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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Everette Lewis

Tournament goers were delighted to return to the renovated New Braunfels Civic Center for the N.B. Sectional this past September. **Nell Morgan** and **Paula Warren** did a great job hosting the tournament.

Thanks are in order once again to **Gene Britton** for traveling to the different clubs, conducting the election. New Board members are myself and **Jeri Tribo**. New officers are President, **Everette Lewis**; Vice-President, **Becky Mosely**; Secretary, **Paula Wissman**; and Treasurer, **Ed Rawlinson**.

The Bridge Club of San Antonio (BC of SA) opened in early December. Address and other information for the club is as follows: 3195 Nacogdoches, (210) 590-9100, www.bridgeclubsa.com (website), and admin@bridgeclubsa.com (email). Day games start at 12:00 p.m. every day except Sunday (1:30 p.m.). Night games start at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, and maybe Saturday nights.

The BC of SA hosted the Holiday Party and a Sectional in December. **Kay Laird**, **David Mitchell**, and **Pat Prichard** did an outstanding job hosting the Holiday Party.

The Turtle Creek Duplicate Bridge Club (TCDBC) will host the Winter Fun Sectional January 16th through 19th. The tournament chair is **Marilyn Arnold** and the Partnership chairpersons are **Pete Voges** (210) 286-3327 and **Arline Rubin** (210) 558-7754. Address and other information for the TCDBC is as follows: 2343 N.W. Military Hwy, (210) 375-0500, www.tcdbc.com (website), and tcdbc@sbcglobal.net (email). Normal day games start at 11:00 a.m. every day except Sunday (1:30 p.m.). Night games start at 7:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday nights. The TCDBC will also host the Unit 172 Pro-Am February 1 and the Unit 172 GNT Finals on February 28, 2009.

I would like to thank **Ed Rawlinson** for the excellent job he did as the president of the unit for the last three years and for making the transition as painless as possible for me for the upcoming year.

Tournament Coordinator **Becky Mosely** has been working hard to ensure success at the 2009 July 4th Regional. Her committees are in place, but if anybody would like to help out, let her know; that is, when she returns from British Columbia and Hawaii.

To all members: Please do your part to encourage *newer* players, whether it's at the clubs or at a tournament.

QUARTERLY CALENDAR

Friday - Monday Jan. 16 - 19 Winter Fun Sect. @ TCDBC

Sunday Feb. 1 Pro-Am

Saturday Feb. 28 GNT Unit Finals

Membership

by Olivia Brown

Welcome to our new members of Unit 172: Ellen R. Gutermuth(San Antonio) and James S. Switzer (Kerrville). A big welcome to the new tranfers into Unit 172: Jackie L. McClintock, Dr. Tia M. Duermeyer, Forrest J. Gray and Thomas G. Klein. Sadly, the following bridge players have passed away: Virigina M. Hamm and Betty Hewitt.

Congratualtions to the many unit bridge players who continue to achieve ACBL Masterpoints rankings. Following are the latest winners:

JUNIOR MASTERS(5+) -Paula Barr Hunter

CLUB MASTERS (20+)-Margaret Montez, Joseph T. Caldarola and Barbara Morgan,

SECTIONAL MASTERS (50+)-Dr. Richard B Curtin and Dolores Reiley,

NABC MASTERS (200+) Mary D. Meadows, **LIFE MASTERS (300+)**-Liane Tsai,

BRONZE LIFE MASTERS (500+)-Grant W. Coon II and Chloe M. Johnson,

GOLD LIFE MASTERS (2500+)- Everette Lewis.

Board Meetings Board meetings for 2009 (through October) will be held at the Bridge Club of San Antonio on the second Tuesday of the month at 5:00 p.m. All members are welcome to attend.

Event Naming Game for David Hadden There will one or two special games at the local bridge clubs to help pay the costs for naming an event for David Hadden at the **NABC** in Houston this spring. Please check the unit 172 website and the local clubs for date and times. David was former Winning Finesse Editor , Texas Star winner, national champion, devoted husband and loyal patriot.

Unit 172 Leading Lifetime Masterpoints & District 16 Rank

27	Terry	Riely	10,200
29	Venkatrao	Koneru	9651
30	Ira	Hessel	9374
39	Jacqueline	Tucker	8270
40	Diane	Olson	8097
42	Greg	Hinze	7867
45	Darlene	Riely	7540
49	Donna	Watkins	7201
52	Peggy	Fritsch	6990
56	Donna	McBride	6675
96	Ed	Rawlinson	5233

Unit 172 Masterpoints for the Year As of December 16 2009

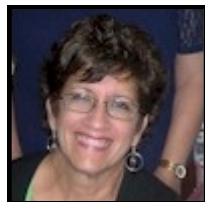
Greg	Hinze	1038.07	Patricia	Lozano	269.84
Ira	Hessel	449.75	Jerrold	Harrington	261.32
Donna	Watkins	442.44	Carolyn	Riely	258.98
Diane	Olson	358.56	Roxana	Tom	252.40
Marilyn	Arnold	353.29	Judy	Lewis	247.92
Ed	Rawlinson	327.06	Sally	Armstrong	244.24
Bill	Walker	322.79	Carole	Price	241.04
Everette	Lewis	315.27	Ellen	Hessel	224.64
Venkatrao	Koneru	313.28	Phyllis	Giffin	220.55
Daniel	Blaettler	301.56	Terry	Riely	210.73

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Everette Lewis

Vice-President



Becky Mosely

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San Antonio Sectional Tournament

January 16 - 19, 2009

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Friday, January 16

1 pm Stratified Open and 299er Pairs

7 pm Stratified IMP Pairs

Saturday, January 17

9 am 1 pm 7 pm KO Teams (Handicapped/Bracketed)

1 pm Stratified Open and 199er Pairs

7 pm Stratified Barometer Pairs

Sunday, January 18

1 pm Stratified Open Pairs (Single Session)

7 pm Stratified Open Pairs (Single Session)

Monday, January 19

10:30 am and TBA Swiss Teams with meal

Chairperson: Marilyn Arnold 210-273-1128

Partnerships: Pete Voges 210-286-3327 and Arlene Rubin 210-558-7754

Stratifications

Pairs: A 2000+; B 500-2000; C 0-500

Swiss Teams: A unlimited, AX if justified
B 1000-2000; C 500-1000; D 0-500