rose City DBC	70.83%
Susan Jennings and Steven Jennings Nacogdoches - Nacogdoches DBC	70.83%
Bart Bramley and Norm Beck Dallas - Friendly Bridge Club	70.45%
John Luebke and Ross Ramsey Dallas - Friendly Bridge Club	70.24%
Gerry McKim and Michael Hout Dallas - Unit 176 Game	70%
Mark Reynolds and Gay Roach Nacogdoches - Nacogdoches DBC	70%
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David Clegg and Glenda Cooper Dallas - Friendly Bridge Club	70%

Reporting D16 70% + Games

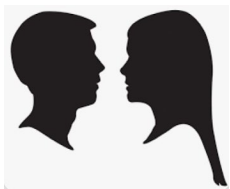
The D16 70% + Club recognizes members who have scored 70% or higher scores in one of the district's club masterpoint game that is open or non-restricted. (For example, masterpoint-restricted games or country club games restricted by membership do not qualify. Nor do cruise games, sectional or regional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

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

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





Member Profiles

Meet Athena Leung

Unit 176 McKinney

By Nancy Connors

An energetic dynamo; that's Athena Leung! Born and raised in Hong Kong, Athena earned a bachelor's degree in physics from the University of Hong Kong. This accomplishment was followed by a master's in computer science from UT Arlington with an offer to remain in the United States and accept a job with Ericsson. It was never her goal to immigrate to America, but she ended up adopting the U.S. as her home and spending her entire career as a software engineer in the telecom industry.



Athena Leung

It was during her undergraduate years that her friends taught her how to play bridge. While she loved the game from the start, it cost her some embarrassment. She was so addicted to bridge that she was soon staying up all night to play and cutting her classes. The result was that she actually failed a class and had to carry it over to her final semester of college to satisfy

her degree plan! [Note from the author: This is why I resisted learning bridge in college!]

After coming to the United States, Athena wisely decided to put bridge aside and concentrate on her family and career. She only took the game up again a few years ago after retirement. She confesses that after not playing for 30 years, "I had to read the Wikipedia bridge page to refresh my memory of the game!" She then studied "Bridge ABCs" online and played with robots before regaining enough confidence to find live games with real people.

The refreshers worked well. Soon she was playing several times a week and found her way to the McKinney Duplicate Bridge Club. She and her Swiss team won 1st place on two different days at last year's Dallas Labor Day Regional. She has quickly become a Sectional Master in less than two years.

Athena is married, lives in Plano, and has two sons. When not playing bridge, she loves to travel and explore new places.

Nancy Connors is secretary of the McKinney Duplicate Bridge Club.

Duplicate Bridge - A Ready-Made Mental Rehab Toolbox

Unit 174 College Station

By Marvin Harris

My widowed grandmother kept house for my bachelor uncle on an isolated, dry-land farm in rural Nebraska. When I was four, she taught me Solitaire with a dogeared 52 card deck. I learned by watching. Grandma's card game was hard to beat. Many games were lost when a key card could not be uncovered at the end. I suggested using a little creativity to let the card become playable. Grandma forbade doing so accepted each loss, and reshuffled seeking a win. I astutely pointed out that miles away from others, our

"tweaking" of card order would be our secret. Grandma was resolutely opposed: "God knows," she said.

My experience at cards expanded to rummy, euchre, and pinochle at the pool hall from age 10, and casual bridge was added in my late teens. By then, Grandma was helping God keep an eye on me.

Friends introduced me to the local duplicate bridge club 45 years ago. I played once every week until my retirement and then went to three games per week with a variety of partners (my only request was to

have forgiving partners). I was aware that cardiovascular sports maintain physical health by vigorous exercise and that playing duplicate bridge aids mental health by stimulating one's brain. Maintaining a quality life yields benefits from both.

As they say at the Emporium: "Stroke Happens." Well, last October mine hit the fan. I needed a strategy. Medical personnel helped a great deal. Physical Therapy aided me to become ambulatory. Physical therapists have exercise regimes that are also taught to the patient and family to continue progress independently as skills get better.

Restoring cognitive functions is more challenging. To be clear, physical rehabilitation is still ongoing with regular exercises to build strength and stamina using accepted therapeutic practices. Cognitive rehabilitation, in my experience, receives limited guidance from medical practitioners. I speculate the primary reason for this is the human brain is incredibly complex. Each stroke results in a unique injury to an individual's brain. Each individual will undergo self-repair to their own degree at their own pace. Structured programs to rehab are limited in my view.

Family and friends visited offering primarily moral support. Well wishes are very important to lift one's spirits. A few bridge friends dealt out a hand of bridge. I knew what I wished to do regarding sorting, bidding and play of the cards, but attempts to execute these plans were pathetically inept for the first few weeks or so of rehab. A few bridge friends persisted. My progress was saltation, occurring in little spurts with plateaus in between. These small bits of progress kept a few friends engaged.

My cognitive condition immediately after the stroke was severely impeded by vision and balance problems that made carrying out plans difficult. Assessing progress was problematic. Initially, I could not easily arrange a bridge hand into suits to evaluate, bid, and play. Reading was difficult because my page recognition garbled margins, paragraphs and columns. Friends helped by playing bridge hands, reading books and providing me with some mental exercise literature. Progress seemed slow. Friends were persistent (medical caregivers were also encouraging on this point in particular—try new things; repeat what works to build muscle memory, keep active).

My view is that previous experience with bridge provided my friends a cognitive infrastructure to begin a mental therapy program, measure progress,

and continue to increase the complexity in an organic



Marvin Harris

way with a minimum of time needing to be spent on developing a mutual understanding of what we were trying to accomplish. My friends persisted in dealing and playing bridge hands with me. My processing sped up over time and by March (five months post-stroke), I was ready to try to return to duplicate bridge at the club. I have friends who drive me to and from bridge who have been essential partners in this recovery process which allows me to participate in duplicate bridge. Partners have been congenial, our play has usually been competitive, and regardless, we try to have some fun with a sense of humor. Recovery continues.

My view is that duplicate bridge has been very important in my rehab program to recover from stroke. There are many reasons for this. The most important is that learning the game prior to the stroke provided a ready made rehab set of tools. Friends always want to help sick friends but often lack needed skills to do so. Friends were instrumental in helping just by playing. The attitude of the patient (me) is also important in rehab. My friends' positive attitude was infectious and helped me keep my spirits positive. The nature of duplicate bridge is to be able to compare how others reached contracts and played the same hands you and your partner did. This allows a measure of sorts one can use to judge progress. A final point is that duplicate bridge is simple enough to be played by pairs with limited experience and still challenge expert players to achieve the best outcome.

We rehab muscles by exercise. The brain is protein rich muscle and duplicate bridge is an excellent exercise to give the brain a workout. A final benefit if things do not work as advertised: blame it on your partner.



Unit 174 - Houston

By Jack LaVigne

Future Life Masters (FLM)

The Future Life Masters of Unit 174 continues welcoming the newest players to the Houston Bridge community by being a central hub of information and assistance for players at all clubs across the metroplex. We also offer a monthly Sunday afternoon 199er game at the Arabia Shriners Center. We encourage all longer term players to welcome newcomers to our great game. Whether having 10,000 masterpoints or 500 masterpoints, regular players are the greatest source of recruitment in bridge.

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

News from Unit 174 Clubs

Apple

Weekly Game Schedule: Open games are held on Monday and Friday at 11:30 a.m. at the Tracy Gee Community Center, 3598 Westcenter. No games will be held on Monday, October 23 through Friday, November 3 due to early voting.

299er Games: The 299er games are held on the last Monday of the month. Next games will be on September 25 and November 30.

Bridge Academy of West Houston

Mentor/Mentee

Mentor/Mentee games are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. The next games are scheduled for Tuesdays, September 11 and October 3. If you have not yet signed up, you can register online by clicking [here](#). Mentees must have fewer than 300 masterpoints.

Eight is Enough Swiss Teams

The Eight is Enough Swiss Teams is held once a month on a Sunday at 1:30 p.m. The upcoming games are September 17 and October 22.



The Queen Bee team consisting of Jane Armstrong, Connie Conover, Marsha Bernstein and Lois McCallister has an impressive record winning three times and placing 2nd once.

Come play and see if you can withstand their sting. Future Life Masters

The Bridge Academy of West Houston hosts a Future Life Master game once a month on Sunday. Next games are scheduled for September 17 and October 22 at 1:30 p.m.

Weekly Game Schedule

The Bridge Academy of West Houston has an Invitational Pairs every Wednesday and combined Open and 0-299er Pairs every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. The games are held at the Arabia Shriners Center. International Fund, STaC, Charity and Club Appreciation games are scheduled for September and October.

Bridge Club of Houston

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

Tuesday Tidbits

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

Mentor/Mentee F2F

Mentor/Mentee games are held the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 10:30 a.m. Sign up at club or contact Judy Cupps at

judy_n_al@yahoo.com or by phone 713-320-5592 or Bob Zeigler 713-829-6928 with any questions.

BBO Mentor/Mentee Games

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

BBO Future Life Masters

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

Swiss Teams Games

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

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

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

499er Tournament September 21-24.

Check [BCOH website](#) for details.

[Clear Lake Bridge Club](#)

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

CLBC offers open games every day of the week including a team game on Sundays. We have morning open games on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday mornings and Thursday and Saturday afternoons. The Thursday afternoon game is at 2:00 p.m. and the Saturday game is at 1:00 p.m. We also offer I/N games Monday afternoon (199er), Wednesday afternoon (299er), Tuesday morning (749er) and Thursday morning (749er.) We welcome visitors to most of our games. We were proud for a long time to be able to get by with a \$5.00/person table fee but inflation has finally caught up with us and we recently raised the table fees to \$6.00 (\$7.00 for guests).

We took a summer break from our bridge lessons which are normally scheduled for the second Wednesday of each month. We plan to pick those games back up in September with a variety of topics.

We continue to hold our Mentor/Mentee games on the third Wednesday of each month, which continue to be successful. The cost for the Mentor/Mentee game precludes us from inviting visitors, but we certainly welcome visitors to all the other games.

We had an excellent The Longest Day Alzheimer's research fund raising event with a double session of play that raised over \$7,000.

Our educational program is back on track as with three classes currently being held with the attendance increasing a little with each new class. We also continue to increase our table count month and are happy to announce that we are (basically) back to the point where we were before the pandemic. Come see us or give me a call if you want help to join one of our games, Ronnie Martin at 713-419-0007.

[Fort Bend Bridge Club](#)

Fort Bend Duplicate Bridge has a new game on Mondays and a new location on Tuesdays. Mondays arrive by 9:15 and the game starts at 9:30.

Greatwood Recreation Center

7227 Greatwood Parkway

Sugar Land

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

Arabia Shriners Center

10510 Harwin Drive

Houston

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

Eric Watson

ewat2004@aol.com

(832) 287-9170

[Sugar Land Bridge Club](#)

We pay extra for our championship games so that our players receive more MPs for their play! Whether

SUGAR LAND BRIDGE

Great cards, sweet people

you are new to bridge or a seasoned veteran, Sugar Land Bridge is your home for maximum return on your bridge investments of time and effort.

Weekly Game Schedule: Open games are held on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. at the Clyde & Nancy Jack's Community Center, 3232 Austin Parkkway, Sugar Land. For more information call 737-287-7888 or email John Herzer at jch@slbridge.net



Unit 176 - Dallas

By Scott Nason

The Dallas tournament scene was mostly quiet this summer as we prepare for our Labor Day Regional. Three clubs held a combined seven games for the Longest Day, with a total of 60 tables in play to raise money for Alzheimer's research. See the Longest Day Recap for the participating clubs and amounts raised.

The July 9 unit game brought out 104 players in two flights. The 18 table Open Flight was won with a 70% game by Gerry McKim and Michael Hout. The B strat was won by Jane Kirby and Susan Bates, while

C was won by Glenda Cooper and David Clegg. The 8 table 799er game was won by Lisa and Kurt Smith, while the 299er strat was won by Sarah Warnecke and Jose Portela.

On August 6, we ran our 2023 Pro-Am with 16 tables. Jay Gibson and Kurt Smith came in 1st overall. The B strat was won by Ross Ramsey and Brian Eaton and C was won by Mary Huck and Stu Nelan.

While the complete NABC results are discussed elsewhere in this issue, I want to highlight a few local “stars.” Top masterpoint winners from the unit were Jeffrey Juster, who won 162 points and Mike Passell, who won 138. Congratulations to Michael Penick, Dallas, on his first NABC+ win in the Truscott USPC Senior Swiss Teams. And a big shout out to Matthew Rippin, who is 18 years old and just started playing two years ago. He won 30 masterpoints at the NABC, including 19 gold points.

We are currently running the Labor Day Regional at the Renaissance Richardson which began August 30 and will continue through September 4. There are still opportunities to join us for pairs or teams games every day and earn gold points.

Our next unit game is on Sunday, October 15. Or visit any of the several bridge clubs running games somewhere nearly every day. Hope to see you at any or all these opportunities to reconnect with face-to-face bridge and your bridge communities of friends.



Unit 183 - Fort Western

By John Robbins

Much like the premature announcement of Mark Twain’s death, reports of the impending demise of duplicate bridge have been greatly exaggerated. Of course, the doors of clubs are not being broken down by herds of eager Millennials, Gen-Xers or Gen-whatevers escaping from the mental Novocain of their computer games, but several bridge units have launched creative efforts to grow this socially interactive pursuit as it rebounds from the inevitable effects of COVID seclusion.

One significant thrust at giving bridge a boost is being spearheaded in Unit 183 by bridge teacher Dianne Dillman and Board President Cynthia Benton. Dillman is a former longtime member of the unit

who recently returned to Fort Worth from a decade in Memphis, bringing with her a lot of enthusiasm for ACBL’s new Boost program.

Planning a launch for the end of June, she notified national about six weeks ahead and the ACBL began placing several hundred dollars’ worth of advertising on social media, including Facebook and Instagram. Then Diane and Cynthia began contacting about a hundred of the names provided by the organization. New player Sherry Melman says her invitation “just showed up on Facebook” and she decided to give it a shot. Cynthia also recruited several friends from outside the boost program to join the initial games and lessons, including some who had never played bridge or for that matter cards at all. Another pair joined after being mentored by Virginia Chadwell.

The group now has 13 regulars at a game on Wednesday nights at 7:00. The sessions start with a



lesson by Diane based on the two-over-one system, followed by the actual play of several boards. The age range of the new players is like that of the unit as a whole, and the experience ranges from those who had never played, to people who played decades ago, to people like Barbara Spears, who says she has been playing kitchen bridge on a regular basis using bidding that was “all over the place.”

And regulars are sticking with it. Louise Ramirez is now on her sixth session and says while beginning to play the complex game has been a challenge, Boost is working for her because the lessons are moving in understandable “baby steps.”

Eventually Diane hopes to offer a new 0-50 points game or tie the group into an existing 0-750 game. Cynthia still attends the meetings and helps manage them. Her assessment of Boost: “Surely the most beneficial program that’s come to our bridge community since the lockdowns finally ended.” Diane is straightforward about her motivation for starting the

program. "Clubs have been struggling and I just want to see them succeed," she says. And while she doesn't advertise it, she is more than backing that up by donating all her fees from the program to the unit.



Unit 204 - Fort Concho

By Neal Perlman

Our two new board members were described by our director, Mari-frances Watson: "We have two new members of the Board of Directors for San Angelo Bridge Club. The election is official with Brenda Chapman and Troy Harvey who were elected unanimously.

Brenda is one of our most loyal bridge players. She has been a regular player for many years, willing to play with anyone. She is ready to help new players and is a great mentor. The interests of the Bridge Club are in good hands with Brenda. She brings experience and knowledge of our club's history and operations.

Troy Harvey is a relative newcomer compared to the majority of the membership. He hit the ground running, learning to play bridge in our lessons and then quickly becoming hooked on the game we all love. He has worked tirelessly to recruit new members, encourage his fellow bridge newcomers to hone their skills, and play with anyone who is willing. He brings new ideas and experiences to the board.

We can all look forward to a board working to further the interests and well being of our club. We are blessed to have capable members willing to devote their time and knowledge. Thank you, Brenda and Troy!

See you at the bridge table."

New board officers: Joy Foster, president, Fran Grogan, vice president, Barbara Wright, secretary and Suzanne Dorris continuing as treasurer. Other volunteer roles are being determined.

Tootie Whitworth made Life Master and Bronze Life Master on June 13 with a STaC game 70% district win. Congratulations.

The July 10 gold point game results at Unit 204 were N/S Ingrid Rich and Sharon Haney, and E/W Barry Jackson and Neal Perlman.

Congratulations to all.

In closing, a gigantic appreciation goes out to Julie

Moorman and Carol Diminnie for the watering system upgrade they installed to the front garden spots. Supporting helpers were Barry Jackson, Terri Jackson (plumbing tune up) and Bubba G (hedges).



Unit 205 - Amistad

By Mary Ann White

It's time to finalize your plans to attend the Puerto Vallarta Regional to be held October 30-November 5, at the Westin Resort & Spa. Visit our [website](#) for all the details. From there, you can download a flyer, book your room, request a partner, or contact our tournament chair for more information. We have lots of hospitality and prizes already planned for you! It should be fun. Remember that the deadline to book your hotel room at the bridge rate is October 9 at 5:00 p.m. For periodic updates about the tournament, please "follow" us on [Facebook](#).

We are extremely excited for our very own Lake Chapala players Nicci Beninger and Boyce Robbins who will be representing Mexico in the upcoming World Bridge Teams Championships from August 20-September 2 in Marrakech, Morocco. Nicci and Boyce will be playing with Patricia and Gonzalo Herrera from Mexico City.

We wish them all the best of luck!

Diane van Brocklin and Janet Mitchell won the unit championship game on Saturday, June 24 with 58.93%. Winners of the unit championship on Saturday, July 22 were Mary Ann White and Boyce Robbins with 64.58%.

And all I can say is wow! Lew Crippen and Charles Chartier had a great game on Monday, June 5 posting 76.79% (4 tables). Way to go, you two! Others having big games included Nicci Beninger and Jimmy Reynolds who finished with 70.88% on June 26 (3.5 tables). And in the 499er game, it was Neal Hayden and Liz Naidoff with 73.08% on June 16 (6.5 tables) and Martin and Sandra Levman with 70.9% on June 30 (5 tables). Nice playing!

The Lake Chapala Duplicate Bridge Club held its club championship on July 6. Winners were Jeane Treloar and Charles Chartier with 61.61%. Nice going, champs!

But the most impressive milestone in July was reached by Rene Wolf of our 499er group, who

turned 99 years old on July 30! The Friday morning group, in which he plays regularly, held a small celebration in his honor. I'll bet he can't wait to see what we have in store for next year!



Barbara Stephan, Rene Wolf, and Lucie Rosa-Stagi



Unit 225 - East Texas

By Susan Ford

Congratulations to the following for achieving new Life Master

Levels:

John Gurasich, Bronze Life Master
 Joyce Hahn, Tyler, Silver Life Master
 Ginny Jones, Longview, Silver Life Master
 Sandy O'Bannon, Silver Life Master
 Carol Anderson, Texarkana, Bronze Life Master
 S V Ramarathnam, Tyler, Ruby Life Master

70% games at the Tournament of Roses

71.59% Mark Leighton - Colleen Grisham July 27
 70.27% Shreedhara Ramarathnam -
 Paula Edwards July 27

For the other 70%+ games, please see the
 D16 70% + Club page.

[Pittsburg Duplicate Bridge Club \(PDBC\)](#)

By Linda Harrison, Manager/Director Pittsburg DBC

We had a terrific turnout Tuesday, June 20 for the PDBC's efforts to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Association research. ACBL and Alzheimer's Association partnered to fight Alzheimer disease about 10 years ago. Thanks to each player for participating, wearing your purple and for your generous contributions to Alzheimer's Association. The PDBC table fees plus the donations so far are: \$1,050.00!



The Tyler Tournament of Roses July 27-29 was lots of fun with an opportunity to see old friends and meet new ones. We, of course, planned to get plenty of pride with silver and NLM gold points. The tournament finished up with 44 Swiss Teams on Saturday.

Congratulations!

PDBC players winning silver points:

6.36 Dotsy and Jackie

5.88 David Worrall



Unit 207 - Texas Capital Bridge

By Barbara Clements

Unit 207 is gearing up for a fun-filled Fall of bridge activities. Among the activities planned is our Open Sectional which will be held September 21-24 at the Bridge Center of Austin (BCA). On October 7, we're hosting the Lone Arranger event at the BCA. Come without a partner for this event.

A 0-50 Sectional for Non-Life Masters will be held at the BCA on October 28-29 at 1:30 p.m. both days.

Our August 0-200 Sectional held on August 5-6 hosted 15 pairs on Saturday. The winning team on Saturday was Phyllis P. Jordan and Mary Cowan.

We are pleased to confirm that the Georgetown TX Duplicate Bridge Club (GTxDBC) is opening on September 6, 2023. The club will have a game on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. The game will be played at the Georgetown Recreation Center, 1003 N. Austin Ave., Georgetown, TX 78626. The phone number is (512) 930-3596. John Olson is the club director. He can be reached at (254) 913-3423 if you need a partner.

5.15 Karen Bell
 2.82 Tom Spradlin
 1.28 Linda Harrison
 0.60 Janie and Jerrell
 0.32 Pat, Diane and Sandy Jenkins
 PDBC winning Gold Rush points:
 5.37 Red/Gold - Sanjay
 1.18 Red/Gold Suzanne and Fredye

After a hard day at the bridge table the PDBC players went out to enjoy friends, delicious foods and lots of fun! Thanks to all who attended the tournament and represented PDBC so well. Great Job!

Van Zandt County DBC

We are always trying to encourage players to advance in their bridge playing so Charles Ford taught a course via ZOOM which began Tuesday, August 15.

Each session was two hours - one hour of description/discussion and one hour of playing using the Shark Bridge application, the premier interactive teaching platform which allows the instructor to teach on multiple tables with or without robots. This method provides a great way to hear the material first then learn by doing with the instructor observing and coaching interactively.

We are very proud of two of our newer players, Suzanne Birdwell and Deb Pascoe, for going to their first tournament (Tournament of Roses) and coming away with 2.09 gold!

Longview Duplicate Club

Happy Birthday Betty Finney
 Betty Finney turned 90 on August 1 and the



Longview DBC celebrated with a party in her honor hosted by Janie Wolaver. Assisting Janie were Ann Haynes & Martha Kaplan. Betty has been a long-time member and played for many years with her best friend, Bonnie Gorman. They were affectionately known as the "Gilmer girls."

After Bonnie's passing, Betty played with Linda Tillery, Patsy Alexander, Janie Wolaver and Nelda

Avent. Betty also plays each month at the Pittsburg DBC.



Dottie Pirkle DBC

Dottie Pirkle DBC will be moving to St. Edwards Catholic Church in Athens at 800 E. Tyler Street on September 1. The move is due to the complete renovation of the Senior Citizens Center where Dottie Pirkle's DBC is played now. Games will be on Thursdays at 1:00. And That's a Wrap! Tyler Tournament of Roses is in the books.

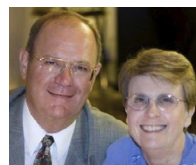
It was a great three days at the tables, meeting new people and making new friends. Lots of locations were represented including Shreveport, Beaumont, Round Rock, Abilene, Lubbock, Dallas, Denton, Texarkana, McKinney and all points in between.

In Memoriam

It is with deep sadness we report the loss of four of our long-time bridge players and friends Nell Velvin, Beverly Battle, Wanda Prokop, and Jim Rhamey. Please see their obituaries in this issue of the Scorecard.

Unit 233 - Central Texas

By George & Pam Holmes



Yes! Unit 233 is still plugging along with the aid of some walkers, canes, and a lot of determination. New members are hard to come by, but the search goes on. Recently the unit board met and took care of a little business (plus had lunch) and then a game followed hosted by the Monday Slammer Club at the Sul Ross Senior Center in Waco.



Board Members Enjoying Lunch

We regret that we must acknowledge the loss of two of our long time bridge players. Barbara Kirstein, from the Waco area clubs and Richard Wall, from the Temple area clubs recently left us for new partners in the eternal club in the sky. May all their finesses be onside.



Barbara Kirstein



Richard Wall

Gene Thompson continues his dedication to keeping bridge alive in Temple at his studio.

In Waco three open games (Monday, Tuesday, and Friday at 1:00) as well as a 0-500 game on Thursdays at 12:30 continue at the Sul Ross Senior Center. Please feel free to join us in either Temple or Waco if you are in the areas, for friendly atmospheres and usually some good bridge.

Hope everyone had a Happy 4th of July. July 10 brought us the ACBL-wide IMP Game hosted by the Monday Slammers. For a small club, having 6 ½ tables was a wonderful surprise.

Winners:

North/South

1. Ethel Corlett-Tom Corlett (received the N/S gold point.)
2. Pam Holmes-George Holmes
3. Linda Pitzer-Patti Santini

East/West

1. Nell Carpenter-Susan Raphael (received the E/W gold point.)
2. Russell Klibert-Cathy Valentine
3. Margaret Downey-Gene Thompson

Of Note: A former long time Unit 233 Temple bridge player Mary Adams was recently memorialized by having the Temple High School Library dedicated in her honor. She was a long time (45 years) educator in the Temple ISD, and a great bridge player. Mary passed away in 2021 after a battle with cancer. She was a wonderful example of graciousness and intelligence. This memorial is only fitting for such a legacy of educational excellence.



Unit 353 - Wichita Falls

By Marsha May



Unit 353 has two clubs: Suite 16 and the Bridge Club of Wichita Falls, and both have diminished in size since the pandemic. However, both club owners have been very diligent in keeping face-to-face games going. Since we are a small unit, it is interesting that we have three mother-daughter pairs and a brother-sister pair who play in these clubs. Pat Robinson is the club owner/director of Suite 16 where she plays with her daughter Jody Elgin. Jody works at MSU Texas therefore they usually play on Saturdays at the Bridge Club of Wichita Falls which is owned and directed by David Hertzog. However, Jody is sometimes free to play in her mom's games as well.

Nancy Purcell plays with her daughter Melissa Killmer at both clubs when they can. Melissa lives in Alexandria, Virginia but visits her mom often. They last played on July 22 winning 2nd place, and on July 27 winning 1st place. Nancy was so proud of Melissa who won her first ACBL points.

Carol Shelby plays with her daughter Anne Hoover at both clubs. Anne moved to Burkburnett to be close to her mom after she lost her husband. Carol is an ACBL Life Master and decided it would be good for Anne to learn how to play duplicate bridge. Anne had never even played party bridge but has done very well playing duplicate with her mom. Anne also won her first ACBL points.

David Dodson and Dana Clay are a brother and sister team. Dana played years ago but stopped to

take care of her mom. She lives in Bowie and when David and his family moved there they decided to start playing duplicate together. They only play once a week at Suite 16 because it is 50 miles from Bowie to Wichita Falls. However, when we have a special event at either of the clubs, they are there!

The Clubs of Unit 353 may not be large in quantity, but definitely have quality! All of our members are so special.



Anne Hoover, Dana Clay,
Carol Shelby & David Dodson



Unit 209 - Great Permian Basin

By Ann Parish

The STaC games on June 12-18 were very successful for the Midland and Odessa Clubs. We had a variety of winners throughout the week:

Day	Pair	Club	District
Monday Evening June 12	Scott Vaughan and Shirley Davenport	1st	1st
Tuesday Afternoon June 13	Bill Brooks and Sandy Hill	1st	3rd
Tuesday Evening (Invitational) June 13	Marty Massie and Sarah Wright	1st	1st
Wednesday Evening June 14	Flo Curry and Marlene Blumentritt	1st	1st
Thursday Evening (Invitational) June 15	Bob Reimer and Mary Truex	1st	1st
Friday Afternoon June 16	KC Evans and Debbie Con	1st	3rd
Friday Evening June 16	Charlie Grimes and Sarah Wright	1st	2nd
Saturday Afternoon June 17	Marilyn Matthews and Marlene Blumentritt	1st	3rd
Sunday Afternoon June 18	Marilyn Matthews and Deborah Brookins	1st	1st

Midland's belated Fourth of July party was held on Thursday, July 6. We had hot dogs with all the trimmings before the game. We had nine tables.

N/S winners in Strat A were Paula Baggett and Charlie Grimes; Strat B winners were Ann Parish and Bill Brooks; and Strat C winners were Mary True and Mark Knox.

E/W winners in Strats A and B were Paula Bayley and Sarah Wright; Strat C winners were Scott John-

son and Joan Rice.

For the ACBL-Wide Instant Match Point Game digital on July 10, we had six tables. Belle Harris and Paula Bayley were 1st N/S earning the one gold point in addition to the red and black points. Debbie Conly and KC Evans were 1st E/W; they also placed 1st in the district for an additional 10 masterpoints.

We were happy to welcome Sherry Haworth from Florida visiting her daughter in Midland for few

weeks and playing bridge with various partners.

We were sad to see Bob Reimer moving away for health reasons to stay close to his children.

209 (alphabetical by first name). Then there are 30 trivial facts. Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to match the people with their facts. There are no actual prizes, but you get bragging rights and conversation starters.

(Answers on page 30)

Trivia Match Game

Listed below are the names of 30 players in Unit

Names

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|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Ann Parish | 11. Jan Rise | 21. Patti Heard |
| 2. Ann Servatius | 12. Kay Arrell | 22. Paula Bayley |
| 3. Belle Harris | 13. Kay Sewell | 23. Robin Hughes |
| 4. Bill Brooks | 14. Kelly Jamerson | 24. Ruth Martin |
| 5. Bob Reimer | 15. Lonnie Yee | 25. Sandy Hill |
| 6. Dale Linton | 16. Mark Beckstrom | 26. Sarah Wright |
| 7. Debra Jones | 17. Marty Massie | 27. Scott Dau |
| 8. Em Carnett | 18. Mary Ann Blair | 28. Scott Johnson |
| 9. Georgia Temple | 19. Mary Burkholder | 29. Scott Vaughan |
| 10. Gwin Jamerson | 20. Nancy Ward | 30. Sonya Hopkins |

Facts

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|--|--|---|
| A. Is a gardener. | L. Attended a Quaker college for two years. | V. Made a hole in one. |
| B. Made and sold "Heavenly Cheesecakes." | M. Was born in Japan. | W. Had a private pilot license years ago. |
| C. Taught history, government, French, Spanish, and English. | N. Won 5th place in a state history essay contest. | X. Made Life Master in 1995. |
| D. Has traveled to Portugal. | O. Designed, prototyped, built and programmed the second oil well controller in the world. | Y. Was a petroleum engineer for 43 years. |
| E. Lived in Bogota, Colombia. | P. Was born in Kermit, Texas. | Z. Was born on Pearl Harbor Day (but not that year!). |
| F. Played the flute. | Q. At one time, had more than 50 first cousins. | AA. Was in the movie Carousel with Gordon McCrae and Shirley Jones. |
| G. Received a "needs improvement" in math in 5th grade. | R. Nearly died from childhood double pneumonia. | BB. Changed high schools twelve times. |
| H. Graduated from Midland High in 1978. | S. Is the middle child of seven. | CC. Had both a father and a step-father named George. |
| I. Was on Freshman Council at Texas Tech. | T. Has had three chihuahua dogs, all named Speedy. | DD. Was head girl at a private school in England. |
| J. Made explosive bombs from chemistry lab in high school. | U. Ran the Capital 10,000 race in Austin. | |
| K. Worked at eight different Social Security offices. | | |

We hope you enjoyed playing - both Bridge and Trivia. Stay cool!



Intermediate/Newcomer Resources

Games and Classes for Newer Players - Come Join us!

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

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

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

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

For more information email Beginner20Bridge@gmail.com

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

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



If you would like to contribute an article to the I/N Newsletter
highlighting an I/N Player
(or yourself)

Please send with a Photo to:

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New Braunfels, Texas Sectional and Regional

September 7 – 10, 2023



Playing Site

New Braunfels Civic Center
380 Seguin Ave
New Braunfels, TX 78130

Host Hotel:

Mention the Tournament
The Faust Hotel
240 Seguin Ave
(830) 625-7791

\$99
rate

Sectional Information

Thursday, September 7, 2023 – Cost \$14 / person / session

10:00 am Stratified Pairs
3:00 pm Stratified Pairs

Friday, September 8, 2023 – Cost \$14 / person / session

10:00 am Stratified Pairs
3:00 pm Stratified Pairs

Saturday, September 9, 2023 – Cost \$14 / person / session

10:00 am Stratified Pairs
3:00 pm Stratified Pairs

Sunday, September 10, 2023 – Cost \$136 per team

10:00 & TBA **Nell Morgan** Bracketed Swiss Teams
Meal served between Sunday's session

NLM Regional Information

Thursday, September 7, 2023 – 2 Session Pairs Cost \$28 / person

10:00 am Stratified Pairs
3:00 pm Stratified Pairs

Friday, September 8, 2023 – 2 Session Pairs Cost \$28 / person

10:00 am Stratified Pairs
3:00 pm Stratified Pairs

Saturday, September 9, 2023 – 2 Session Pairs Cost \$28 / person

10:00 am Stratified Pairs
3:00 pm Stratified Pairs

Sunday, September 10, 2023 – Cost \$136 per team

10:00 & TBA Stratified Swiss Teams
Meal served between Sunday's session



Thursday, Friday & Saturday
are Single Sessions

To win **Gold**, you have to finish in the overalls of the two session in the top flight, OR section top in Flight A to win gold (single session).

Stratifications: A: 2500+ B: 1000-2500 C: 0-1000
All Events Average MP's
Strats changes at the discretion of the DIC
Director in Charge: Melody Euler

Stratifications: All Events Average MP's
A: 501-750 B: 201-500 C: 0-200
All players must have ≤ 750 MP and may
not be a life master as of September 6, 2023



Thursday, Friday
& Saturday can
be played as
Single Sessions

Credit Cards Only

Non ACBL Members
ADD \$4

All ACBL COVID-19 protocols will be followed.



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**THE
99ER
NITE CLUB**

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

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

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

Perks:

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

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




199ER NITE CLUB

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

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


7 DAYS A WEEK AT 6:05 PM CST

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

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

Contact Nancy Strohmer for details:
nastrohmer@yahoo.com

New Game in Town



Denton Bridge Studio

ACBL D16, U183

0-750 NLM Sectional

September 14-16, 2023



Thursday September 14, 2023

9:30 AM Stratified pairs

1:30 PM Stratified pairs

Friday September 15, 2023

9:30 AM Stratified Pairs

1:30 PM Stratified Pairs

Saturday September 16, 2023

9:30 AM Stratified Pairs

1:30 PM Stratified Pairs

\$12/Person/Session
Or
\$22/Person/Both Sessions

Lunch
offered for
only \$6

Stratifications

Flight A 500-750

Flight B 300-500

Flight C 0-300

Complimentary Coffee
and Snacks
Optional Lunch: \$6

Tournament Chair

Ken Javor

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Partnership Chair

Lynda Bradley

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**Pre-register by sending an email to
dentonbridgestudio@gmail.com with your partner's name.**



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Denton, TX 76205
dentonbridgestudio@gmail.com
940-205-7300

Covid vaccinations are no longer required to play.

Tournament directors reserve the right to adjust the stratifications, if necessary.

The Longest Day June 2023 Recap



Many of the D16 clubs participated in the Longest Day fundraiser for Alzheimer's. Here is a brief recap of the clubs that were reported:

183 Granbury Bridge Club	Granbury Bridge Club	Granbury	\$19,000
174 Bridge Academy of West Houston		Houston	\$8,085
174 Clear Lake Bridge Club		Houston	\$6,885
174 Star Duplicate Bridge Club		College Station	\$3,400
176 Valley View Bridge Club		Dallas	\$2,720
174 Bridge Club of Houston		Houston	\$2,200
174 Lone Star Bridge Club		Conroe	\$1,550
176 Friendly Bridge Club		Plano	\$1,522
225 Pittsburg Duplicate Bridge Club		Pittsburg	\$1,050
183 Fort Worth Bridge Studio		Fort Worth	\$645
183 Arlington Duplicate Bridge Club		Arlington	\$440
176 McKinney Duplicate Bridge Club		McKinney	\$336

We hope to see some of these clubs in the ACBL top 50! Good Jobs!



In Memoriam

- Mrs. Jane B. Murphy, Burton
- * Thomas A. Romz, Houston
- Dr. Michael Sadler, Abilene
- * Harold L. Task, Houston
- * Mrs. Karen N. Wilson, Lubbock

*Life Master

Beverly Battle

Beverly enjoyed bridge competitively and socially. She played it in the Cedar Creek Lake area for years and formed great partnerships with Carol Bates, Jimmy Parker, and Jo Booth. She brought solid play and a good sense of humor to the table. She will be missed by all her bridge friends, family and others.

Nell Velvin | 1937 – 2023

Nell Nash Velvin, 85, passed away peacefully at home on June 29 in Athens. Nell was born in Kaufman on August 2, 1937 to Elizabeth Galbraith and Temple Voiers Nash. She graduated from Kaufman High School in 1955, then continued to college at Southern Methodist University (SMU) in Dallas. While attending SMU, Nell joined the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, and received her Bachelor of Business Administration degree in accounting in 1959. Most importantly, Nell met her late husband, Neal Ernest Velvin, while attending college at SMU and the two joined in marriage on July 18, 1959. Nell and Neal had two sons, Neal Temple Velvin and William Ernest Velvin, and in 1966 Nell and her family moved to Athens.



Nell worked primarily as an accountant for Velvin & Weeks Consulting Engineers, Inc. and, along with Patricia Gatlin, founded, owned, and operated the Pea Patch, a small restaurant in Athens. Nell sold real estate for Century 21 Tumlinson Realty for several years as well. Nell is affectionately remembered by those who called her 'Mimi' or 'Nellie' and was a very active member in her community. She was a long-standing member of the First Presbyterian Church of Athens, where she served as an Elder for many years. Nell graciously gave her time through the years by serving on the Athens Chamber of Commerce Board, the Henderson County Child Welfare Board, Keep Athens Beautiful Committee, East Texas Arboretum Committee, Athens Parks & Recreation Board, YMCA Board, and Labor of Love Board. She served as Chairman on the Athens Tourism Committee, Black-Eyed Pea Jamboree Committee, Athens Leadership Institute Committee, and the Henderson County United Way Drive. She also received the Citizen of the Year award from the City of Athens in 1973. Mimi was always committed to the mentoring of children through the Snapdragon Lunch Buddies program in the Athens Elementary Schools. She also enjoyed playing duplicate bridge and honed her craft in gardening by earning the prestigious title of 'Master Gardener.' Nellie loved to travel, appreciated the arts, and had most recently taken up the martial art of Tai Chi.

James (Jim) Rhamey | 1931-2023

By Cled & Peggy Painter

James Rhamey died peacefully at his home in Murchison on July 20, just short of his 92nd birthday. He would have found this annoying because he loved to get presents and eat cake. Jim lived his life on his own terms, starting with his birth at his parent's dairy farm in Lakeville, Ohio when he arrived before the doctor did. It did not take him long to achieve local notoriety. Not yet four years old, he had gone with his Dad to help friends build a barn. Like most toddlers, he grew increasingly bored and had been promised candy when he got home. So he took off in search of home (which was miles away) on his own. The entire community was mobilized to find him and he ended up walking four miles through the woods at night, wearing holes in his baby shoes. The next morning a farmer found him sitting on his gate and asked him what his name was. The reply, "My name is Pistol Pete and I'm tougher than a groundhog!" set the tone for the rest of his life.

Jim graduated from Wooster College in Ohio where he was a star athlete lettering in several sports and was captain of the basketball team. He was one of the most competitive people you could ever meet. Whether it was golf, tennis, poker, a fishing derby, or bridge, whatever the game, it was always called "Jim Wins" and usually, he did.

He married his college sweetheart, Marjorie (1933-1973) and served in the US Army, stationed in El Paso. After attending graduate school at Ohio State Jim spent his business career in ultrasonics and nondestructive testing. He enjoyed hunting and fishing for salmon and steelhead. Jim was affectionately given the nickname "Six Coats Rhamey" since many of these trips were to colder climates.

He would freeze every time he left Texas and need to layer on the jackets.

Jim attributed his long life to "clean living." This always produced a chuckle from those who knew he smoked a pipe, enjoyed his cocktails, and candy – that temptation that got him lost as a toddler remained a staple of his diet his entire life. Jim is survived by his wife of 45 years, Ginger, his sister Joan Piar, of Columbus, Ohio and a daughter, Melanie, in Longmont, Colorado. No services will be held, but Jim would love it if you would raise a glass and say, "Cheers, Jim, you did it your way!" Because he did.

Fond memories. Ginger offered to cook us some good chicken fried steak as soon as she could find some good meat. Sure enough, the next thing we knew we were sitting at their dining table eating the best chicken fried steak in Texas. We also invited them to our house for an afternoon of bridge and fellowship. Jim and Cled were teamed against Ginger and me. Somehow we always came out on top.

We remember Jim as a man of few words, but he was a man of integrity and an excellent bridge player. He also had a lot of patience with those who weren't as good at the bridge table. He was always very calm and cool ... never raising his voice to anyone. We miss him very much.

Wanda Prokop | 1935-2023



Wanda Prokop passed away on August 10 at the age of 88. She was the fourth child, and second daughter, of 11 children born to the Busby family in Eustace. Vona Nason, her older sister, and Wanda played regularly for years at the Gun Barrel Club managed by Gloria Rowland where they were affectionately known as "the sisters." Wanda lived just across the hall from Vona at the Mabank Nursing Center.

While growing up, Wanda had to help in the cotton fields and help with the vegetable crops. At the same time, she had to watch the younger brothers and sisters. At an early age Wanda learned to sew and made all her clothes until she graduated high school.

Wanda attended the Eustace Schools through the 10th grade. She attended Mabank High School her 11th and 12th grades and graduated in 1952 as Salutatorian. Wanda was a cheerleader, football sweetheart nominee, and first string forward on the basketball teams at both Eustace and Mabank High Schools.

Upon graduation from high school, Wanda worked in Dallas as a secretary while taking business classes at Rutherford Metropolitan School of Business and evening classes at Southern Methodist University. In 1960 Wanda moved to California and continued her education while working full-time for the Pacific Lighting Corporation. In 1982 she graduated *summa cum laude* from Pepperdine University with a BS in Management. She worked for the same group of affiliated companies for 30 years, rising to the office of vice president of Pacific Lighting Leasing Company, a Subsidiary of Pacific Lighting Corporation.

Wanda married the love of her life, William "Bill" Prokop, a native of Canada, in 1986 in Hawaii. After retiring, they moved to Texas, making their home at Cedar Creek Country Club in Kemp. Bill passed away in 2020.

Answers to Unit 209 Trivia Match Game

1-L; 2-X; 3-Z; 4-BB; 5-R; 6-I; 7-N; 8-U; 9-CC; 10-A; 11-DD; 12-G; 13-W; 14-Y; 15-J; 16-AA; 17-B; 18-K; 19-V; 20-M; 21-C; 22-P; 23-Q; 24-T; 25-F; 26-D; 27-H; 28-O; 29-S; 30-E.

♥ **Tournament of Roses Sectional & NLM Regional Winners** ♦
Unit 225

Thursday - July 27 - Friday July 28 - NLM Regional Pairs



Thursday - A & B
 Laura Kelley,
 Sanjay Santhanam



Thursday - C
 Joseph Moore,
 Paulette Schiwart



Thursday PM - C
 Vicki Franks,
 Susan Broyles



Friday - A & B
 Michael Atchison,
 Gwendolyn
 Atchison

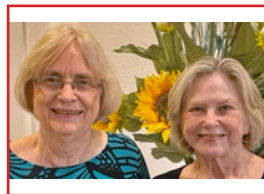


Friday PM - B
 Michael Atchison,
 Gwendolyn
 Atchison

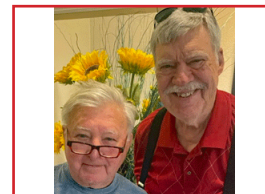
Friday July 28 -Sectional Open Pairs



A
 Brenda Baker,
 Mary Bartley



B & C
 Nancy Love,
 Linda Odell



PM - A
 Jerry Derby,
 Gerry McKim

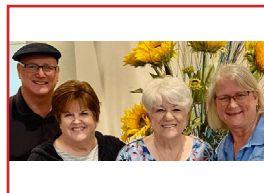
Saturday July 29 - Swiss Teams

NLM Swiss Teams

Open Swiss Teams



1st
 Donna Beene,
 Lillian Ethridge,
 Brenda Darby,
 Pam Pickrell



2nd
 Pam Pannell,
 Jody Westland,
 Michael Atchison,
 Gwendolyn Atchison



1st
 Jonathan Ernest,
 Stewart Angel (np),
 Pat Hudson (np),
 Jin Chu (np)



2nd
 Michael Chockley,
 Debrah Chockley,
 Jim Harp,
 Sheri Bumgardner



3rd
 Robert Dixon,
 Kimberly Dorsey,
 Kamal Das,
 Gloria Schuford

 A Unit 207 Event at
the Bridge Center of Austin 

2023 SEPTEMBER
SECTIONAL
Sept 21 - 24

Bridge Center of Austin ♥ 6700 Middle Fiskville Rd.

512-300-2743

Thurs Sept 21st - Sat, Sept 23rd
Stratified Swiss Teams, single session
10am, 2:30pm

Stratified Open Pairs, single session
10am, 2:30pm

Stratified 499er Pairs, single session
10am, 2:30pm

Sun, Sept 24th

Bracketed Swiss Teams
10am & TBD

\$120 per 4 person team, includes lunch
Additional players, \$6 each

STRATIFICATIONS

(Pair & team games based on average MPs)

Open Pairs:

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

499er Pairs:

A: 300-499, B: 100-300, C: 0-100

Director has discretion on setting brackets.

Basic Chart for 499ers;
Open Chart for all other events.

Entry Fees: \$12/session

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

Please Note: Proof of Covid vaccination is no longer required to play at the BCA.

Chairs:

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Rebecca Brown: brownrebeccag@gmail.com ♦ 210-885-4550

Partnerships: Pat Berry: ppatberry@aol.com

This is a Fragrance-Free Tournament

♥ **Houston I/N NonLife Master Regional & ♦**
Awesome August Sectional Winners
Unit 174

Thursday August 10 - Saturday August 12 - Pairs



Thursday Open - A
 Nancy Boothe,
 Pat McMullin



Friday Open - A
 David Henke,
 Joyce Ryan



Friday Open - C
 Linda Albright,
 Jeffery Parker



Friday GR - A
 Pamela Holmes,
 George Holmes



Saturday Open - A
 David Henke,
 Kerr Godfrey

Thursday August 10 - Sunday August 13 - Bracketed Swiss Teams



Thursday - Bracket 1
 Tom Breed,
 Jack LaVigne,
 Buddy Hanby,
 Sally Wheeler



Thursday - Bracket 2
 E Edgar Cosman,
 Kathleen McDougall,
 Betty Westbrook,
 Elisabeth Cabiness



Friday - Bracket 1
 Sally Wheeler,
 Shawn Quinn,
 Buddy Hanby,
 Joe Quinn,
 Tom Breed (np),
 Jack Lavigne (NP)



Friday - Bracket 2
 Robert Reichek,
 Herbert Kalman,
 Janice Sandberg,
 Eric Sandberg



Saturday - Bracket 1
 Tom Breed,
 Jack LaVigne,
 Buddy Hanby,
 Sally Wheeler



Saturday - Bracket 2
 Mercedes Barker,
 Laura Jones,
 Robert Reichek,
 Herbert Kalman



Saturday - Bracket 3
 Paddy Fiorino,
 Steven Gordon,
 Bill Nash,
 Debbie Nash



Sunday - Bracket 1
 Kerr Godfrey,
 Jack LaVigne,
 Gil Micheletti,
 John Erickson



Sunday - Bracket 2
 Siraj Jiwani,
 John Du Bose Jr,
 William Van Dame,
 Christoph Eick



Sunday - Bracket 3
 Gary Winston,
 Janice Sandberg,
 Shari Winston,
 Eric Sandberg



Sunday - Bracket 4
 James Morgan,
 Brenda Morgan,
 Sheryl Thomas,
 Marilyn Slaughter



Houston Unit 174 Bewitches Bridge

October 27-29, 2023

Friday, Saturday, Sunday



Halloween Sectional and I/N Regional*

GALVESTON, TEXAS

MOODY GARDENS HOTEL, SPA, AND CONVENTION CENTER

***GOLD POINTS AVAILABLE FOR PLAYERS 750 & UNDER!**

STRATIFICATION

Stratified Open Pairs

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

Gold Rush Pairs

A: 750-500 B: 200-500 D: 0-200

Bracketed Swiss

Brackets of 7-9 teams

Be Scent-sitive

This is a fragrance-free tournament—no offensive odors!

MOODY GARDENS HOTEL, SPA & CONVENTION CENTER

Call 409-741-8484 and request the ACBL rate (\$156/night); North Tower is closest to playing site

Boxed Lunches available daily at a reduced cost of \$10 (please order ahead); concessions available on site. Catered luncheon on Sunday.

Guest Speakers

2:00 PM

Friday and Saturday

DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY NIGHT—Tickets \$_____.

Comedian Neal Rosen will enliven the evening. Don't miss it!

Playing Schedule

Friday and Saturday, October 27 & 28

Ghostly Ghouls Open Pairs (2 sessions)	10:00 & 2:30
Hayride Haunting Gold Rush Pairs*	10:00 & 2:30
Spooky Side Game (Single Session)	10:00 & 2:30
Bewitching Bracketed Swiss (2 sessions)	10:00 & 2:30

*Players May Play One or Both Sessions

Sunday, October 29

Ghostly Ghouls Open Pairs (Single Session)	10:00 & TBD
Hayride Haunting Gold Rush Pairs	10:00 & TBD
Bewitching Bracketed Swiss (2 sessions)	10:00 & TBD

TABLE FEES PER SESSION

ALL DAYS, \$15.00 (\$4 more for non-ACBL/lapsed members)
Table fees are cashless—credit cards only.

Tournament Chairs

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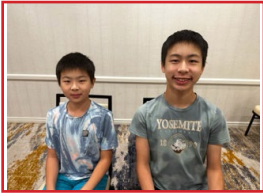
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Hospitality/Awards

♥ San Antonio 4th of July Regional Winners ♦
Unit 172

Monday July 3 - Sunday July 9 - Pairs



Monday - Y
Andrew Chen,
Charlie Chen



Monday - Y
Karen Fillis,
George Fillis



Monday - A
Greg Resz,
Jeff McKee



Monday - BC
Rebecca Evans,
Jana Barnard



Monday - GR-A
Bill Kalmbach,
Robert Caldwell



Monday - C
Mary Harrington,
Sunny Won



Tuesday - GR-A
David Minto,
Doug Kincannon



Tuesday - GR-BC
Mary Massey,
Jeanne Binovi



Wednesday - A
Larry Levin,
Laurie Levin



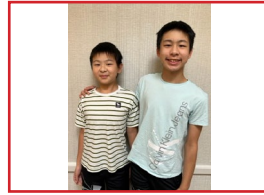
Wednesday - B
Victor Press,
Sandra Press



Wednesday - C
Karen Henderson,
Lynn Bartek



Wednesday - A
Beth Bromberg,
John Bromberg



Wednesday - XY
Andrew Chen,
Charlie Chen



Wednesday - C
Elizabeth Bartek,
Edna Rice



Thursday - Y
Richard Clements,
Barbara Clements



Thursday - GR-ABC
Anne Fritz,
Larry Fritz



Thursday - A
Jeri Tribo,
Laurie Levin



Friday - BC
Kim Kane,
Linda Hoyer



Friday - X
Brett Leach,
Mark Craig



Friday - Y
Barbara Clements,
Richard Clements



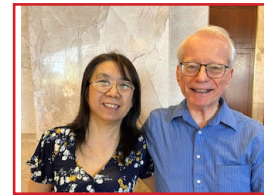
Friday - A
Carolyn Riely,
Terry Riely



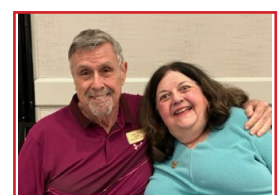
Saturday - GR-A
Laura Cosmi,
Gloria Harkey



Saturday - GR-B
Karen Henderson,
Lynn Bartek



Saturday - A
Cindy Yan,
Richard Pavlivek



Saturday - X
Dave Ticen,
Dolores Aquino



Monday July 3 - Sunday July 9 - Swiss Teams



Monday - Bracket 1
Ellen Hessel,
Patty Hinze,
Ira Hessel,
James Breihan



Monday - Bracket 2
Karen Jennings,
Joan McGaffis,
Hazel Medellin,
Elizabeth Kay



Tuesday - Bracket 1
Ira Hessel,
Buddy Hanby,
Ellen Hessel,
Sally Weaver



Tuesday - Bracket 2
Jeri Tribo,
Susan Hernandez,
Tom Trudeau,
John Hilbig



Tuesday - Bracket 3
Thomas Hackenberg,
Phillip Jaeger,
Charlene Coor,
Christopher Steele



Wednesday - Bracket 2
Paddy Fiorino,
James Sells,
Brigitte Sandifer,
Nancy Strohmmer



Wednesday - Bracket 3
Sheree Reese,
Nancy Tom,
Phyllis Kinnison,
Sharon Evans



Wednesday - Bracket 4
Catherine Landers,
Peter Schaffer,
Jim Pfeiffer,
Leslie Pfeiffer



Wednesday - Bracket 5
Glenn Rudd,
Donna Saltz,
Sue Angie,
Pam Beck



Thursday - Bracket 2
Rich Curtin,
Roxie Tim,
Kay Laird,
Pat Pritchard



Thursday - Bracket 3
Kathy Sinkin-Amor,
Cheri Gross,
Lew Spurlock,
Tessa Bodnar



Thursday - Bracket 4
Linda Drake,
Kathy McDougall,
Johansson Nour,
Betty Westbrook



Thursday - Bracket 5
Barb Sweeney,
Bill Churchman,
Scott Koehler,
Paul Shack



Friday - Bracket 2
Joe Volanski,
Ted Bain,
Chuck Anderson,
Rodney McCullough



Friday - Bracket 3
Hazel Medellin,
Joan McGaffis,
Karen Jennings,
Elizabeth Kay



Friday - Bracket 4
Sharon Stewart,
Kathy Coleman,
Michael Tiernan,
MB Howard



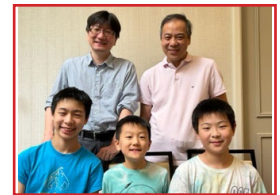
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Ken Davis,
Melinda Simmen,
Tom Bell,
Cindy Bell



Saturday - Bracket 1
Jim Justice,
Alan Copeland, Tony
Haddad, Jo Smith,
NPC Carl McGill



Saturday - Bracket 2
Forrest Gray,
Rebecca Brown,
Wiley McMinn,
Jerry Barret



Saturday - Bracket 3
Hua Chen, Steve
Chen, Charlie Chen,
Kyiv Chen,
Andrew Chen



Saturday - Bracket 4
Cheri Gross,
Kathy Sunkin-Smor,
Tessa Bodnar,
Al Fulton



Saturday - Bracket 6
Doug Kincannon,
David Minto,
(np)Kristen Andeson,
(np)David Sechrest



Sunday - Bracket 1
Susan Hernandez,
Dolores Reilly,
Andy Villastrigo,
John Hilbig



Sunday - Bracket 2
(Tied)
Patricia Nickerson, Nancy
Marcus, Lisa Holzgrafe, Dor-
othy Foster, Andy Williams,
Rhowyn Weissman, Sue Lane
McCulley, Mie Draznin



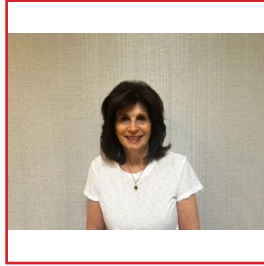
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Anita Albert,
Stewart Litwin,
Kalyan Venkatrao,
Stan Pushkarsky

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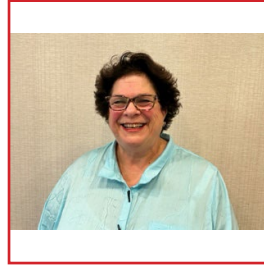
New Life Masters



Joan Schneider



Moira Morris



Joanne Hilton



Al Fulton



Gloria Schuford

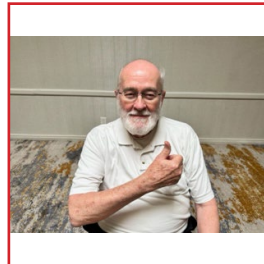
New Silver Life Master



Andrew Chen



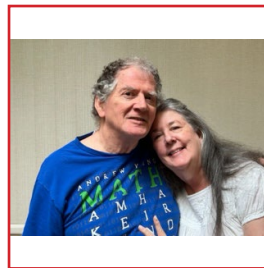
New Diamond Life Master



Harry Ingham



Overall Masterpoint Winners



Ira & Ellen Hessel
115.57
masterpoints



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Monday, October 30

Miguel Reygadas Open Pairs (Eve Side 1st of 6 sessions)		7:30pm
Vallarta KO Teams—1		7:30pm

Tuesday, October 31

Morning Side Game Series (1st of 5 sessions)		9:30am
Choice Pairs (any 2 of 3 sessions)	9:30am	1:30pm 7:30pm
Vallarta KO Teams—2, 3		1:30pm 7:30pm
Afternoon Side Game Series (1st of 5 sessions)		1:30pm
Stratiflighted Swiss Teams (2 sessions)	1:30pm	7:30pm
Evening Side Game Series (2nd of 6 sessions)		7:30pm

Wednesday, November 1

Morning Side Game Series (2nd of 5 sessions)		9:30am
Gold Rush Pairs (single session available)	9:30am	1:30pm
Afternoon Side Game Series (2nd of 5 sessions)		1:30pm
Open Pairs (2 sessions)	1:30pm	7:30pm
Acapulco KO Team—1 & 2	1:30pm	7:30pm
Evening Side Game Series (3rd of 6 sessions)		7:30pm
Wednesday Single Session Swiss		7:30pm

Thursday, November 2

Morning Side Game Series (3rd of 5 sessions)		9:30am
0-10,000 KO (no player over 10,000)—1 & 2	9:30am	1:30pm
Choice Pairs (any 2 of 3 sessions)	9:30am	1:30pm 7:30pm
Afternoon Side Game Series (3rd of 5 sessions)		1:30pm
Acapulco KO Team—3 & 4		1:30pm 7:30pm
Stratiflighted Swiss Teams (2 sessions)	1:30pm	7:30pm
Evening Side Game Series (4th of 6 sessions)		7:30pm

Friday, November 3

Morning Side Game Series (4th of 5 sessions)		9:30am
0-10,000 KO (no player over 10,000)—3 & 4	9:30am	1:30pm
Choice Pairs (any 2 of 3 sessions)	9:30am	1:30pm 7:30pm
Afternoon Side Game Series (4th of 5 sessions)		1:30pm
Cancun KO Team—1 & 2		1:30pm 7:30pm
Evening Side Game Series (5th of 6 sessions)	1:30pm	7:30pm
Friday Single Session Swiss		7:30pm

Saturday, November 4

Morning Side Game Series (5th of 5 sessions)		9:30am
Choice Pairs (any 2 of 3 sessions)	9:30am	1:30pm 7:30pm
Afternoon Side Game Series (5th of 5 sessions)		1:30pm
Cancun KO Team—3 & 4		1:30pm 7:30pm
Stratiflighted Swiss Teams (2 sessions)	1:30pm	7:30pm
Evening Side Game Series (6th of 6 sessions)		7:30pm

Sunday, November 5

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams (lunch between sessions)		10:00am and TBD
Fast Open Pairs (2 sessions, lunch not included)		10:00am and 1:00pm

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Stratifications:

Open Pairs : A: 3000+ B: 1500-3000 C: 0-1500

Gold Rush Pairs : (no player over 1000)

A: 500-1000 B: 200-500 C: 0-200

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

Side Games: A: 2000+ B: 750-2000 C: 0-750

Single Session Swiss:

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

Stratiflighted Swiss:

A: 6000+, X: 4000-6000, Y: 0-4000

B: 1250-3000, C: 750-1250, D: 0-750

(B/C/D plays separately; no player over 3000)

By Average Master Points

****KO Events may be Handicapped***

Entries per Session: USD \$15 ACBL Members

USD \$19 Unpaid ACBL Members

Sunday Swiss (2 Sessions): USD \$34 per Person

USD \$42 per Person Unpaid ACBL Members

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