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## **President's Message** *by Ed Rawlinson*

It was true when Bob Dylan wrote it, and it's still true: the times, they are a' changin'. Bailey's Bridge Studio is no longer open, but the Alamo Bridge Club plans to reopen. San Antonio needs two bridge clubs (maybe more), and we wish Alamo well.

Many Bailey's patrons were aware that game results and master point awards had not been submitted to ACBL for several months. A special thanks goes to Rich Lampman and Everette Lewis for salvaging the results and working with ACBL to ensure that players received the master points they won.

The Unit Board is also a' changin'. Roxana Tom, Everette Lewis, and Phil Brown are leaving the Board. All have been excellent, hard-working members. Congratulations to their replacements: Jay Thorne, Linda Lawrence, and Olivia Brown. Congratulations also to incumbent Paula Wissman on her re-election.

Still more changes are in the works regarding events the Unit sponsors. The Unit will add two new Unit games next year, which will be "Pro-Am" type events (See separate article). Also, although no decisions have been made yet, the Board will consider one change to the schedule of events at sectional tournaments. For the past few years, the schedule has included a Board-a-Match Team game (as well as a pair game) on the first evening of the tournament. Although this event is one of my favorites, it hasn't "caught on". The Board will consider other options, including an Individual (everyone plays each hand with a different partner) or IMP Pairs (just like a regular pair game, except the scoring is similar to that of a Swiss Team event) or a Compact Swiss (same as a regular Swiss, except there are fewer matches and the matches are shorter). There will no change in the January Sectional, since the schedule for that tournament has already been published.

### **Quarterly Calendar**

- Jan. 18-21 – Winter Sectional & NAP  
Omni Hotel
- Feb. 16 – ProAm Swiss Team Game  
Turtle Creek DBC
- Mar. 29 – GNT Qualifying  
Alamo Bridge Club
- Apr. 2 – Senior Games Duplicate  
Lions Club Adult Center
- Apr. 10-13 – Turtle Creek Sectional

### **Board Meetings**

Unit board meetings are held at 5:00 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at Turtle Creek DBC. Members are welcome to attend as observers. The next meeting will be on January 8, 2008.

### **Care & Comfort**

Members are reminded to please notify Carmeline Squires at 658-0249 with information of illness or death of Unit members.

## Qualifiers for the District NAP Finals

The District NAP finals will take place on Saturday, January 19 and Sunday, January 20 during the Winter Fun Sectional at the Omni Hotel. San Antonio players eligible to play in this event are: FLIGHT A – R. Anziani, Marilyn Arnold, Koy Bass, Robbie Borchers, Jerold Harrington, Ellen Hessel, Ira Hessel, Judy Lewis, Patty Lozano, Marina Mann, Diane Olson, Darlene Riely, Pat Russell, Joanne Young. FLIGHT B – Bette Allen, Sally Armstrong, Alonzo Britton, Mary Britton, Shirley Brooks, Jo Gayle Carter, A. DiBaggio, Sherry Johnson-DiBaggio, William Laird, Virginia Luzania, David Mitchell, Carole Price, Arlene Rubin, Beverly Santos, Walter Still, Gloria Teston, Mrs. Roxana Tom, Ms. Roxana Tom, K. Voges, Sandra Weber. FLIGHT C – Mary Lou

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS *by Helen McCrae*

Congratulations to all the outstanding members who achieved the following ACBL Ranks:  
Junior Master (5+) - Phyllis Davis, Carol Ellis, Kathleen Lothringer, Leslie Tramer, Sarah Butler, Helen Coronado;  
Club Master (20+) -Christina Menking, Marie Saleh, Susan Hernandez, Cathy Slaughter, Jewell Thompson;  
Sectional Master (50+) - Beth Gale  
Regional Master (100+) - Andrew Bailey, Rand Schmidt, Patricia Balhorn, Sally Burns, Bernadine Abend, Mary Meadows;  
NABC Master (200+) - Janice Coley, Mary Hunt;  
Life Master (300+) - Betsy Berg, Dan Blaettler, Don Mahoney, Pat Prichard, Jay Thorne, Andy Villastrigo, Paula Wissman, Rita de Hoyos, Jo Gayle Carter, Carol Cobler, Nancy Fisher, Kay Laird, Arline Rubin, Rebecca Tanner;  
Bronze Life Master (500+) - Jo Gayle Carter, Nancy Fisher;  
Silver Life Master (1000+) - Ermabel Askin, Betty Jo Bettersworth;  
Gold Life Master (2500+) - Marilyn Arnold, Al Lochli, Pat Russell, Judy Lewis (as of Christmas Sectional!)

## Unit Board

President: Ed Rawlinson  
Vice President: Sherry Johnson DiBagio  
Treasurer: Becky Mosely  
Secretary: Paula Wissman  
Pat Prichard  
Kay Laird  
David Mitchell  
Helen McCrae  
Jay Thorne  
Linda Lawrence  
Olivia Brown

## Unit Games

The unit board of directors has scheduled the following unit games for 2008. Check website and future Winning Finnesses for exact times and dates.

<b>Feburary</b>	ProAm Swiss team game
<b>March</b>	Grand National Teams qualifying ,
<b>April</b>	2-Session Senior Games
<b>May</b>	Awards day
<b>June</b>	One session ProAm Swiss team game
<b>August</b>	Luau and annual meeting
<b>September</b>	North American Pairs qualifying game
<b>December</b>	Our annual Holiday Party

These games will be fun and challenging. Plan to play in them.

## San Antonio Winter Fun Sectional And District 16 NAOP Finals

*by Becky Mosely*

The **San Antonio Winter Fun Sectional and District 16 NAOP Finals** will be held January 18-21, 2008. The host hotel will be at the Omni Hotel, 9821 Colonnade Blvd, San Antonio, 78230. To make hotel reservations call 210-691-8888 or 800-843-6664. The hotel bridge rate is \$99 per night, cut off date is December 27, 2007.

The **NAOP Finals** will be held on Saturday, January 19 at 1 & 7 pm and Sunday, January 20 at 10 am & 3 pm. On Friday, Saturday & Sunday there will be **Open Pairs** at 1 & 7 pm. **Knock-Outs** will be held on Saturday and Sunday at 9 am, 1 & 7 pm. There will be a separate section for 299'er games on Friday, Saturday & Sunday at 1 & 7 pm provided there at least 3 tables. **Swiss Teams** will play on Monday, January 21 at 10:30 am.

Contacts are Becky Mosely, Tournament Chair, 210-260-2272, [thepearl41@satx.rr.com](mailto:thepearl41@satx.rr.com); Pete Voges, Partnership Chair, 210-286-3723, [kitvoges@aol.com](mailto:kitvoges@aol.com); Sherry Johnson-DiBaggio, 299'er Chair, 210-415-1159, [sherryj@aol.com](mailto:sherryj@aol.com).

Come to the Sectional... it will be fun! And, you and your partner may just be the winners of the **District 16 NAOP Finals!**

### Senior Olympics

Duplicate bridge is again an event at the San Antonio Senior Games. The two session stratified event will take place at the Lions Field Adult Center in Brackenridge Park (at the corner of Broadway and Mulberry) on Wednesday, April 2. There is even a chance that someone else will pay for your lunch. Can't beat that deal.

Those of you who played in a previous year will receive entry forms in the mail in late January. For new participants, entry forms will be available at the clubs. Anyone who reached the age of 50 by January 1 is eligible to compete.

Remember that you and your partner must each send in an entry form. Please note your partner's name on your form. Call Roxana Tom at 830-256-4122 (metro) for more information.

### UNIT ADDS PRO-AM TEAM GAMES

The Unit Board has voted to add two new Unit games in 2008. These will be one-session Swiss Team events (3 or 4 matches) with "pro-am" teams. Each team can have no more than two "pros" (over 500 master points), with the remaining players "amateurs" (less than 500 points).

The first Pro-Am will be at 12:30 on Feb. 16 at Turtle Creek DBC. There will be GREAT FOOD (appetizers and desserts), GREAT PRIZES, and NO ENTRY FEES. This would be an excellent opportunity for those in the Mentor-Mentee Program to play in a special event. It's OK for amateurs to recruit pros, or vice versa. Let's party!

### Alamo Bridge Club Reopening

As we go to print word has come that there will be a reopening of the Alamo Bridge club to help replace the void left when Bailey's closed. More information will be available in the next Winning Finesse and will be available on the Unit web site as information is received.

**The Winning Finesse**  
c/o Ira and Ellen Hessel  
2826 Barrel Oak  
San Antonio, TX 78231

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**San Antonio Winter Fun Sectional and  
District 16 NAOP Finals Jan 18-21, 2008**

OMNI HOTEL I-10 and Wurzbach

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Bridge Rate \$99 Cut off date is 12/15/2007

Friday, January 18, 2008

**1PM & 7PM** Single Session Open Pairs

Strata: C=0-500 NLM; B=500-2000 A=2000+

**7:00 PM** Board- A -Match

Saturday, January 19, 2008

**9AM, 1PM & 7PM** Knockout #1

**1PM & 7PM** Single Session Open Pairs

**1PM & 7PM** **District 16 NAOP FINALS**

Sunday, January 20, 2008

**9AM, 1PM & 7PM** Knockout #2

**1PM & 7PM** Single Session Open Pairs

**10 AM & 3PM** **District 16 NAOP FINALS**

Monday, January 21, 2008

**10:30 & TBA** Swiss Teams

Stratification determined by Director. Suggested A-

Unlimited; AX: 2000-5000 B-LM/500-2000; C- 0-500NLM

299'r Schedule: Open Pairs

**1:00 PM & 7:00 PM** Single Session Friday, Saturday, & Sunday

Strats: C:0-50; B:50-100 & A:100-300 Three Table Minimum

Card Fees: \$9 per player in pairs games

\$80/ team for Monday Swiss includes lunch

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