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President's Message



By Jack LaVigne
President District 16

The District 16 Board Meeting at the Houston Lone Star Regional was held on Saturday, January 27, 2024 and new district officers were chosen for 2024-2025. Elected were Jack LaVigne, president, Jerry Harrington, first vice president, Kristen Onsgard, second vice president, BJ Sanders, secretary and Jamie Southerland, treasurer.

The highlight of the meeting was Betty Starzec's presentation of the President's Extra Mile Award to Evvie Gilbert for her amazing mastery of, and dedication to, editing the Scorecard – as well as distributing emails including Scorecard to district members using Robly Email.

Many thanks to our outgoing board officers Betty Starzec, president, Ken Monzingo, first vice president, Dave Ticen, second vice president, Kristen Onsgard, secretary and Tom Trudeau, treasurer. Ken presented Betty with a plaque for her service as president from 2022-2023. Nancy Strohmer presented Rebecca Brown and Tomi Storey with plaques for their services as president from 2018-2019 and 2016-2017.

Sandy Potts stepped down as the Awards Chair, Jack LaVigne as Recorder, Tomi Storey as STaC Coordinator and Ed Rawlinson as the Teacher of the

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Year Committee Chair. The board would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their services. Larry Davis was appointed the District 16 Recorder and Daniel Jackson the STaC Coordinator. Replacements for the Awards chair and Teacher of the Year positions will be announced at a later date.

Ken Monzingo is chairing the new Publications Committee. Ken would like to ensure consistency in all of the District 16 communications, in particular Scorecard. Ken also is spearheading the daunting task of creating a modern new website for District 16.

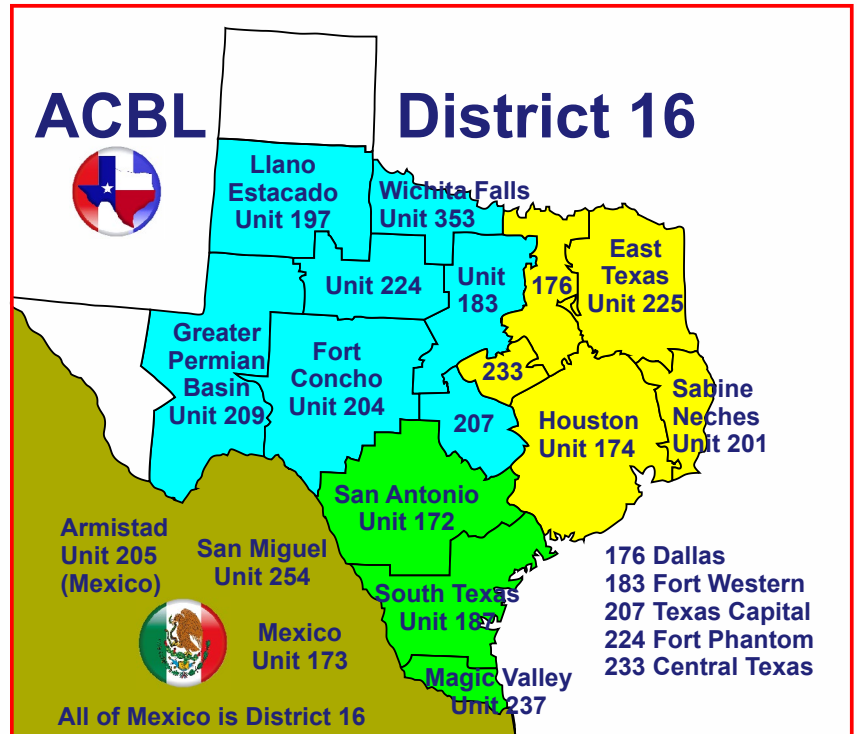
The Disciplinary Committee and Appellate functions have been moved from the district to the ACBL. The recorder position remains intact.

Congratulations to Karen Nussbaum, the Unit 174 Board and all volunteers who made the 2024 Lone Star Regional a success – the work and effort were both truly appreciated. Everyone had a great time; the hospitality, Future Life Master, event naming, expert lectures and partnership were first rate. The table count increased by approximately 8% more than the previous year.

Give every day a chance to become the most beautiful day in your life. – Mark Twain

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Upcoming D16 Tournaments

- February 27-March 3 San Miguel de Allende Regional
- February 29-March 2 Denton Local Sectional
- February 29-March 2 Houston Westside Academy 499er Sectional
- February 29-March 3 Austin BCA Mardi Gras Sectional
- [March 7-9 Beaumont Spindletop Sectional](#)
- March 25-31 District 16 STaC
- [April 5-7 Houston Electional Sectional](#)
- [April 6-7 Houston District 16 GNT Final Flights Championship & B](#)
- [April 10-13 San Antonio Roxana Tom Sectional](#)
- April 17-20 Dallas Spring Sectional
- [April 18-21 Bridge Club of Houston 499er Sectional](#)
- April 20-21 Austin Spring 0-200 Sectional
- May 2-5 Austin Spring Sectional
- May 10-11 Austin Spring 0-50 Sectional
- [May 13-19 Fort Western Regional](#)
- May 22-26 Dallas Memorial Day Sectional
- [May 25-26 Dallas District 16 GNT Final Flights A & C](#)
- June 1-2 Austin Summer NLM Sectional

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Regional Director's Update



By Paul Cuneo
District 15, 16 Regional Director

The year is off to a good start under the leadership of Margot Hennings, 2024 ACBL President, and Bronia Jenkins, ACBL Executive Director. My assignments this year are Governance and Communications Committee, Clubs Task Force, and Online Provider Task Force.

League Membership

Membership is holding steady and ACBL is working on plans to get it growing again. Among those efforts is improving alignment with the units and supporting opportunities to recruit prospects to learn bridge.

Rates & Attrition Penalties

By now you've seen communications about the raise in entry fees at NABCs with a rebate to players for staying at the host hotel. ACBL faces massive attrition charges in 2024 due to failure to meet our hotel room block minimums. The worst shortages: upcoming Louisville followed by Toronto and Las Vegas. A change had to be made and the league is working to significantly reduce projected attrition charges for Louisville.

Violations & Discipline Changes

A special board meeting was held January 12, and the main business was to review a new Code of Disciplinary Regulations (CDR) with its appendices. Updates had been discussed since 2022 and the final version was board approved unanimously. Key CDR changes are:

- Fast Track Discipline (FTD) will be implemented for pairs accused of ethical violations with no one higher than 2500 masterpoints. All cases involving pairs with one or more member with more than 2500 will be designated for the Institute for Bridge Arbitration (IBA). IBA cases are eligible for Negotiated Resolutions.

- There will be four levels of FTD which range from a warning to two years suspension, depending on the masterpoint level of the highest accused person. There will be an opportunity to reduce suspension and probation time by signing a Fair Play Promise and taking an online ethics course.

- FTD discipline cases will be generated by a computer-based cheating and detection system and Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis, and Retrieval group (EDGAR) which is our primary system. Individuals or pairs who reject FTD may file for arbitration with the IBA, but they must pay the filing fee of \$900 – which may be reimbursed if they win their case.

Litigation

I am glad to see all of this falling into place after much discussion, significant delays, and concern about litigation. EDGAR has sued Nicolas Hammond and Hammond Software (HHS) to have their patents invalidated. HHS has responded and included ACBL in its countersuit. In the meantime, you will see prosecutions and cases increase



District 16 Star Award & Unit Goodwill Awards 2024

By Sandy Potts
D16 Awards Chair

The **District 16 Star Award** honors unit volunteers who work steadfastly to promote unit bridge and to further unit activities. Each unit may choose one Star Award recipient per year.

The **Unit Goodwill Awards** recognize and honor players who exhibit a spirit of courtesy, kindness and tact at the bridge table. These players are the ambassadors of goodwill to all other players. Each unit may choose two Goodwill Awards recipients per year.



Congratulations to all the
District 16 Star Award
&
Unit Goodwill Awards
2024 recipients!



District 16 Star Award Recipients



Jo Ann Robertson
Unit 172 San Antonio

Jo Ann Robertson has worked hard to promote the game of bridge and further our unit activities. She is a worthy volunteer who has provided many services for Unit 172 – most notably, as the head of our Hospitality Team. Jo Ann has all the necessary requisites: commitment, great people skills, exceptional attention to detail, leadership, teamwork skills, and most importantly a contagious enthusiasm and attitude.

Jo Ann is easily the most compassionate person in the club. When she is not caring for her family at home she devotes time to her bridge family. She goes above and beyond by providing food for the unit games and sectionals, and she has done so for many years. A fabulous cook, she prepares most of the food herself working tirelessly to provide nutritious and tasty snacks, meals, and desserts. She has many requested items but the most requested one is her famous meatballs. Players actually line up to enjoy these delicacies. In addition to her cooking skills Jo Ann also provides food for our regional tournaments. She has a knack for decorating and strives to make each tournament special and unique.

Jo Ann is also an ambassador for this amazing game that she loves, encouraging new players and providing inspiration to returning players. And she always supports the local clubs with her warm smile, captivating laugh and welcoming attitude which are appreciated by all. Jo Ann does all things with grace and competence. She is one of the nicest ladies you would ever wish to meet but don't let that distract you from the fact that Jo Ann is also a very formidable opponent at the bridge table.

The board members of Unit 172 want to thank Jo Ann for her contributions to the duplicate bridge community. We are all so grateful for her kindness, generosity and hospitality. Jo Ann is an integral part of Unit 172 and a consummate professional in all her duties. She goes above and beyond our expectations by supporting every individual in the club. We can think of no one more deserving of the District 16 Star Award than Jo Ann Robertson.



Allison Ochsner
Unit 174 Houston

Allison Ochsner is our unit webmaster. She is a retired family physician and after taking early retirement she took

up bridge. Allison has an interest in computers so she volunteered to assist the webmaster and now she is our webmaster. Allison does amazing work. Some weeks she receives at least two or three new changes to update our web page – sometimes even two or three in a day! Often she needs to edit what is sent and always gets it right. She seems to know intuitively where certain articles should be placed and just does a great job.

Allison never complains and always lets us know when she will be unavailable. She says she finds the work challenging and enjoys contributing to Unit 174.



Debrah Chockley
Unit 176 Dallas

Debrah Chockley was on the Dallas Bridge Association Board and was the equipment liaison the first year after the COVID shutdown when we were working to reestablish our unit games, pro-am games, and tournaments.

It had been two years since our previous unit activities and we needed to learn all the "ins and outs" again. Interfacing with the equipment managers, making sure things were where they needed to be when they needed to be there. The first thing Debrah coordinated was an audit of our inventory. At that time two of our larger clubs were closing and she bought equipment from them to make our future more secure and definite.

But we also had other unique problems that year. The Fort Worth DFW Regional needed to borrow tables, bid boxes and other supplies, but how to get them to the venue and returned after the tournament? And in what shape? Debrah resolved all these issues.

The Richardson Women's Club also wanted to borrow tables, bid boxes, and other items. Debrah coordinated with them and set up a procedure for them to follow in future years.

And finally, our storage unit was broken into and the locks cut for our trailers! Fortunately, the only thing stolen was the trailer license plates which were readily reported and replaced.

Debrah was in the right place at the right time for our unit so we are proud to present to her the District 16 Star Award.



MB Howard
Unit 183 Fort Western

MB Howard is this year's District 16 Star Award winner for Unit 183. MB's numerous contributions to our unit can be summed up in a comment overheard at the studio recently, "Oh, MB is working on that." Whatever it was (and it could have been anything) it was officially being handled – no need to worry.

MB started her volunteering career when she ran for a seat on the unit board immediately after moving to Fort Worth eight years ago. She was easily elected but before even being sworn in she asked to be a tournament chair. Without missing a beat she jumped right in to run our regional tournament at DFW Airport. She did a bang up job on it and never looked back. Although no longer tournament chair, she continues to find caddies for us when no one else seems able.

MB has been our appointed and unappointed Sunshine Person, keeping tabs on players who are sick, ailing, or maybe just unhappy for some reason. She sends them cards, phone calls and well wishes.

MB's finger is on the pulse of our community. She has partnered with, or helped find partners for, nearly everyone who's been in need.

Not the least of it, MB is often on the premises organizing the storage room, discarding long forgotten items collecting dust in the kitchen, making our space inviting for guests coming for tournaments and special events. MB, what would we do without you?



Bill Samelson
Unit 187 South Texas

Bill Samelson, currently a resident of Corpus Christi, was a "Navy brat," growing up in many different cities. He graduated from W. B. Ray High School in Corpus Christi where he was a starting tackle on the state championship football team of 1959. Bill served in the U.S. Navy for four years and then settled in New Jersey. After many years in marine transportation business he started his own computer software company. When Bill retired

his son took over the business which was eventually sold to a large international company.

In 2010, Bill resettled in Austin with his former high school girlfriend, Mary Anne. They spent many days in Corpus Christi where both Bill's mother and Mary Anne's mother resided. Bill's mother, Chris Samelson, was a Life Master in duplicate bridge and took them both in hand to teach bridge to Bill while reteaching bridge to Mary Anne. In awe of her skill in the play of the hand, Bill asked his mom what method she used to remember plays. She slammed her hand on the table and said, "Pay attention!"

Bill and Mary Anne joined the Corpus Christi Duplicate Bridge Club in 2019. They both adapted to duplicate bridge and grew to be integral members of the club. Bill was elected to the unit board of directors and is serving his second term. He also succeeded the longtime club manager in that position.

Bill has spent many hours organizing the club and helping the club in its recent move to the First United Methodist Church. His assistance has been indispensable to the club's success.



Phyllis Kinnison
Unit 197 Llano Estacado

Phyllis Kinnison is the winner of the Lubbock Unit 197 District 16 Star Award. She is one of the most beloved members and is highly thought of by the membership. She is always kind, has a pleasant demeanor and many friends.

Phyllis comes from a background of teaching at Texas Tech and then high school. Later she was in charge of communications for the Lubbock Independent School District. Socially, she has been an active member of PEO and the Women's Club for many years having served as president of both.

Phyllis is a valuable member of our club for a number of reasons: she is our unit secretary, keeps our directory current, is tournament coordinator, assists with hospitality and is generally called upon whenever there is a job that needs someone in charge. Her most recent activity is helping teach potential new members to help grow our club.

Phyllis has a very close knit family, has been mar-

ried to Jay for 55+ years producing two children and six grandchildren. We are most fortunate and proud to have Phyllis as one of our members and congratulate her on winning this highly deserved District 16 Star Award.



Nat Hallmark
Unit 201 Sabine Neches

Nat Hallmark's volunteer work at Unit 201 exactly fits the description of a District Star. She works behind the scenes, never expecting recognition, and welcoming and encouraging newcomers to become part of District 16's family.

Nat's first encounter with bridge happened in 1966 while attending lessons her aunt taught, although she never pursued the game. But 20 years ago Nat and a longtime friend saw an ad in the newspaper for bridge lessons to be given at the Beaumont Bridge Studio. They took the lessons together and have been playing as partners ever since.

Nat plays weekly and admits that being a Life Master is not one of her goals, however she loves to win and enjoys the competition. Part of her positive experience at the studio is playing with all the bridge friends she has made over the years, as well as meeting new ones. She has even organized a casual game at home. All the players at the studio, old timers or newcomers, enjoy being with Nat, as well. Although she is quiet and reserved most of the time, she will surprise everyone with her quick wit and funny quips.



Nicci Beninger
Unit 205 Amistad

Originally from Canada, Nicci Beninger joined the ACBL in Vancouver, British Columbia in 1988. After playing for several years she took a hiatus from bridge from 2000-2019, but resumed the game when she and her husband, Michael, relocated to Mexico. Since moving there Nicci has been an active supporter of both the local and national bridge community. She has played in Mexico tournaments in Ajijic, Puerto Vallarta,

Acapulco, Monterrey, and San Miguel de Allende.

Nicci currently serves as the president of the Lake Chapala Duplicate Bridge Club and as tournament coordinator for Unit 205. She also teaches bridge to new and advancing players at the Lake Chapala Club. When Michael can get her away from the bridge table, they enjoy traveling, often to visit their children and grandchildren who reside in Europe and Canada.



Bill Brooks
Unit 209 Greater Permian Basin

An avid duplicate bridge player for many years, Bill Brooks was first introduced to the game when he took a course at Midland College in the mid 90s. Bill has played regularly at the Permian Bridge Club in Midland and has served on the club and unit boards. In 2001 Exxon and Mobil merged, and Bill transferred to Houston.

Since there wasn't a duplicate club close to where Bill and his wife Audie lived they played in the neighborhood party bridge games. Since they were avid duplicate players, they converted the game to duplicate play using bridge boards, individual movement guide cards, and bid boxes. Bill and Audie played in local clubs and at bridge tournaments during an 18-month temporary work assignment in Canada.

In 2012, Bill transferred to Midland to work for XTO a newly acquired ExxonMobil company. Following his retirement in 2015 Bill returned to duplicate play in Midland at the Allison Bridge Center. He plays regularly in Midland and Odessa and was very involved in the remodeling of the Allison Bridge Center. Bill continues to serve on both club and unit boards and is currently the club manager of the Permian Bridge Club. He has been vice president and president of the Unit 209 Board and has been elected vice president of the 2024 unit board.



David Hertzog
Unit 353 Wichita Falls

David Hertzog was born in Peoria, Illinois but was raised in Ohio. He graduated from Springfield High School in
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Akron, Ohio and then joined the Air Force where he served 30 years, 20 of those years were at Shepherd Air Force Base in Wichita Falls. During his Air Force tenure David earned his Bachelor's Degree in Business from Culver-Stockton College and his Master's Degree in Management from Webster University. He retired from the Air Force as a Chief Master Sergeant and he and his wife Jill currently live in Wichita Falls.

David started playing bridge in 1971 with his brother who was also stationed at Shepherd Air Force Base. They played until his brother was shipped out in 1973 and David did not play bridge again until 1978 when he partnered at a local club with Ray Renk. He and Ray went to many tournaments and David became a Life Master in 1986 and has since attained Gold Life Master.

David also took his director's test at a tournament in Las Vegas. He was a director for Bob and Barbara Cunningham for years and is currently the owner and director of The Wichita Falls Bridge Club in Unit 353. The unit is currently enjoying face-to-face bridge because of David Hertzog. The unit could not renew its lease this year because the rent increased beyond its financial capabilities. David and Jill were kind enough to let us play in their pool house at a price we could afford. They spent a lot of time cleaning out the pool house, cleansing the carpet and giving everything a new coat of paint. The space is small but since our club attendance has declined following the pandemic it's able to accommodate our games nicely.

David is a Gold Life Master and has won many awards including a Unit Goodwill Award. It is an honor for Unit 353 to name David Hertzog for the District 16 Star Award.





Unit Goodwill Awards Recipients

Unit 172 San Antonio	John Hilbig Barbara Morgan	Unit 201 Beaumont	Frances Price Janis Williams
Unit 174 Houston	Jane Armstrong Maria Turner	Unit 205 Amistad	Louise Morel Andrew Small
Unit 176 Dallas	Anne Goodman Chuck Thomas	Unit 207 Texas Capital	Mickey Goldwater Inez Grider
Unit 183 Fort Western	Melody Gann Brenda Martin	Unit 209 Greater Permian Basin	Sandy Hill Robert Schuler
Unit 187 South Texas	Ernest Polittle Patricia & Charles Good	Unit 225 East Texas	Cliff Smith
Unit 197 Llano Estacado	Bobby Eberling Bob Falk	Unit 353 Wichita Falls	Margie Brown Nell Lister



Jeff Kroll Named 2024 Teacher of the Year

By Ed Rawlinson

D16 Immediate Past Teacher of the Year Chair



Jeff Kroll & Ed Rawlinson

Jeff Kroll of Conroe was named the 2024 Teacher of the Year for District 16. He was recognized at the recent Houston Lone Star Regional by District 16 President Betty Starzec. Teacher of the Year Coordinator Ed Rawlinson said Jeff was selected from an exceptionally strong group of finalists including Laurie Levin of San Antonio, Scott Humphrey of Austin, and Gerrie Owen of Dallas.

Jeff teaches bridge at Lone Star College and monthly at the Conroe Lone Star Bridge Club.

The club class is free and open to all comers and frequently has a standing room only turnout. The class is videorecorded and all the recordings are stored on the club's [website](#) and on [Youtube](#). These recordings are not only used by area players but also by players from several foreign countries.

Jeff often uses the Internet as a teaching tool. Any player may "join the club" and more than 75 have. Members may submit questions about bidding, play, building partnerships, or other aspects of bridge. He frequently uses the BBO format to illustrate answers to bidding and play questions. These go to the entire "club", not just to the individual with the question.

Jeff also studies the columns in the ACBL Bulletin and identifies those which he feels are most responsive to questions which he receives. He shares this information with a second group of players (over 300) and maintains it in a digital library. So, while Jeff teaches some classes in a traditional setting, he utilizes technology to reach a broad audience, provide ongoing instruction, and do so in a manner that students report as highly personalized.

Evvie Gilbert Receives the District 16 Presidential Extra Mile Award

By Betty Starzec

D16 Immediate Past President



Evvie Gilbert, Houston Unit 174, stepped into the role of Scorecard editor in 2023 with the determination to evaluate and learn new publishing programs, make an accurate assessment of each tool and determine

for our district. As well, Evvie amazingly produces the monthly Unit 174 Newsletter. Needless to say her time management skills are beyond reproach!

Evvie has also undertaken the responsibility of being our Robly Coordinator. She has taken on this task and has worked relentlessly with Robly personnel to clean up not only our district's database but has provided Robly personnel with information about shortcomings within their own system.

With the incredible achievements Evvie has made to bridge for our district, it was my honor to recognize her with the Presidential Extra Mile Award at the recent Lone Star Regional. This award was created by the district to recognize someone who has gone "over and beyond" in their performances on behalf of the district, and Evvie fits the bill 1000% over the top. Congratulations, Evvie!

which product would be most effective to create an amazing publication for our district. The warp speed with which she was able to accomplish this enormous task was undeniable to all District 16 Executive Committee members, especially to Ken Monzingo who served as Evvie's mentor during this process. The district received many compliments on the new and improved Scorecard and these are due solely to Evvie's unwavering ability to provide a top quality product



District 16 NAP Winners

Congratulations to the following District 16 North American Pairs (NAP) winners who have qualified to compete in the NAP finals at the Spring NABC in Louisville. Winners who compete in the national finals receive a stipend from District 16 and support from the ACBL. Consider this fun event with initial qualifying at your local clubs beginning in June for the 2025 NABC in Memphis, Tennessee.



Flight A

- 1st Thomas Rush & Bill McCarty (Houston)
- 2nd Louis Sachar & Stephen Wood
- 3rd Ari Sippola & Pawel Hanus
- 4th James Breihan & Anton (Tony) Haddad



Flight B

- 1st Frank Floca & Linda Griffith (Austin)
- 2nd Jerek Langer & Shawn Drenning
- 3rd Phillip Jaeger and Thomas Hackenberg
- 4th Lilly Justmand & Kathryn Bailey



Flight C

- 1st Hua Chen & Kyo Chen (Sugar Land)
- 2nd Diana Clive & Peter Clive
- 3rd Zane Bolen & Teresa Bolen
- 4th Pattie Thompson & Beverly Flannery

The Most Beautiful Game in the World ♠

By Patricia Herrera

D16 Education Coordinator



In 2024 bridge is still the most beautiful game in the world. This Olympic sport (yes, it is a mind sport recognized by the International Olympic Committee) is enjoyed by millions of people around the world. Like tennis, soccer,

baseball and any other major sport, it has a league – in our case the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) that helps regulate and advance the game.

ACBL is a governing body for contract bridge in Bermuda, Canada, Mexico and the United States. It is the largest bridge organization in North America and has the mission “To Promote, Grow and Sustain the Game of Bridge.”

Being a member of a league is a great way to improve your game, connect with other players and keep on learning. You may be wondering. How does this happen? Actually, in several ways:

- **Competition and Masterpoints:** What is the point of competing at a mind sport if you don't measure yourself against your peers? Playing in sanctioned tournaments allows you to earn masterpoints which track your progress and skill level. As you advance you'll face more skilled opponents, challenging you to improve your game. It's a fascinating never ending story.

- **Learning from Better Players:** As opposed to football, tennis or almost any sport, at bridge you can play against the very best just by showing up at your local club or tournament. Can you imagine being able to play a football match against the Kansas City Chiefs and then being able to ask for strategy advice? Well if you play bridge this could happen, especially at District 16 where we have all these national and world champions!

- **Practice and Analysis:** Sanctioned games make it easier to analyze your results and helps you understand the logic and reasoning behind the rules, which leads to better decision making. Therefore, you will get better results.

- **Communication and Partnership:** When you are a member of a league it is easier and more common to work closely with a partner and put yourself in a position to win.

- **Duplicate Bridge:** Playing duplicate bridge where the same deal is played by multiple tables will help you learn from others' strategies and improve your game.

- **Cognitive Strategies:** Being a member of a league provides you with several learning opportunities such as receiving a bulletin, access to free lectures and classes, having hand records etc.

- **Community and Social Interaction:** Being a member of a league will connect you with other bridge players, providing a supportive community where you can learn and improve your game, make new friends and maybe even a love interest.

As you can see, being a member of ACBL is not only about fulfilling a club's requirement or getting a discount when you show up at tournaments, but it provides you with opportunities to improve your bridge skills, learn from better players, and connect with a supportive community of bridge enthusiasts.

So if you agree with this article, make sure to not only renew your league membership when it's time plus encourage a friend or two to join the ACBL. The more, the merrier! We are always better together.

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. You can reach her at: herrerapatricia@gmail.com



District 16 Charity Nominations ♠

By Nancy Strohmer
D16 Charity Chair



Bridge - The Game That Gives Back



Beginning in 2005, the ACBL Charity Foundation began issuing grants – these grants are now referred to as “Charities of the Year.”

District 16 is one of thirteen districts that has been chosen to receive the “Charity of the Year” grants for 2024.

If you have a charity that you would like to be considered for a grant, please submit your request with the following requirements/information:

- Name of the charity (must be a designated 501(c)3 or an NPO, AC or IAP in Mexico and non bridge related)
- Reasons why this organization should receive the grants
- Address of the charity

- Contact person and telephone number
 - Email address of charity
 - Copy of the 501(c)3, NPO, AC or IAP document
- Please note that grants will not be awarded to any organization related to bridge. There are two other foundations that award grants specifically to the bridge community: Educational Foundation and Foundation for the Preservation and Advancement of Bridge.

Please submit your request by August 1, 2024 to: Nancy Strohmer, District 16 Charity Committee Chair, nastrohmer@yahoo.com

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Strohmer (Houston) nastrohmer@yahoo.com or committee members Rebecca Brown (Austin) brownrebeccag@gmail.com, Nancy Latner (Dallas) nancylatner@gmail.com, or Mary Ann White (Ajijic, Mexico) verymaryann2@gmail.com

Grand National Teams ♠

By Scott Nason
D16 GNT Coordinator



The 2024 Grand National Teams (GNT) are coming soon. There is no unit qualifying so all are eligible for the district finals, but preregistration is required. So get your teams together, send me the team details and meet us in the spring in Houston for the

Championship and B Flights and in Dallas for the A & C Flights.

There are four levels that will compete in the GNT District Finals. The four winners of that event (or possibly more – see below) may go on to compete in the GNT Finals in Toronto in July.

- The top flight – the Championship Flight – is open to anyone who is an ACBL member in good standing, and who resided in District 16 as of September 1, 2023.
- To play in Flight A, each member of the team must have had fewer than 6000 masterpoints as of the Au-

gust 6, 2023 posting.

- For Flight B the cutoff is 2500 points.
- And Flight C is limited to Non-Life Masters with fewer than 500 points.
- Each team may consist of 4, 5 or 6 players, but each player must be eligible for the flight in which the team is competing.

Two Separate Venues

The District Finals will be split into two venues: the Championship and B Flights will be held in Houston on April 6-7, Flights A and C will be held in Dallas on May 25-26. The winners from each flight may advance to the National GNT Finals in Toronto in July at the Summer NABC, and will be eligible for an expense stipend if they play in Toronto.

Note also that if Flights B and/or Flight C have eight or more teams, the *top two* teams will qualify for the National Finals. For more information, you may consult the event flyer (below) and the GNT Conditions of Contest, which are posted on the District 16 website.



District 16 Grand National Teams

2024 District Finals

April 6-7 in Houston & May 25-26 in Dallas

Saturday, April 6, Houston

Flight B qualifying	10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
Championship Flight qualifying	10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 7, Houston

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

Saturday, May 25, Dallas

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

Sunday, May 26, Dallas

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

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

Venues

Houston, April 6-7 - With the sectional tournament at 10510 Harwin Drive, Houston.
Dallas, May 25-26 - With sectional at the Holiday Inn, 1655 No. Central Expressway, Richardson.

Stratifications/Eligibility

Every player must be an ACBL member in good standing, and must be a resident of District 16 as of September 1, 2023.

Masterpoint Limits for Each Flight

- Championship Flight – open to anyone
- Flight A – Open to players with less than 6,000 masterpoints as of August 6, 2023
- Flight B – Open to players with less than 2,500 masterpoints as of August 6, 2023
- Flight C – Open to Non-Life Masters with less than 500 masterpoints as of August 6, 2023

All teams must preregister with Scott Nason at sdnason@sbcglobal.net no later than April 1 for Championship and B, and by May 20 for Flights A and C. You must supply the names of the players, ACBL numbers and the flight in which you will compete. Card fees will be \$60 (\$15x4) per team per session.

Tournament Chair: Scott Nason sdnason@sbcglobal.net

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

We Are Official ♠

By Tomi Storey

D16 Dallas 2027 NABC Chair



In the last Scorecard Paul Cuneo said in his Board of Directors report from Atlanta that Dallas was approved as the location for the Spring 2027 NABC. I hope everyone saw that, but just in case you missed it, let me repeat – Dallas will host an NABC again for the first time since 2014! To say that we are excited would be a monumental understatement. There is an incredible amount of research and planning that goes into potential sites for tournaments. Size of meeting areas, lighting, restaurants, ADA access, affordable rates, even the number of restrooms that don't require hiking boots to get there and back. The Hyatt Regency in downtown Dallas matched the criteria needed. I think everyone will be very pleased with the hotel and it will be going through additional renovations before our dates, in preparation for the World Cup coming to DFW in 2026.

More on those plans as we hear about them, so mark your calendars for March 11-21, 2027. As the chair of the 2014 NABC, I am delighted to say that I will be back in that role for 2027, but cochairing this time with Scott Nason. Scott is known to District 16 as our GNT coordinator, NABC correspondent, and the Unit 176 representative to the District 16 Board of Directors. I couldn't ask for a better partner in this endeavor, both as cochair and at the table.

Watch the future Scorecard issues for updates and plans as they develop. I hope you will be there because it is going to be one Texas-sized Bridge Party!

Roxana Tom Sectional

April 10 - 13, 2024

SAN ANTONIO TEXAS



Nearby Hotel

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

Playing Site

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

♥ Wednesday, April 10, 2024 – Cost \$14 per person per session

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

♦ Friday, April 12, 2024 – Cost \$14 per person per session

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

♣ Thursday, April 11, 2024 – Cost \$14 per person per session

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

♠ Saturday, April 13, 2024 – Cost \$136 per team

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

499'er Game (3 Table Minimum)

Wednesday – Friday

Stratifications: A: 2500+ B: 750-2500 C: 0-750
All Events Average MP's
Changes of Strats at the discretion of the DIC

Wednesday,
Thursday & Friday
are Single Sessions

Guest Speakers
Wednesday – Friday
2:30 pm



Non ACBL Members
ADD \$4

Tournament Chair: Ellen Hessel (210) 325-5538 & Roxana Tom (210) 508-4697
Partnership Chair: Jo Neesvig (210) 508-1448
Director in Charge: Melody Euler

Cashless Entry Only

New Members

December 2023 - January 2024



172 Donnelle Blahuta	174 Isabella Owolabi	183 Dale P Muldrow
172 Sharon M Doerr	174 Steve Rakofsky	183 Ruth H Nelson
174 Solomon J Alaniz	174 Noah Regner	183 Maanushri Obalapuram
174 Adyaan A Ali	174 Kian A Reyhani	183 Laura Odom
174 Hadia Asad	174 Juan Rodriguez	187 Sandra Heatherley
174 Clark Bennett	174 Cristian Sepulveda	197 Sandy Bagley
174 Neil Bhuriya	174 Malone Smith	197 Norma L Kincer
174 Will Bond	174 Jennifer Tektiridis	201 Jockelynn T Herbert
174 Daniel Chavez	174 Syed A Tirmizi	201 Roxanne McGraw
174 Ngoc Chieng	174 Antonio Wu	207 Andrew Black
174 Isaiah Cole	174 Roger Zhen	207 Charlotte E Brigham
174 Hudson Daly	174 Weijun Zhu	207 Jeanne J Cassidy
174 Ruizhe Deng	176 Patricia P Ellington	207 Vivek Chilakamarri
174 Collin Ernst	176 Camille C Fournier	207 Assel Garcia
174 Ozzy Escobar	176 Leslie B Golden	207 Martha Hartt
174 Lisa M Flynn	176 Susan Langford	207 Dallas E Heenan
174 Warren T Horvath	176 Robert Levene	207 Laurie Slick
174 Dillon Huynh	176 Marcia R Loughry	207 Cynthia Thane
174 Dennis A Khalimov	176 Uma Obalapura	207 Nathan Thane
174 Shees A Khan	176 John Dee Swope	209 Diane B Martin
174 Edwin Kofman	176 Judy Townley	209 Troy G Martin
174 Jason M Lee	183 Brandon Buchanan	209 Bernard J Niven
174 Jessie Y Lee	183 Carol A Cooley	224 Jill Rejeanne
174 Saswin Maheswaran	183 Mary Dove	225 Angela G Dickinson
174 Alliyah Minoza	183 Alan George	225 Frank J Morton
174 David H Moore	183 Sarah E McCormick	225 Linda L Morton
174 Romeo Ngo	183 Myron McKinney	237 Joshua Velasquez



Masterpoint Milestones

December 2023 - January 2024

Junior Master (5 MPs)

172 Jean T Lee	174 Lorraine Hart	176 Mr. Tom Misteli
174 Sarah M Arends	174 Fonda Tenenbaum	183 Diane S Brundage
174 Can P Berktaş	174 John Untereker	183 David W Hammer
174 Joe P Chambliss	176 Michael D Mansfield	183 Suzy B Stout
174 Barbara J Emmett	176 Pamela McBride	187 Eddie C Mange
	176 Jenny McCall	187 Petra Ramharack

197 Sappho H Charney
197 Sue St Clair
204 Janice V Izzard
207 Susan Buckley
207 Katy Clayton
207 Mr. Dennis S Grosse
207 Jan Lamonte
207 Edie L Lepgold
207 Jennifer Micetich
207 Mark W Smith
207 Linda Uhl
209 Elizabeth B Hartman
225 Sarah L Wages
353 Anne M Hoover

Club Master (20 MPs)

174 Rodney M Armstrong
174 Tamara R Fincher
174 Mr. Charles J Murray
174 Shangyou S Nie
176 Venkata R Mandava
183 Carol E Bednar
183 Sue Brown
183 Kaaran Corbin
183 Kimberly S Lee
183 Nola Schrum
204 I Riki Rich
207 Mrs. Sandra Hall
207 William D King
207 Gerard P Nugent
209 Larry Pitts
224 Jill Rejeanne
225 Debra S Pierce
353 David W Dodson

Sectional Master (50 MPs)

173 Alejandro Buchmann
174 Mr. Baines Manning
174 Mr. Thomas Brown
174 Dwight J Evans Jr
174 Kelly Harp
174 Mr. Kimberlin Kane
174 Mr. Clark King
174 Robert L Rolnick
174 Dennis D Sucec
174 Mr. Marc Sullivan
174 Mr. Don W Williams
174 Ray Yoder
176 Robert Neal
183 Mrs. Barbara B Main
197 Alma L Mary
204 Juanita Baker

207 Paul A Alford
207 Mr. Allan Craig
207 Maryann W Wolff

Regional Master (100 MPs)

173 Marcela Guerra
174 Steve Broderick
174 John P Doyle
174 David Feuerbacher
174 Mr. Leon Gertsch
174 Wolfgang G Horn
174 Winnie Mohsenzadeh
174 Helen M Schwisow
176 Hanuman P Goel
176 Robert Neal
176 Rose Whatley
183 Robert N Stevens
207 Claire Hays
207 Mrs. Val J Hrobsky
225 Mr. Sanjay Santhanam

NABC Master (200 MPs)

173 Aurora L De Gonzalez
173 Cordelia Montemayor
174 Bill Brady
174 Carolyn A Hardy
174 Margarite C Kirk
174 Kay G Watson
176 Mrs. June L Kiley
176 Gari L Martin
183 Brenda M Darby
183 Michael E Frederick
207 Michael L Atchison
207 David Sechrest
207 Mr. Robert Z Williamson
225 Mrs. Suzanne K Smith

Advanced NABC Master

(300 MPs)

176 Kent L Baxter
254 Alan P Greene

Life Master (500 MPs*)

174 Mrs. Susan D Smith
176 Mr. Walter Netschi
176 Judy L Wood
183 Mrs. Pamala G Pickrell
183 Harley G Puff
183 Nutan Saraiya
207 Dorothy G Foster
225 Karen S Bell

Bronze Life Master

(750 MPs)**

176 Mrs. Jill B Hartel
183 Nutan Saraiya
204 Mr. Dale Harris
353 Dr. Martha M Harvey

Silver Life Master

(1000 MPs)

174 Mr. Gene C Levy
174 Mr. David Littmann
174 Mrs. Suzie Wilson
176 Ms. Connie S Burnett
176 Mrs. Sandra K Fedro
183 Mr. Charles A Wobbeking
197 Mrs. Phyllis L Kinnison
207 Mickey Goldwater

Ruby Life Master

(1500 MPs)

174 Mr. Stephen D Bickel
174 Ms. Patsy R Howell
174 Sam Khayatt
174 Mrs. Aruna Sane
176 William D Driscoll
176 Mrs. Elaine B Estes
176 Jo Shah
207 Mrs. Jane Collins
207 John V Olson
225 Mrs. Elizabeth A Smith

Gold Life Master

(2500 MPs)

172 Susan Hernandez
183 Ms. Lorraine Little
183 Mr. Charles C Raines
183 Mr. David L Robinson
201 Mrs. Loretta B Gary
225 Liz C Jacobson

Sapphire Life Master (3500 MPs)

174 Mr. James P Ochsner

Diamond Life Master (5000 MPs)

176 Ms. Marilyn B Florin
207 Kim Brinkman

Platinum Life Master (10,000 MPs)

176 Mr. Suresh Agrawal
176 Mr. Bill Osborn



*Prior to January 1, 2010 - 300 MPs

**Prior to January 1, 2010- 500 MPs

D16 70% + Club

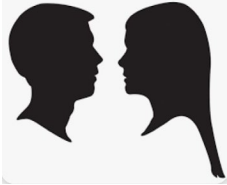
Larry Brough & Karen Bell Pittsburg – Pittsburg DBC	77%	Bart Bramley & Kitty Cooper Dallas – Friendly Bridge Club	70.73%
Gloria Rowland & Sandy O'Bannon Athens – Dottie Pirkle's DBC	75%	Harlene & Larry Micheals Beaumont – Beaumont Bridge Studio	70.58%
Stephen Kornegay & Nancy Kornegay Arlington – Arlington DBC	74.16%	Susan Ford & Norma Lunsford Athens – Dottie Pirkle's DBC	70.37%
Tomie Johnson & Dave Hertzog Wichita Falls – Bridge Club of Wichita Falls	73.96%	KC Evans & Debbie Conly Midland – Permian Bridge Club, Inc.	70.14%
Larry Brough & Karen Bell Pittsburg – Pittsburg DBC	73.81%	Fred Mueller & RJ Engler College Station – Pebble Creek DBC	70%
Leo Myers & Jeffrey Krasner Puerto Vallarta – Puerto Vallarta	73.81%	Marvin Harris & Bonnie Keough College Station – Star Duplicate DBC	70%
Ari Sippola & Pawel Hanus Dallas – Friendly Bridge Club'	73.48%	Richard & Pat Eddy Mazatlan – Mazatlan DBC	70%
Tomi Story & Jim Baeur Plano – Friendly Bridge Club	73.09%		
Tom Watson & Wayne Outlaw Orange – Orange Community Bridge League	72.92%		
Richard Page & Rebecca Page Plano – Friendly Bridge Club	72.92%		
Fred Mueller & Joes Nance College Station – Star DBC	72.13%		
Margaret Kirkland & Anne Halsell Wichita Falls – Bridge Club of Wichita Falls	72%		
Bennie Young & Nancy Purcell Wichita Falls – Bridge Club of Wichita Falls	71.88%		
Dee Rasmussen & Ed Rasmussen Orange – Orange Community Bridge League	71.53%		
Mike & Vicki Moffatt Mazatlan – Mazatlan DBC	71.25%		
Linda Saltzman & Mike Saltzman Mazatlan – Mazatlan DBC	70.83%		
Richard Eddy & Madelene Blum Mazatlan – Mazatlan DBC	70.74%		

Reporting D16 70% + Games

The D16 70% + Club recognizes members who have scored 70% or higher scores in one of the district's club masterpoint game that is open or non-restricted. (For example, masterpoint-restricted games or country club games restricted by membership do not qualify. Nor do cruise games, sectional or regional games.) At least four tables with at least 16 boards must be in play.

70% + Games must be reported to the Scorecard. These results are not automatically picked up from club files. The club director, manager or any player may send an email to: D16-ScorecardEditor@d16acbl.org with the subject: **D16 70% + Club.**

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 John Kalb

Unit 176 Fairview

By Nancy Connors



John Kalb
Fairview Unit 176

If you see a duplicate bridge player wearing a Florida State or SMU shirt, chances are it's John Kalb. John spent nearly 40 years working in higher education at two prestigious universities: Florida State University and Southern Methodist University, where he served as a university administrator until his retirement a few years ago.

A native of Missouri, John majored in history at the University of Missouri-Columbia after a couple of false starts, one in engineering, then accounting. After earning both a BA and MA at Missouri, Uncle Sam felt he had spent enough time playing student and should give him a couple of years. This led to John serving as an artillery officer in the U.S. Army while stationed in Germany.

After the military service John went to Florida State (FSU) as a graduate assistant while he worked on a doctorate in history. After completing his Ph.D., he joined the FSU faculty and taught Western Civilization, American Civilization, and American History at both Florida State and Tallahassee Community

College.

John retired from FSU after spending 30 years in Tallahassee. He then relocated to Dallas after accepting a position in administration at Southern Methodist University where he remained until he retired for the second time.

John started playing bridge in high school. He admits that he almost majored in bridge in college! He eventually put the game aside, however, to focus on family and career; he began playing regularly again at the McKinney Duplicate Club after moving to Fairview in 2013.

John enjoys traveling, although a recent cruise from Barcelona to Florida was not the dream trip hoped for when several ports were canceled due to bad weather. On a happier note the trip ended with a nice visit with his daughter in Tampa.

Going back to his college days John was selected for the University of Missouri team participating in the Big 8 Conference Quiz Bowl matches in 1963 and 1964. He still enjoys trivia and participates in trivia competition bimonthly at Heritage Ranch where he's lived since 2013. John is a regular player at the McKinney Duplicate Bridge Club and recently completed a two-year term on their board of directors.

Married for almost 58 years, John and Eileen have two daughters, one granddaughter and two step grandsons. Unfortunately, he admits, none of them play bridge!

Nancy Connors, Plano, is secretary of the McKinney Duplicate Bridge Club.

A Diamond in the Ruff – Rick Stell

Unit 174 Houston

By Katie Gardner

For any ACBL not-for-profit bridge club to run efficiently and effectively, the club's managing body must rely on "kindness of volunteers" (sorry, Tennessee Williams). I know that every club (including ours) can boast of many standouts among their volunteers. I want to take the opportunity to highlight an excellent bridge player, tutor, smart, talented, giving, and generous volunteer, Rick Stell.



Rick Stell
Houston Unit 174

While on the quest to Diamond Life Master Rick Stell has been donating his time to Clear Lake Bridge Club (CLBC) for more than 12 years. He makes boards weekly for the games and maintains our club's printers, toner cartridges, copier, and dealing machines including their purchase, cleaning, and maintenance. Proactive would be the best word to describe his volunteer style. Rick is the guy who "sees" things to do and does them, often at a reduced cost to the club. As an example, during the Holiday Season Party preparations, Rick heard the chairs for these events express concern for outlets for crock pots, serving dishes and heating plates. He also became concerned about the number of outlets and their wattage. Prior to the events, Rick tested and labeled each outlet so they had the correct wattage to accommodate the number of dishes without a power overload and electrical calamity. He also labeled each outlet and electrical switch in the club, so we have a reference point in the future.

Rick's volunteer contribution escalated into the realm of lessons and mentoring beginning and intermediate bridge players. With the re-emergence of f2f play after the COVID-19 lock down was raised, CLBC wanted to provide a vehicle for returning members to refresh and strengthen their game and encourage new and intermediate members to play at

the physical location. Rick, along with Cindy Cox and I, introduced Bridge, Breakfast and a Lesson. This monthly event was held in the morning with breakfast at 9:00 a.m. and lesson at 9:20-9:50. Initially Rick prepared and gave these lessons. Wow! It was the shot in the arm the club needed. Attendance was high, often with standing room only. Rick spent an incredible number of hours preparing and providing "on the mark" lessons in an organized and concise style that attendees could walk away with "nuggets" of renewed and new knowledge of play, bidding, and conventions.

He always has handouts, asks and credits sources such as District 16 Lecture Series Presenter Sally Wheeler to use their materials. Rick even developed "flash cards" for attendees. The success is evident, with members using them regularly. This extra effort is appreciated by our members and the board. In time, other "A" players were asked to provide lessons and give Rick a break. Yet, another success as they heard the call, volunteered and delivered.

CLBC sponsors a monthly Mentor/Mentee open game where Rick is a regular mentor. He also regularly plays with beginning and intermediate players to assist them to strengthen their play and confidence. It is a treat to be on Rick's mentor list and get to play with him.

Rick achieved his Diamond Life Master in 2023 which is a huge accomplishment. From Akron, Ohio Rick attended Purdue University graduating with a degree in Chemical Engineering. He is quick to credit high school bridge club, his family (mother, sister Sue, and twin brother Rob) for the introduction to and sound basics of bridge along with Steve Vaughn who (in 1982) saw the potential in Rick's game and serves as Rick's mentor and often partner. He also thanks numerous partners who helped him earn the Diamond Life Master distinction. Rick, his wife Sherri, son Jason and grandson, Julian, live in Houston.

Clear Lake Bridge Club extends tremendous thanks to Rick Stell for his STELLar performance; we are so fortunate to have him as a member.

Katie Gardner is a member and former president of the Clear Lake Bridge Club.

Gloria Rowland Player of the Year, Van Zandt DBC

Unit 225 Mabank

By Deb Pascoe



Gloria Rowland
Mabank Unit 225

Gloria Rowland, Mabank, was recognized by the Van Zandt DBC as their player of the year for 2023, her second time to be so recognized. This award is given to the member who accumulates the most points during the calendar year.

Gloria's lifelong love for the game began with party bridge. That changed about 65 years ago when she was living in Abilene and attended a lecture given by the legendary Charles Goren. She was immediately captivated by the competitive nature of contract bridge. Gloria and her husband played together and she competed against both Goren and Oswald Jacoby in tournaments.

Gloria and her family moved from Abilene to Dallas where she did not play for some time while busy raising her children and working. Her husband died and she remarried a gentleman farmer who did not play bridge.

In 1991, Gloria moved to Cedar Creek Lake and took up the game again. There she found some people who played party bridge and, in a moment of serendipity, learned from a kibitzer that a local duplicate game existed. There she met Evelyn Schmidt who became a friend, bridge partner and business colleague. Evelyn, Gloria and others traveled to tournaments together, always loading into Evelyn's vehicle since it had the most room for luggage.

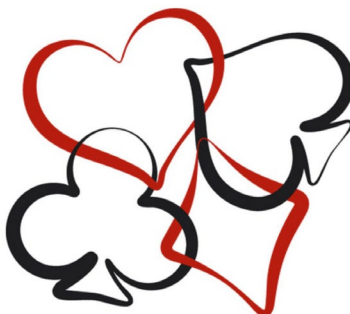
In 2002, they attended a tournament in Atlanta where they discovered Knockout Teams play. They entered and won – totally exhilarating because the number of points awarded in this type of game is much higher than in pairs events.

Evelyn and Gloria opened The Bridge Studio at Cedar Creek in 2003. It welcomed players for the next 17 years until COVID shut everything down. The studio hosted classes for new players and attracted players from all over the region due to its reputation for friendliness.

Gloria is a Sapphire Life Master, with more than 4100 masterpoints, and received the Texas Star Award (now District 16 Star Award), a district level award recognizing a player's significant contributions to his/her unit throughout the year.

The Van Zandt DBC is honored to have Gloria as a regular player. Her love of the game, sense of humor, generosity of spirit, and willingness to help less experienced players is so appreciated by those of us who know her.

Deb Pascoe is the Unit 225 Webmaster and Scorecard Reporter.





Contributors

Finn Kolesnik

Unit 207 Austin

By Barbara Clements



Finn Kolesnik
Austin Unit 207

One of our youngest and most impressive players in Unit 207 is Finn Kolesnik, nineteen. If you read the monthly ACBL Bulletin you will often see Finn's name listed as a winner at national tournaments. Finn was born in Austin and has family here. He was raised in Southern California. His parents are professors in the greater Los Angeles area and serious bridge players. His father, Alex Kolesnik, currently runs the USBF Junior Training Program. His mother, Sharon Beynon, teaches bridge lessons.

Finn played in his first NABC in 2017 in Toronto. In 2022 he received his first big bridge result which was winning the Soloway Knockout Teams. He also won the Junior World Championships in Pairs and Teams. His most recent big win was the Gold Coast Pairs in Australia last year.

Finn has an impressive list of wins and high scores in his years of playing in tournaments. In January this year Finn had one of his best tournament at the Albuquerque Regional:

Tuesday Open Pairs

MPs Rank

21.98 2nd Finn Kolesnik, Austin;
Alexander Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA

Wednesday Bracket I Teams

MPs Rank

28.22 1st Finn Kolesnik, Austin;
Alexander Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA;
Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio;
William Harker, Santa Fe NM;
Jim Munday, Albuquerque NM

Thursday Board-A-Match Teams

MPs Rank

13.28 2nd Finn Kolesnik, Austin;
Jim Munday, Albuquerque NM;
Robert Morris - Eddie Wold, Houston;
Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio

Friday-Saturday Bracket I Teams

MPs Rank

45.63 1st Finn Kolesnik, Austin;
Alexander Kolesnik, Los Angeles CA;
Robert Morris - Eddie Wold, Houston;
Jim Munday, Albuquerque NM;
Venkatrao Koneru, San Antonio

Top Albuquerque Masterpoint Winners

- 109.11 Finn Kolesnik, Austin
- 107.79 Shan Huang, Palm Beach Gardens FL
- 107.79 Kevin Bathurst, Palm Beach Gardens FL

Finn turned professional two years ago and moved to Austin a year and a half ago. He plays at the Bridge Center of Austin (BCA). As an aside, his first game at the BCA he played with Nancy Joe. Finn's regular partner is Ishmael Del'monte. He has all the pigmented points and wins he needs to make Grand Life Master but still needs to collect some black points.

Finn likes to travel and enjoys the outdoors and hiking. He also enjoys video games and other card games such as Barbu.

Barbara Clements is the Unit 207 Scorecard Reporter.

A Brief History of the Nacogdoches Duplicate Bridge Club

Unit 225 Nacogdoches

By Gay Roach

To the best of anyone's recollection ACBL sanctioned duplicate bridge games in Nacogdoches started in the 1950s. Henrietta Baker and Ann Stephens were the directors and they ran three games per week. In 1960, MacAlister Smith and Gillette Tilford started the nationwide famous Mother's Day Sectional in Nacogdoches.

There were barrels of beer and the smoke in the playing areas hung low. Neither of them cared to make a profit, and many famous bridge pros were invited and treated royally. I have been asked about this tournament in my travels around the country with many reminiscing about what fun it was and mourning its passing.

MacAlister and Gillette ran the tournament until 1985 when Jack Yarbrough took over the tournament and he directed it from 1985-1995. Its popularity remained, but the beer did not flow, nor did the smoke hang low.



One memory I have is of a game that was being played during a thunderstorm and the lights all went out in the Hotel Fredonia. Undeterred, as bridge players usually are, candles were lit and distributed and the games went on. For a few years longer in the late 1990s Chris and Laura Dee ran the tournament, but it was not profitable and died a natural death.

The games went on with Jack Yarbrough and Ann Stevens directing and Sharon Medford ran the club for a time. At this time there were about three games per week, including a few evening games, which were played in various bank hospitality rooms and church recreation halls.

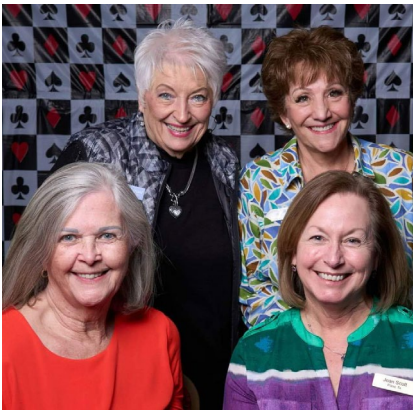
Then in the 2000s Abe and Jimmie Lou Conner ran two afternoon games per week with Abe and Jack and Gay directing. The Conners decided to move to Austin to be near family and the game moved from churches and banks to Gay Roach's home on Sarah Anne where it remains to this day with just one afternoon game per week and some very tough players.

Gay Roach is the manager of the Nacogdoches DBC.

Traveling and Mining for Gold

Unit 176 Plano

By Valarie Remmers



Lorri Brockman, Jean Scott, Brenda Leonard, & B.K. Sloan
2024 Lone Star Regional
Wednesday, January 24 Bracket 8 Swiss Teams - 3rd Place

Need gold points? Lorri Brockman, Plano and Mercedes, is the friend you want to have. Jean Scott, Plano, needed a number of masterpoints for Life Master but also needed more gold pigmented points. Lorri and Jean traveled to Omaha last summer in search of gold. A tough regional, and not enough gold were earned. Success, however, was not far from home. At the Dallas Labor Day Regional Jean and Lorri teamed up with friends Ann Gronewald and Maggie Miller of Marietta, Georgia (who were also in search of their gold), and day by day they mined a bit more gold until Jean and her Georgia teammates all accumulated enough gold to move them to Life Master.

Lorri then learned that Brenda Leonard from Carrollton needed gold points for her Life Master,

so that means there are more mining adventures in Lorri's future. Lorri and Brenda went to the Wichita Regional in October in search of gold. They had some success, but not quite enough. The Houston Lone Star Regional in January was the next tournament for a mining adventure. Lorri learned that B.K. Sloan of Dallas was also in search of gold, so Lorri and Jean, and Brenda and B.K. teamed up and played and mined gold in Houston. Success for Brenda, and B.K. is now

within 2.5 of the gold points she needs for her Life Master. Lorri has now achieved Silver Life Master status and has been instrumental in helping at least four others achieve their Life Master. The old girl scout song that goes: "Make new friends, but keep the old, one is silver and the other's gold" rings true for Lorri – she is a gold friend.

Valarie Remmers is co-owner of the Friendly Bridge Club.



Unit 172 - San Antonio

By Ellen Hessel

Unit 172 hosted the North American Pairs (NAP) in conjunction with our January Ed Rawlinson Sectional. The tournament was held at the San Antonio Shrine Auditorium and chaired by Sharon Evans, Roxie Tom and Nancy Tom. Hats off to these gals who did a bang up job! They even had a food truck (German fare) stop by at the break between sessions, a really great idea.

The tournament table count was 136 ½ tables not including the NAP. Twenty pairs showed up for the two day, four session Flight A event which was won by our very own Bill McCarty and Thomas Rush from Unit 174 Houston. There were 18 pairs in Flight B with Frank Floca and Linda Griffith of Unit 207 Austin taking top honors. Flight C had eight pairs and was won by Hua Chen and Kyo Chen (eight years old) of Unit 174 Houston. Best of luck to these pairs in Louisville as well as to the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place pairs who also qualified for the chance to compete at the NAP finals at the Spring Nationals.

We'll be having a unit game on Saturday, March 9 at St. Thomas Episcopal Church which is at 1416 North Loop 1602 E. It will be our Awards Day Celebration.

At the January Lone Star Regional in Houston Jo Ann Robertson was awarded the District 16 Star Award, which recognizes outstanding service to the unit. Barbara Morgan and John Hilbig each received the Unit Goodwill Awards.

We've also planned a Spring Sectional, April 10-16 at the same unit game location, honoring Roxanna Tom. Roxanna, who passed away in 2022, volunteered tirelessly for our unit. Additionally, she passed her passion for the game to her daughters, Roxie and Nancy who now serve on our board of directors. Hope to see you all there!



Unit 174 - Houston

By Jack LaVigne

After the Lone Star Regional several Unit 174 members relaxed and enjoyed bridge on the Harmony of the Seas bridge cruise.



Future Life Masters (FLM)

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

featuring information about classes, games and tournaments with a freestanding [website](#).

FLM hosts an Online BBO game every Tuesday at 3:05 for 0-99 masterpoint players. Search our game for FLM, all are welcome! If you have never played a BBO online game please contact us the day before the game, we will help you get set up. You will need an ACBL number.

Mary Ellen Vail: mevail48@gmail.com 678 910-6402



News from Unit 174 Clubs

[Apple Duplicate Bridge Clubs](#)

Weekly Game Schedule

Open games are held on Monday and Friday at 11:30 a.m. at the Tracy Gee Community Center, 3598 Westcenter. Both clubs will be closed for the Primary Elections on Friday, March 1 and Monday, March 4.

D16/Unit 174 charity games will be held on the following Fridays: March 8, March 15 and March 22. The club will be closed on Good Friday, March 29 (county holiday), and on April 5 for the Election Sectional.

299er Games

The 299er games are held on the last Monday of the month.

[Bridge Academy of West Houston](#)

Platinum Life Master Party

On Wednesday, January 17 everyone enjoyed the party that Joyce Ryan put on to celebrate David Henke achieving the rank of Platinum Life Master. Bridge has been part of David's life for a long time. He grew up in Oklahoma where he first caddied, learned bridge as a freshman at the University of Oklahoma, became the youngest Life Master at the age of 21 and opened a bridge club.



Joyce Ryan & David Henke
(And many yummy cakes.)

He took a long hiatus from bridge to work as a lawyer at Kerr-McGee Corporation and to raise a family. He moved to Houston in 1999 and retired in 2007. In 2010 an NABC was held in Houston which he attended to kibitz Ed Groner, who he had known in Oklahoma. Ed and David visited that night and played a local game a few weeks later. He has been playing regularly ever since. Congratulations, David!

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 Tuesday, March 5 and April 2. 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 & Future Life Masters Pairs

The Eight is Enough Swiss Teams and Future Life Masters Pairs are held once a month on Sundays at 1:30 p.m. The upcoming games are March 24 and April 28.

Weekly Game Schedule

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

Charity, Grass Roots and D16 STaC games are scheduled for March.

[Bridge Club of Houston](#)

Tuesday Tidbits

Build a solid foundation with Julie Halperin, Diamond Life Master and ACBL Teacher, and enjoy a free lesson from 9:30-10:10 a.m. The game to follow begins at 10:30 a.m. 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

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

Eight is Enough Swiss Teams Games

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

Saturday F2F 299er and Open Game

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

Saturday F2F 299er and Open Game are held every weekend with putlucks and points each week. Check the [website](#) for more information.

BCOH 2024 Board of Directors

The 2024 board of directors are ready to work hard to keep BCOH a wonderful place to play bridge. ▶▶

This year's elected officers are: Janice Hardcastle - president; Bob Ziegler - vice president; Kathy L'Hommedieu - treasurer. Other board members include Mike Linkins, Marsha Boyer, Charles Woody, Debbie Nash, and newly elected members Brian Shaffer and Kas Rangand.

Clear Lake Bridge Club

Clear Lake Bridge Club (CLBC) is located at 16614 Sea Lark Road, Houston 77059. Phone number is 281 480-1911. CLBC offers bridge games every day of the week.

Weekly Game Schedule

Open Games are held Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m., and Thursday and Saturday afternoons at 1:00 p.m.

I/N Games are offered four days per week as follows:

749er Games are on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. and Thursday at 1:00 p.m.

299er Games are on Monday at 2:00 p.m.

199er Games are on Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.

Swiss Teams Games are on Sunday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. On the second Sunday of the month the game is an Eight is Enough Swiss Teams.

Mentor/Mentee Open Games are on the third Wednesday. This game is restricted to CLBC members only due to expenses since it includes lunch for all participants.

Bridge, Donuts and Lessons

Bridge, Donuts and Lessons are on the second Wednesday of the month at 9:00 a.m.

Game Fees

Our game fees are \$6.00 for members (\$7.00 for guests). If you are a frequent guest, it is probably a good idea to become a member because our annual dues are only \$25.00 / year.

We look forward to participating in the D16's Royal STaC week that is happening March 25-31.

Our club supports the Unit 174 Election Sectional that is April 5-7. Check out the flyer in this issue of the Scorecard for all of the details.

Come see us and play some bridge!

Fort Bend Bridge Club

Fort Bend Duplicate Bridge has a game on Tuesdays at:

Arabia Shriners Center
10510 Harwin Drive
Houston

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Please arrive by 10:15 a.m. as the game starts at 10:30 a.m. We offer:

- Bridge Mate II Scoring
- At Least 36 Upgraded Games a Year
- Hand Records after Every Game
- A Nice Balance of Friendly A, B, & C Players
- Coffee and Substantive Snacks
- Fully Sanctioned ACBL Game
- Results Available Immediately
- Fully Qualified and Experienced Directors

Due to rent expense entries are \$7.00.

Please call 832-287-9170) or email (ewat2004@aol.com) John Eric Watson in advance so we can start on time.



Unit 176 - Dallas

By Bill Driscoll

Truett Cates, Sherman, and Paul Taylor, Dallas, were elected to the Unit 176 Board, Milt Neher, Richardson, was reelected to a new three year term, and Mary Chaffin, Dallas, is assuming the board position held by Stu Nelan, who is stepping down. Congratulations to all and much appreciation to our other fine candidates. Many thanks to Stu and to retiring board members Eileen Davidoff and Scott Nason for their outstanding service. The unit board president for 2024 is Connie Scott, Celina.

The Dallas Winter Sectional was held February 21-24. Results can be found on the ACBL website. Our next tournament is the Dallas Spring Sectional April 17-20 at the Lovers Lane United Methodist Church, 9200 Inwood Road, Dallas, 75229.

The next unit game is Sunday, March 10 at Congregation Shearith Israel, 9401 Douglas Avenue, Dallas, 75225. Scheduled events are Open Pairs and 749er Pairs; the start time is 1:30 p.m. Please preregister to ensure a spot - the number of entries is limited due to space restrictions. You must have a partner before preregistering, Click [here](#) to preregister, Click [here](#) to view registrations.

Dallas was awarded the Spring 2027 North American Bridge Championship (NABC). The tournament will be held at the Dallas Hyatt Regency Hotel, March 11-21, 2027. Thanks to Tomi Storey who participated in the site selection process.

Joint Friendly Bridge Club/Unit 176 events were held on January 9. Congratulations to Debrah & Michael Chockley (A) and

Marian Maley & Robert Ozarow (B) for winning the Pro-Am Pairs and to Randy Patterson, Mark Meiches, Leonard Epstein, & Alan Josephson for winning the Eight is Enough Swiss Teams game. Results can be found on the Friendly BC website [Pro-Am Results](#), [8 is Enough Results](#).

Other 2024 Unit 176 Tournaments

May 22-26 Memorial Day Sectional
May 25-26 GNT District 16 Finals Flights A & C
August 26 Labor Day Regional Online
August 27-September 1 Labor Day Regional
November 6-9 Fall Sectional (November 6-9)
November 6-9 Fall I/N Regional

More details about events are available on the [Unit 176 Website](#). Also check out the Intermediate/Newcomer's Corner on the site featuring opportunities for our newer players. Please join us at any of the Dallas area bridge clubs, [Unit 176 Bridge Clubs and Games](#).



Unit 183 - Fort Western

By John Robbins

The Fort Worth Bridge Studio hosted the unit's February three day sectional with more than double the number of preregistered players showing up for the weekend event. Winners' pictures will appear elsewhere in Scorecard.

The Fort Worth club is currently reviewing options for a new location when its lease expires in July. One possibility is continuing to use a reduced portion of the current site, but the search committee is also reviewing other locations in the area and will report monthly on the Fort Western website.

District Awards

Unit 183 presents one District 16 Star Award each year to a player who makes major efforts to promote bridge and advance unit activities. Congratulations to MB Howard for her many contributions. Also, kudos to Melody Gann and Brenda Martin, recipients of this year's Unit Goodwill Awards for their unfailing courtesy, kindness and tact at the bridge table.

New Members Game

New members are a critical part of maintaining and growing our unit and the new newcomer game in Fort Worth is a great addition. It meets on Mondays, concurrently with our ongoing limited game. Zero point players are highly encouraged to join our more than half dozen recent new members.

Player Profiles

Profiles on individual players or special events will no longer appear in this column for format reasons.

Bridge in the Menagerie

I do want to highly recommend a bridge book originally published more than 50 years ago: "Bridge in the Menagerie" by Victor Mollo. Now with art by Bill Buttle, it is a wicked riff across the range of personalities the author has encountered



over years of playing and writing about bridge.

Paraphrasing from Mollo's clever characterizations, here's what we're seeing in the cover image: at center Hideous Hog is gleefully making his contract after having again prudently manipulated the bidding so that he would end up playing the hand. He is, of course, secure in his conviction this was his moral duty because of his superior playing skills. His partner, Rueful Rabbit, looks on, once again astonished that his embarrassingly poor bidding has somehow landed the pair in the only makeable game contract. His right hand opponent is not amused. It's a fun book by a bridge expert with a keen eye for human nature.



Unit 201 - Sabine Neches

By Florence Ferguson

We are busy preparing for our 67th Beaumont Sectional, March 7-9.

We look forward to seeing returning players as well as newcomers. Everyone is invited. As always, entry fees include coffee, snacks, and lunch. Chairs are Paulette Schiwart, patshciwart@gmail.com and Joe Moore, jfm1967@gmail.com Partnership chair is Earl Pittman, epittman@gt.rr.com

If you missed reading about Nat Hallmark in this issue, make sure to check her out. She was our recipient of the District 16 Star Award. Congratulations, Nat! Look for our two Unit Goodwill Award recipients in this issue too. Congratulations.

In January we lost another member of our bridge family: Sue D. Freeman. Sue started playing bridge with the Rayburn Community as a group and online. After she moved to Beaumont both she and husband Larry played in the Thursday night game, taking advantage of more lessons given before the game. Everyone enjoyed playing with Sue D., and especially enjoyed her wry sense of humor. A celebration of life for Sue will be held later in March.



Unit 205 - Amistad

By Mary Ann White

The Ajijic Valentine Sectional is now behind us, many thanks to all who attended. We hope you had a great time and will put us on your calendar again for next year. Special thanks to all the players from San Miguel de Allende who joined us this year. And not to be forgotten, all the volunteers who made the tournament possible, especially Nicci Beninger, Lane Galloway, Neal Hayden, Donnie van Rooy, Dagmar Rettberg, and everyone who baked the delicious cookies for our hospitality.

And now for the winners... check out the Ajijic Valentine Sectional results later in this issue. Congratulations to all!

The dates are set for this year's Puerto Vallarta Regional. So put us on your calendar for November 4-10, 2024. More information about the venue and playing schedule can be found at www.pvregional.com.

Jimmy Reynolds and Michael Farebrother won the unit championship game on Saturday, December 23 with 66.2%. On February 8, the unit championship winners were Charles Chartier and Jeane Treloar with 63.51%. The unit championship on Saturday, January 27, was a teams game. Winners were Mike Roney, Charles Chartier, Jeane Treloar, and Cindy Thomson. Thanks to Nicci Beninger for hosting our New Year's Eve unit championship, which was won by Louise Morel and Andrew Small with 64.58%.

Unit 205 held its annual general meeting on January 23 via Zoom. Reelected to the unit board were Lane Galloway and Donnie van Rooy. Thank you for continuing to serve!

And in club news, several pairs posted 70% + games since our last report. You can see them in the 70% + Club section of this issue. There were a lot of big games. Well done!

The Lake Chapala Duplicate Bridge Club's annual general meeting was held on February 6. Thanks to the club for providing a pizza lunch and free game for club members in attendance at the meeting. New club officers include Nicci Beninger (president), Melanie Wolski (vice president), Ray Hickey (treasurer), Cindy Thomson (secretary), Lane Galloway (club manager), Jimmy Reynolds (facilities manager) and Joan Montgomery (member at large). Many thanks to Louise Morel who stepped down from the board after serving for seven years, first as president and then as treasurer. We appreciate you all.



Unit 207 - Texas Capital Bridge

By Barbara Clements

Unit 207 began January with a well attended sectional in January. At the tournament we had two of our Georgetown players – Jim Hilton and Tim Elsea – reach milestones. The winners from the sectional are included in this Scorecard; at least the ones I could convince to let me take their pictures.

We want to congratulate Kim Brinkman who made Diamond Life Master. Kim moved to Austin from Flower Mound. She started playing bridge after retiring from a career as a nurse in 2009. Pretty impressive accomplishment! Congratulations also got to Dorothy Foster who made Life Master.

In the recent *ACBL Bulletin* we saw that Jerry Barrett and Wiley McMinn III were runners up in the 0-6000 Blue Ribbon Pairs at the Fall NABC. We also learned that in the NABC Mixed Swiss Teams Lilly Justman and her team came in 1st overall, and Sam Dinkin and his team came in 5th.

Congratulations to these winners.

We had a number of Unit 207 members who excelled at the District 16 NAP Finals in San Antonio.

Flight A: 2nd Stephen Wood and Louis Sachar

Flight B: 1st Linda Griffith and Frank Floca, 2nd Jarek Langer and Shawn Drenning, 3rd Phillip Jaeger and Tom Hackenberg, 4th Lilly Justman and Kathryn Bailey

Unit 207 is gearing up for three upcoming events:

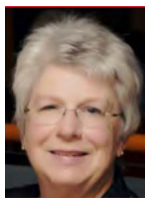
- February 29-March 3 the BCA is hosting and sponsoring the Mardi Gras Sectional.
- On Saturday, March 9 the Spring Championship Pairs will be held at the BCA.
- July 1-7 is the Firecracker Regional in Austin at the Doubletree Hotel.

More information about these events is available on the Unit 207 website. We hope to see y'all at one or more of these events.

unit treasurer, replacing Marilyn Matthews. KC Evans accepted a place as a unit board member, replacing Flo Curry.

On a happier note, we had a slightly belated New Year's Party on January 4. We had black eyed peas (to bring us luck) and lots of other yummy dishes to go with them.

New Year's Eve Players



Unit 209 - Great Permian Basin

By Ann Parish

First, we would like to offer our condolences. We lost three bridge players during the winter holidays:

- Flo Curry was a long time player, Life Master, and a partner to many different players. She served on the board and held many different offices over the years. She died of complications following an auto accident.
- Marilyn Matthews had also played in Midland for many years. She was a friendly, gentle, and expert player. She was the current unit treasurer when she passed away from cancer.
- John Marlow played on Thursday nights in our novice games and had a reputation as a true gentleman, at the bridge table and in life. He died after a short illness.

We will miss these three players. They had very different personalities, and they brought different kinds of bridge enthusiasm to our games.

On February 1, Kay Arrell accepted the position of

Finally, we would like to congratulate the 2023 winners of the Ace of Clubs Award. The Ace of Clubs is awarded to those players who earned the most points in their category in local club play (not STaC games or tournaments). We especially want to recognize those players who have fewer than 500 points and are still playing regularly to earn more. In the first category 0-5 total points Mary Ann Blair is the winner. In 5-20 points the winner is Mark Knox. In 20-50, Scott Johnson; in 50-100 Mark Beckstrom; in 100-200 Sonya Hopkins; in 200-500 Dale Linton.

A complete list of all winners is posted on the Allison Bridge Club bulletin board. Yay for all!



Unit 225 - East Texas

By Deb Pascoe

Nacogdoches mines Gold at Houston Regional. Two of our members came home with gold from the Houston Lone Star Regional. Mark Reynolds, a rising star in our club, got 5.71 gold points playing in Swiss



Mark Reynolds
Lufkin Unit 225



Gay Roach
Nacogdoches Unit 225

Teams with Gay Roach and teamed with a father and son duo from Michigan. Gay got 30.77 gold playing with Mark in the one Swiss, and with the Baylor Boys – Jonathan Ernest, Charles Newton, Jr., and David Farris – in three other Swiss Teams games.

Rose City DBC

Two Rose City players achieved new Life Master levels: congratulations Pud Patterson, Bronze Life Master and Liz Jacobson, Gold Life Master!



Pud Patterson
Bronze Life Master
Henderson Unit 225



Liz Jacobson
Gold Life Master
Tyler Unit 225

Unit 225 Locations Prepping for the Eclipse

On Monday, April 8 much of Unit 225 will be in the direct path of the total eclipse. Players have been preparing by getting their eclipse glasses before the big last minute rush occurs. This is truly a once in a lifetime opportunity for those of us living in East Texas. Tyler, Pittsburg, Texarkana, and Canton have announced festivals and activities leading up to and on the day of the Eclipse. Nacogdoches Golden Age players have their glasses and are ready.



Nacogdoches Golden Age Players

Area hotel prices have skyrocketed and some individuals with acreage are renting out camping spots.



Let's all hope for sunny skies on that day.

For more information and a live stream of the Eclipse, follow this link to [Astronomy.com's website](https://www.astronomy.com). The Discovery Channel is also set to live broadcast.

Beginner Lessons in Canton

Charles Ford has scheduled a 10-week series of beginner lessons on March 13 at Nannie's Bridge Club in Canton. During the past year, several clubs have delivered beginner lessons and ongoing teaching sessions.

We welcome new players as well as players moving into our unit from other locales. Information about our locations, managers, dates and times can be found on the [Unit 225 website](https://www.unit225.com).



Unit 233 - Central Texas

By George & Pam Holmes

Our clubs continue to struggle along holding their scheduled bridge games with 3-5 tables. We enjoy the camaraderie and we continue to search for new players to enlarge the attendance. Here's hoping all is well with everyone enjoying the game of bridge.



Ann Hoover & Tuck Harvey
New Junior Master & New Bronze Life Master

Our directors have utilized many special games so that our players can earn more points. Pat Robinson, owner of Suite 16, has started a limited 0-1250 game on Mondays. Pat also discusses the hands after the game which is a good learning tool for our newer players. Dave Hertzog, owner of the Bridge Club of Wichita Falls, has sanctioned many special games including the ACBL Charity Game that was held on February 17. We are grateful for the extra effort that our directors have made for our members.

Unit 353 is small but most members play three times per week which shows their love for the game. We are looking forward to more good news for our unit in 2024.



Unit 353 - Wichita Falls

By Marsha May

Unit 353 started the new year with good news. Anne Hoover, Burkburnett, is a new Junior Master; David Dodson, Sunset, is a new Club Master and Tuck Harvey, Wichita Falls, is a new Bronze Life Master. Also, the number of tables at our club games have been increasing and we are so pleased to have Helen Cash and Gail Simpson playing at both clubs again.



Intermediate/Newcomer Resources

Games & Classes for Newer Players - Come Join us!

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

0-50 Masterpoint Game: Every Monday at 4:00 p.m.

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

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

For more information email Beginner20Bridge@gmail.com

0-99 Masterpoint Game: Every day at 6:00 p.m. (CT)

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

The Stayman Convention

(Responding to 1NT)

By Ken Monzingo

Okay, your partner has opened the bidding with a 15-17 HCP* 1NT. You're off to a great start. The Stayman bid of 2♣ may now be used by advancer** to search for an 8-card major suit fit (4-4) between the 1NT opener and partner. Why? Eight card major suit fits often play one trick better than notrump, and are in less danger of getting a minus score.

The Stayman 2♣ bid by responder questions the 1NT Opener: "Partner, do you have a 4-card major suit (spades or hearts)?" The three most common situations when advancer uses Stayman:

1. Responding to partner's 1NT opening bid.
2. Responding to partner's 2NT opening bid.
3. After a 1NT or 2NT! overcall by partner.

So what is Stayman?

The 2♣ Stayman response is *artificial*, nothing to do with clubs, and requests the 1NT opener or overcaller to show a four-card major (hearts or spades) if the opener has one. Assume the following auction.

Stayman following 1NT opening:

West North East South
1NT Pass 2♣
Pass ?

Opener's Responses to Stayman

Since the 2♣ response to North's 1NT is the Stayman bid inquiring about a four-card major, the 1NT opener has only three possible responses. Opener's answer of 2♦ says, "Partner, I have no four-card major suit." The response of 2♥ or 2♠ confirms four cards in that suit.

West North East South
1NT Pass 2♣

- Pass 2♦ = I have no four-card major suit.
2♥ = I have four hearts and *may have* four spades as well.
2♠ = I have four spades, but do not have four hearts.

Tip: Opener should *never* respond 2NT to Stayman. Just answer the question about major suits.

When does Advancer use the Stayman bid?

- With 0-7 HCP *balanced* hands do not use Stayman, just pass 1NT.
- With 8-9 HCP and one or both four-card majors bid 2♣ Stayman:
 - a. If opener answers 2♦ (no four-card major), raise to 2NT invitational. If partner answers Stayman with 2♥ showing four hearts, and that is your suit, raise to 3♥ invitational.
 - b. If partner answers Stayman with 2♥ and your major suit is spades, bid 2♠, not 2NT. Opener could have both major suits so this is check back for spades. Without spades, opener will now bid 2NT with a minimum 15, or 3NT with a maximum 16-17. With 16, opener has options of 2NT or 3NT.
 - c. Bid 3NT over a 2♦ response.
- With 10-15 HCP and one or both major suits:
 - a. Bid 2♣ Stayman and raise to game 4♥/4♠ if that is your major suit.
 - b. Bid 2♣ Stayman and 3NT over 4♥ if spades is your suit: partner knows you have spades.
 - c. Bid 3NT over a 2♦ response.

• With 16+ HCP Stayman is still used, but tricky slam auctions will follow: substance for a later extended lesson on small slam and grand slam bidding.

Do Not Invite Game with Game Forcing hands.

Do the math: "He who Knows, Goes!"

Invitational sequences invite partner to bid game with a maximum (17 HCP) hand as combined strength of both their hands is 24-26, and pass with a minimum 15. So what to do with 16? Think for a minute and bid game.

Tip: Distributional points, primarily shortness for ruffing value, are used when inviting game in suits.

Exceptions and a Silly Little Extra

The Stayman convention is used with both invitational and forcing hands, but in one rare case points are not a requirement to bid Stayman. Say partner opens 1NT and you hold:

♠8642 ♥9753 ♦J8642 ♣--

A miserable hand like this will take few or no tricks in notrump but may well take a few tricks in a suit contract. Have some fun here, bid 2♣ Stayman and pass partner's response. Yes, that even means passing partner's 2♦! This treatment is often called Garbage Stayman.

Optional: Many experts do not use the Stayman bid holding 4-3-3-3 distribution, even if the four-card suit is spades or hearts. The logic: no short suit ruffing value.

Optional: One of our greatest experts, the late Grant Base, suggested bypassing Stayman on balanced hands when the known combined HCP strength is 29-31. Ex: opener is 15-17, advancer is 14-15.

History

The Stayman convention as used in America was the brain child of George Rapée of New York, one of the greatest NABC national teams winners in the mid 1940s. Rapée did not want public credit for the convention so his partner Sam Stayman labeled it in his name. However, a similar bid may have been common earlier authored by British international expert Jack Marx. Marx also developed the popular Acol bidding system popular in Great Britain.

More History

Acol is named after the Acol Bridge Club in London where it originated in the early 1930s. The club was founded on Acol Road, named after Acol, Kent. Ely Culbertson (founder of *The Bridge World* magazine) and his partner Teddy Lightner (famous for the Lightner Double bid) had visited the Acol Bridge Club in 1934, after which with members S.J. Simon (famous for the classic, book *Why you Lose at Bridge*) and Jack Marx became interested in bridge bidding theory that eventually led to the first version of the Acol system.

**HCP is high card points, does not include distribution points.*

***Advancer (or responder) is the partner responding to an opening bid.*

Next Lesson: Holding a five-card major as responder to 1NT use the Jacoby Transfer convention.

Ken Monzingo, Unit 183, is D16 Publications Committee chair, past D16 first vice president, and past president of ACBL



In Memoriam

- * Carol K. Banks, Houston
- * Robert F. Curl, Houston
- * Mrs. Sue Cutler, Fort Worth
- Helen Davis, Odessa
- * Dorene Drum, Denton
- * Mrs. Elizabeth L. Ghrist, Houston
- Ricky Haikin, Houston
- * Mrs. Mary K. Hoger, Fort Worth
- * Bill Kiehnhoff, Sugar Land
- * Carolyn F. Labouliere, Seabrook
- * Lew N. Levy, Houston
- John R. Marlow, Midland
- Mrs. Ruth W. McKee, Arlington
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- * Helen J. Nelson, Grand Prairie
- * Joseph P. Pepe, Austin
- * Larry W. Peterson, Houston
- * Mrs. Winifred S. Simon, Fort Worth
- * Penny Snow, Corpus Christi
- * John B. Taylor, Friendswood
- * Robert G. Trimble, Fort Worth
- * Mrs. Marcella L. Thomas, Houston

*Life Master



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499er Tournament

April 18 - 21, 2024

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713-569-0851 sadeal4@gmail.com

We will also have an Ambassador each day.

Stratification

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Strats may vary at the director's discretion

Lunch / Snacks

Lunch for \$7 Thursday - Saturday, if ordered by 10 am. No meal on Sunday.

Free Coffee, Soft Drinks, and Snacks each day.

Entry Fees

ACBL Member (current)

\$10 per session per player

Lapsed ACBL Member

\$14 per session per player

Cash only

Tournament Chairs

Hugh & Catherine Miller

catherinemiller1@gmail.com

832-444-4614

<https://www.bridgewebs.com/bcoh/>

Event Schedule

Thursday, April 18th

♠ 499er Pairs 10am
♠ 499er Pairs 2pm

Friday, April 19th

♠ 499er Pairs 10am
♠ 499er Pairs 2pm

Saturday, April 20th

♠ 499er Pairs 10am
♠ 499er Pairs 2pm

Sunday, April 21st

♠ 499er Swiss Team 1:30pm

Hand Review

On Sunday, April 21st, from 12:30 to 1:15pm, Sam Khayatt (Bridge Instructor) will answer your questions on tournament hands.

BCOH is a fragrance-free facility.

Life Masters with less than 500 points may play

Next 499er tournament
June 20 – 23, 2024



**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



♥ Texas Capital Bridge January Sectional Winners ♦
Unit 207

Thursday, January 4 - Saturday, January 6 - Pairs



Thursday AM - A & B
Charlie Chen,
Andrew Chen



Thursday AM - C
Ivan Poplvanov,
Wendy Marks



Thursday PM - A
Jim Hilton,
Kenneth Schutz



Thursday PM - B
Brett Leach,
Mark Craig



Friday AM - A
Jo Smith,
Rosemary Kelley



Friday AM - B
Richard Clarke,
James Moody



Saturday AM - A
Kalyan Venkat,
Anita Albert



Saturday PM - A
Ira Hessel,
Kenneth Schutze



Saturday PM - B & C
Hua Chen,
Kyo Chen



Saturday PM - 299 - A
Michael Atchison,
Gwendolyn Atchison

Tied



Saturday PM - 299 - A
Steve Luning,
Jamie Southerland

Thursday, January 4 - Sunday, January 7 - Stratified Swiss Teams



Thursday AM - A
Joe Black,
Jerry Barrett,
Kim Brinkman,
Wiley McMinn III



Thursday AM - B - Tied
W. Kenneth Davis,
Melinda Simmen,
Jo Dee Bowen,
Lisa Holzgraf



Thursday AM - B - Tied
Sally Sassen,
Orlin Johnson,
Robert Caldwell III,
Nell Sanders



Thursday AM - C
Gwendolyn Atchison,
Pam Pannell,
Michael Atchison,
Pam Beck



Thursday PM - A
Thomas Trudeau,
Jerrold Harrington,
George Watkins,
Rebecca Brown



Friday PM - AX
Dave Swarthout,
Donna Swarthout,
Virgil Massey,
Charlene Sands



Friday PM - B
Tim Elsea,
Michael Chow,
Gwendolyn Atchison,
Michael Atchison



Sunday 0-2000 - A
Kalyan Venkat,
Stuart Litwin,
Paul Johnston,
Simone Scumpia



Sunday 0-2000 - B
Teresa Mack,
Susan Angle,
Brenda McIndoo,
Cindy McCauley



Sunday AX - A
James Moody,
Rebecca Brown,
Wiley McMinn III,
George Watkins



67th Beaumont Spindletop Local Sectional

March 7-9, 2024

**Will follow ACBL COVID Guidelines*

Local Director Ed Rasmussen



Tournament Location

Beaumont Bridge Studio
950 North Street, Beaumont, TX 77701
409-838-2447

Host Hotels

MCM Eleganté Hotel and Convention Center

2355 I10S, Beaumont 77705 409-842-3600

****Ask for Beaumont Bridge Tournament****

Free WiFi and Parking (8 minutes from BBS)

Fairfield Inn and Suites

2265 I10S, Beaumont 77705 409-840-5751

****Ask for Beaumont Bridge Tournament****

Free WiFi, Breakfast, Parking (8 minutes from BBS)

Entry Fees

Sessions: \$11 per person per session

Note: \$15 per session for unpaid ACBL member

Stratification and Awards

Open: A (2000+) B (750-2000) C (0-750)

499er: A (300-500) B (100-300) C (0-100)

****This is a Zero-Tolerance & No-Fragrance Tournament. ****

Schedule of Events

Thursday, March 7

Stratified Open Pairs (Single sessions) 9:30a & 1:30p

Stratified 499er Pairs (Single sessions) 9:30a & 1:30p

Friday, March 8

Stratified Open Pairs (Single sessions) 9:30a & 1:30p

Stratified 499er Pairs (Single sessions) 9:30a & 1:30p

Saturday, March 9

Stratified Open Pairs (Single sessions) 9:30a & 1:30p

Stratified 499er Pairs (Single sessions) 9:30a & 1:30p

Tournament Chairs

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Partnership Chair

Earl Pittman 409-291-3078

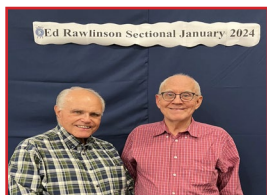
(epittman@gt.rr.com)

Join Us for a great time Playing Bridge in Southeast Texas !

As always, entry fee includes coffee, snacks and lunch !

♥ Ed Rawlinson Winter Sectional Winners ♦ Unit 172

Thursday, January 11 - Saturday, January 13 - Open Pairs



Thursday AM - A
Jerry Barrett,
Joe Black



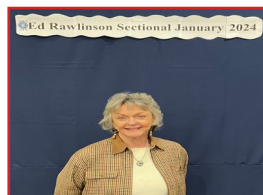
Thursday AM - B
Martin Hester,
Albert Fulton



Thursday PM - A
Lynn Baker,
Olivia Schireson



Thursday PM - B
Catherine McGaffic,
Elisabeth Kay



Thursday PM - C
Jane Lawson,
Jan Wingate (np)



Friday AM - A
Ira Hessel,
Ellen Hessel



Friday AM - B & C
Don Marcott,
Jim Roff



Friday PM - A
Harry Elliott,
David Goldfarb



Friday PM - B
Catherine McGaffic,
Elisabeth Kay



Friday PM - C
Betty Jean Dobbins,
Robert Christophel



Saturday AM - A
Jo Smith,
Rosemary Kelley



Saturday AM - B
Larry Shell,
Barbara Morgan



Saturday AM - C
Don Marcott,
Jim Roff



Saturday PM - A & B
Joe Ramirez,
James Cuccia



Saturday PM - C
Sunny Won,
Paul Fafoutakis (np)

Thursday, January 11 - 0-499er Pairs



Thursday AM - A
Karen Henderson,
Elizabeth Bartek

Fun in San Antonio!



Playing Field
on
Thursday



Saying Hello
Patty Hinze
and
Tony Haddad



Making New Friends
Nancy Tom
and
Finn Kolesnik



Lunch Time!
Wienerschnitzel
das ist gut



Playing Field
on
Friday

Sunday, January 14 - Stratified Swiss Teams



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



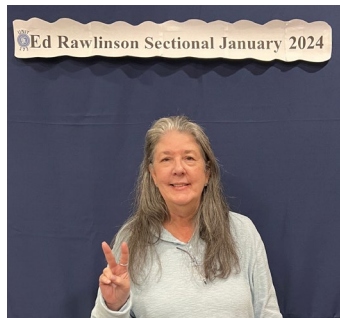
C
Sunny Won,
Helen James (np),
Barbara Haley (np),
Sandy Souchon (np)

**New
Life Master**



Olivia Schireson, Unit 503 Palo Alto CA

Overall Masterpoint Winner



Ellen Hessel
18.31 Masterpoints

Studying and Playing in the NAP





HOUSTON



ELECTION SECTIONAL APRIL 5-7 2024

Friday & Saturday, April 5-6

10 & 2:30	Stratified Open Pairs	A: 3000+ X: 750-3000 Y: 0-750	Two Sessions
10 & 2:30	Stratified 299er Pairs	B: 200-300 C: 100-200 D: 0-100	Single Sessions
10 & 2:30	Side Game		Single Sessions
10 & 2:30	Bracketed Swiss		Two Sessions

Sunday, April 7

10 & 2:30	Stratified Open Pairs	A: 3000+ X: 750-3000 Y: 0-750	Single Sessions
10 & 2:30	Stratified 299er Pairs	B: 200-300 C: 100-200 D: 0-100	Single Sessions
10 & 2:30	Bracketed Swiss		Two Sessions

Arabia Shrine Center

Accommodations:

TownePlace Suites By Marriott
10610 Westpark Dr.
Houston, TX 77042
(713) 893-1638

10510 Harwin Dr.
Houston, TX 77036

Hospitality

- \$10 box lunches available
- \$ 1 coffee
- Free bottled water

Annual Meeting

between Saturday sessions

Entry Fees:

- \$15 per session per player
- Cashless - Credit Card Only

Tournament Chair

Charles Dalton
(713) 861-3399
cdinc35@att.net

Partnership

Luzia Turner
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♥ Ajjic Valentine Sectional Winners ♦
Unit 205

Thursday, February 8 - Saturday, February 10 - Open Pairs



Thursday Eve- A,B, C
Gordon Young,
Margot Young



Friday AM - A
Carla Hickey,
Ray Hickey



Friday AM - B, C
Donnie van Rooy,
Mary Kaufman



Friday PM - A
Bruce Blakely,
Mary Ann White



Saturday 1st Session
A
Carla Hickey,
Ray Hickey



Saturday 1st Session
B
Ellen Kuiper,
Andrew Small

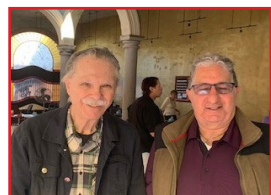


Saturday 1st Session
C
Norm Rosenblatt,
Janet Mitchell



Saturday 2nd Session
B
Lane Galloway,
Nicci Beninger

Friday, February 9 - 0-299 Pairs



Friday - A
Larry Drews,
Neal Hayden



Friday - B, C
Drew Steeves,
Bruce Richman

Sunday, February 11 - Stratified Swiss Teams



A
John Olsen,
Helen Lawson,
Starr Bulmer,
Glen Bulmer

♥ Fort Western Sectional Winners ♦
Unit 183

Friday, February 9 - Saturday, February 10 - Open Pairs



Friday AM - A
Theresa Brantley,
Melody Gann



Friday AM - B
Lorraine Little,
Pat Sears



Friday AM - C
Mike Frederick,
Annie Mason



Friday PM - B
Mike Frederick,
Annie Mason



Saturday AM - A
Billy Leeper,
Mary Jane Orock



Saturday AM - B
Diana Clive,
Pete Clive



Saturday PM - A
Kimmel Jones,
Bill Staats



Saturday PM - B
Brian Eaton,
Randy Eads

Friday, February 9 - Saturday, February 10 - 0-499er Pairs



Friday AM - A
Joy Pearson,
Ellen Lane



Friday PM - A
Bonnie Keene,
Stephanie Strom



Saturday AM - A
Carol Land,
Beth Ditommaso



Saturday AM - B
David Urbel,
Brenda Schrader

Sunday, February 11 -
Stratified Swiss Teams



Sunday - Swiss Teams
Sheri Bumgardner,
Mark Bumgardner,
Nancy Kornegay,
Steve Kornegay

New Life Masters



New Gold Life Master Lorraine Little, Benbrook
&
New Life Master Harley Puff, Fort Worth



♥ **Houston Lone Star Regional Winners** ♦
Unit 174

Monday, January 22 - Sunday, January 28 -Bracketed Swiss Teams



Monday - Bracket 3
 Linda McReynolds,
 Elisabeth Cabiness,
 Gary Winston (np),
 Shari Winston (np)



Monday - Bracket 4
 Bonnie Boyd,
 Yvonne Pierce,
 Donald Boyd,
 Naomi Spicer



Monday - Bracket 5
 Baijanti Shrestha,
 Bharat Shrestha,
 Tonya McNabb,
 Thomas Brown



Tuesday - Bracket 2
 Mike Doyle,
 Bill St Clair,
 Gil Micheletti,
 Bill Cook Jr



Tuesday - Bracket 3
 Herbert Kalman,
 Robert Reichel,
 Susan Kaplan,
 Alfred Fortier III



Tuesday - Bracket 5
 Corbin Shouse,
 Susan Domsalla,
 Thomas Rush,
 Robert Domsalla



Tuesday - Bracket 6
 Donna Hrachovy,
 Kathy Sinkin Amor,
 Marilyn Frazier,
 Cheri Gross



Tuesday - Bracket 7
 Jeannie Stone,
 Laura Chandler,
 Donald Bell,
 Brad Chandler



Wednesday - Bracket 2
 Sherry Withers,
 Lisa Sommer,
 Harry Selldin,
 Charles Sommer



Wednesday - Bracket 3
 Rosalind Smith,
 Mary Lynn Genovesi,
 Robert Holliday,
 Frank Durante



Wednesday - Bracket 3
 Tomi Porterfield,
 Allison Ochsner,
 Dave Becker,
 James Ochsner



Wednesday - Bracket 5
 Jean Kiesel,
 Jane Ardoin,
 Ginger Hebert,
 David Friedrichs



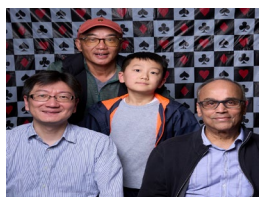
Wednesday - Bracket 6
 Rosalee Hacker,
 Lynne Trigg,
 Charles Mogged Jr,
 Jan Mogged



Wednesday - Bracket 7
 Annie Roy King,
 Mary Massey,
 Roxi Raaf,
 Joe Ramirez



Thursday - Bracket 3
Donna Sparks,
Kyle Lueders,
Sam Dodson,
Thomas Racciatti



Thursday - Bracket 4
Shangyou Nie,
Kyo Chen,
Hua Chen,
Kas Rangan



Thursday - Bracket 5
Pat Kubicek,
Joyce Wormser,
Linda Brending,
Victoria Ornowski



Thursday - Bracket 6
Robert Lane,
Mary McDonald,
Ronald Randleman,
Wes Peirce



Thursday - Bracket 7
Jack Dean,
Jeanette Dean,
Barbara Sweeney,
William Churchman



Thursday - Bracket 8
Carleen Sandoz,
Jane Ardoin,
April Fontana,
David Friedrichs



Thursday - Bracket 9
Ramona Bienstock,
Cherry Blevins,
Lindy Kahn,
George Kramer



Thursday - Bracket 11
Pam Pannell,
John Olson,
Pam Beck,
Gary Koenig



Thursday - Bracket 12
Cece Spain,
Jim Spain,
Paula Daly,
Stormy Hull



Thursday - Bracket 13
Virginia Miller,
Susan Angle,
Cindy McCauley,
Billie Ogens



Friday - Bracket 2
James La Fountain,
Kathryn Bailey,
Eddie Bass,
Kalyan Venkat



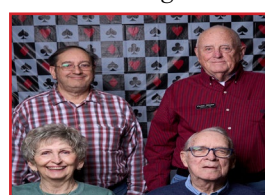
Friday - Bracket 3
Pamela White,
Susan Kaplan,
David Littmann,
Alfred Fortier III



Friday - Bracket 5
Daad Rodgers,
Linda McReynolds,
Jim Gosnell,
Ronald Schulman



Friday - Bracket 6
Kyo Chen,
Hua Chen,
Steven Bell,
Kas Rangan



Friday - Bracket 7
Tom Nobis,
Corbin Shouse,
Carolyn Wedel,
Peter Wahl



Friday - Bracket 8
Teresa Mack,
Rita Wiegenstein,
Jo McDaniel,
Tom Banet



Friday - Bracket 9
Joseph Baker,
Chloe Ella Fackenthall,
Karen Winston,
Jim Middleton



Friday - Bracket 12
Brian Dudley,
Ronald Perkowski,
Tom Fowler,
David Fowler



Friday - Bracket 13
Cindy McCauley,
Billie Ogens,
Susan Angle,
Virginia Miller



Saturday - Bracket 2
Gay Roach,
Jonathan Ernest,
David Farris,
Charles Newton Jr
(np)



Saturday - Bracket 4
Tomi Porterfield,
Allison Ochsner,
Robert Burridge,
James Ochsner



Saturday - Bracket 6
Teresa Mack,
Rita Wiegenstein,
Barbara Clements,
Richard Clements



Saturday - Bracket 7
Harlene Michaels,
Valerie Townley Smith,
Larry Michaels,
Bob Townley Smith



Saturday - Bracket 10
Christopher Steele,
Nora Fallon,
Phillip Mingola,
Nathan Yee



Sunday - Bracket 1
Paddy Fiorino,
Scott Cantor,
Jay Evert,
Gregory Andrews(np)



Sunday - Bracket 2
Debbie Nash,
Pamela White,
Bill Nash,
David Littmann



Sunday - Bracket 3
Cheryl Smith,
Charles Dalton,
David Fowler,
Tom Fowler



Sunday - Bracket X
Ying Peng,
James Zhan,
Harry Elliott,
David Goldfarb

Monday, January 22 - Sunday, January 28 - Pairs



Monday Charity - A
Mark Howard,
Marsha Bernstein



Wednesday Side - A
Cynthia Benton,
Randy Eads



Wednesday AX - X
William Garrard,
Donna Garrard



Thursday
Mid Flight - B
Anita Albert,
Brett Leach



Thursday AX - X
Clif Rice,
Mark Howard



Friday Mid Flight - B
Steven Gordon,
Cheryl Smith



Saturday Mid Fight - B
Brett Leach,
Anita Albert



Saturday Mid Flight - C
Jeffery Parker,
Linda Albright



Saturday PM - 299 - D
Sally Ward,
Kelly Harp



Sunday AM - 299 - D
Raymond Stopper,
Mariah Stopper



New Gold Life Master
Jay Evert, Unit 174 Houston



New Bronze Life Master
Cece Spain, Unit 215 Mobile AL

New Life Masters



Cheryl Bradford, Unit 176 Dallas



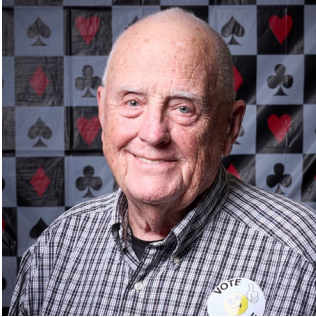
Brenda Leonard, Unit 183 Carrollton



Linda McCasland, Unit 174 Houston



Virginia Miller, Unit 207 George Town



Corbin Shouse, Unit 174 Spring



Nathan Yee, Unit 174 Spring





Monday, May 13

Bracketed Teams (2 sessions) 1:00PM & 6:00PM
Brackets by Team Average MP

Stratified Pairs (2 Sessions) 1:00PM & 6:00PM
A = 3000+ B = 1000-3000 C = 0-1000

Tuesday-Saturday, May 14-18

Bracketed Teams (2 sessions) 10:00AM & 2:30PM
Brackets by Team Average MP

Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions) 10:00AM & 2:30PM
A = 500-750 B = 200-500 C = 0-200
No player over 750 MPs

Strati-Flighted Pairs (2 sessions) 10:00AM & 2:30PM
A = 5000+ B = 2500-5000 C = 0-2500

Pair Entries can be Purchased for 1-Session Only

Director May Adjust Strats to Balance Field

Sunday, May 19

Flight A/X Swiss Teams 10:00 AM & TBA
A = 5000+ X = 0-5000

Bracketed Teams 0-3000 10:00 AM & TBA
No player over 3,000 MPs

Hyatt Regency Hotel

Location: DFW Airport
972-453-1234

Bridge Room Rate: \$129

If you reserve by April 29

Booking link: <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/DFWAP/G-BRDE>

Free Parking and DFW Entry w/ Validation
at the Front Desk or by Concierge

You Must Enter DFW Airport in a "Ticket Only" Lane and Exit in a "Cash Only" Lane to Avoid an Automatic Toll Charge

Tournament Chair: Randy Eads
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Partnership Chair: Gloria Fields
817-266-2096 gofields@gmail.com

Director in Charge: Kevin Perkins

Pre-Register Online with Entry Express
<https://members.acbl.org/tournaments>

Or Buy Entry Prior to Game
Credit Cards Only

Per Session Entry Fees:
Monday thru Thursday \$14
Saturday \$15 (\$1 for NABC Fund)
Sunday \$15 - Meal Included
Unpaid ACBL Members \$4 Extra

Covid Vaccination and Masking Not
Required