



THE WINNING FINESSE

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President's Message *by Ed Rawlinson*

Over the years the New Braunfels Sectional has gained a reputation as a truly fun tournament. The team of volunteers in New Braunfels provides outstanding hospitality each year. The architect and guiding light of this success is **Nell Morgan**, who has provided strong leadership as Tournament Chair for the entire existence of the tournament (almost 30 years). In recognition of this exemplary service, the Board of Directors has voted to name the main event of the tournament the **Nell Morgan Swiss Teams**. Thanks, Nell, for all your hard work!

Thanks in advance go to **Jeri Tribo** and **Fran Vanecko**. Jeri has agreed to serve as Tournament Chairman for the 2011 Regional, with Fran as her co-chair. Although it's a year off, it's a huge job, and they are already hard at work.

Kudos also go to **Steve Simpson** and **Roxie Tom**, who are co-chairing the work on publication of a new membership directory. Each and every member of Unit 172 has a job to do (two actually). One is to make sure ACBL has your correct address, phone number, and e-mail (we get the database from them). Two is to tell us if you don't want to be included. See the related article for more info on this.

There's a plethora of bridge events (that's a good thing) this summer. Two sectional tournaments in June, a Unit "Eight is Enough" Swiss Teams party in July, and the Unit Luau party in August. Also in June is a very special event arranged by **Marilyn Arnold** and her Turtle Creek sidekicks. TC is bringing in Mike Lawrence, a top bridge professional, ACBL Bulletin columnist, and a leading bridge writer. Mike is scheduled for a series of classes and private consultations. See the calendar and ads for specifics on all these events.

Board Meetings

While Board meetings are regularly scheduled at 5 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Turtle Creek Bridge Club, **the June meeting has been changed** to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 16. Unit members are welcome and invited to attend.

Calendar of Events

June 3-6	Summer Sectional	Turtle Creek Bridge Club
June 17-20	Summer Sectional	Bridge Club of San Antonio
July 17	"Eight Is Enough" Swiss Teams	Turtle Creek Bridge Club
Aug. 21	Luau & Annual Meeting	Turtle Creek Bridge Club
Sept. 9-12	New Braunfels Sectional	Civic Center
Oct. 2	NAP Unit Finals	Bridge Club of San Antonio
Oct. 8-11	Willson Davis, Jr. Election Sectional	Turtle Creek Bridge Club
Nov. 4-7	Fall Sectional	Bridge Club of San Antonio
Nov. 13	Mentor-Mentee Championship	Turtle Creek Bridge Club
Dec. 11	Holiday Party	Turtle Creek Bridge Club

Care & Comfort

Carmeline Squires sends get-well or sympathy cards for illness or death of members. Please notify Carmeline at 658-0249 if you have information on the illness or death of members.

Awards Day Results

Awards Day was held at Turtle Creek on May 1 honoring the Ace of Club and Mini-Mckenney winners. Ed Rawlinson, our unit President, recognized the new life masters and rankings for 2009. He also recognized our Goodwill Award Winners **Everette Lewis** and **David Ewing**, Texas Star winner **Becky Mosley**, Horton-Gray winners **Ed Rawlinson** and **Patty Hinze**, and Lewis Prize winner **Fran Vanecko**. Sandwiches, snacks and many delicious desserts were served during the event. Twenty-six tables were in play. Congratulations to Flight A pair winners **Jeri Tribo-Everette Lewis** and Flight B and C pair winners **Dee Baker-Anyemarie Weaver**. Thanks to co-hosts **Roxie Tom** and **Fran Vanecko**.

Membership Matters: *by Olivia Brown*

Congratulations to the many Unit 172 bridge players who continue to achieve ACBL masterpoints rankings. Following are the latest winners:

JUNIOR MASTERS: Ellen Gutermuth, Marilyn Weinstein, Nancy Darrow, Richard Greenbauer, Mary Jo McLaughlin, Linda Murphey, Marlene Neslund, Joan Schrader, Kathryn Wandrisco. CLUB MASTERS: Paula Barr-Hunter, Dr. Victor Press, D. Timothy A. Roberts, Barbara Burleson, Rena Lunke, Viola Massie, Sandra Press, Lisa Howlett Cohick, Helen Coronado. SECTIONAL MASTERS: Peggy Baker, Dorothy Prater, M. J. O'Connor, Darla Barger, Georgia Baron. REGIONAL MASTERS: George Fillis, Karen Fillis. NABC MASTERS: Rich Curtain, Rebecca Brown. LIFE MASTERS: Fran Vanecko, Kenyon Daniel. BRONZE LIFE MASTERS: Susan Hernandez, Liane Tsai, Ginny Littrell, Fran Vanecko. SILVER LIFE MASTERS: Jean Blilie, Mike Huiatt, Polly Campbell, Perry Pace. DIAMOND LIFE MASTERS: Ellen Hessel, Philip Grothus.

Please welcome the following new ACBL members: **Marjorie Bolt, Richard Bolt, Gina Casas, Dan E. Crutchfield, Amparo Garcia, Candy Gardner, John Armstrong, Renate Auray, Donna Blackford, Jim Cantrell, Sherry Cantrell, Christine Collier, Phyllis Cosgrove, Barbara Dreeben, Nancy Fleetwood, Mackie Freeland, Anita Hudman, Bill Hudman, Yvette Kalter, Charlotte Lockhart, Phyllis Lukens, Virginia Meek, Michael Miller, Janis Morgan, Jane Rauchut, Marcia Rockne, Jim Seiders, Margaret Soloman, Robert Swartz, Toby Tate, Barbara Duld, Marie Farrar, Robert Farrar, Lois Gibbs, Joann Hanson, Sara Lynch, Amy Olsen, Louise Sagor, Doris Tapp, Sandy Toledo, Alice Warren, Thomas Wintermute, Mary Greene, Suzanne Karcher, Grace Labatt, Anna Levy, Lucille Lindsey, Sisir Sharma, Eliza Sonneland, Sarah Travis, and Joseph Zulich.** Also welcome incoming transfer members: **Jayne Keleher, Jane Phillips, Art Clausen.**

Directory Announcement

The unit will print a phone directory for its members this year. We need your help. You must update your address and phone number with ACBL before July 31, 2010. Update your address by calling ACBL 662-253-3136 or online at www.acbl.org. We will use the ACBL address and phone number of record on August 15 for the directory.

If you do not want to be listed in the directory, cut out the form below and drop it in the directory box at the Bridge Club or Turtle Creek or mail to Roxana Tom, 13327 Gable Village, San Antonio 78231 before July 31, 2010.

I do not want to be listed in the Unit 172 phone directory.

Print Name

Signature



Mike Lawrence

coming to San Antonio
Turtle Creek Bridge Club

Classes June 11 – 13

Go to www.tcdbc.com or call 210-375-0500
for more information

Bridge Club of San Antonio June Sectional June 17-20, 2010

3195 Nacogdoches Rd..
San Antonio, TX 78217

(210) 590.9100 www.bridgeclubsa.com
admin@bridgeclubsa.com

On Nacogdoches, 1.2 miles north of Loop 410,
1.4 miles south of Wurzbach Parkway

Thursday, June 17

- 1 pm Stratified Open Pairs
- 1 pm 299er Pairs
- 7 pm Stratified Swiss Teams
- 7 pm 299er Pairs

Friday, June 18

- 1 pm Stratified Open Pairs
- 1 pm 299er Pairs
- 7 pm Stratified Open Pairs

Saturday, June 19

- 10 am Stratified Open Pairs
- 10 am 299er Pairs
- Meal between sessions
- 2:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs

Sunday, June 20

- 10:30 am & TBA
- Stratiflighted Swiss Teams
- Meal between sessions

Tournament Chair:

Rich Lampman
210.659.4248

Partnership Chair:

Everette Lewis
210.663.3545

Hospitality Chair:

Carol Campbell
210.659.7385

Card Fees:

\$10/person/session
\$88/Swiss Team
Unpaid and non-ACBL members add \$1

Stratifications:

A 2000+
B 500-2000
C 0-500

299er at director's discretion

2009 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Races Unit 172

0 to 5

- 1 Anyemarie Weaver 191.83
- 2 Dee Baker 163.56

5 to 20

- 1 Larry Staton 61.13
- 2 Georgia Baron 51.85

20 to 50

- 1 Stepen Hoffman 106.54
- 2 Judith Hoffman 105.26

50 to 100

- 1 Rebecca Brown 116.80
- 2 Richard Curtin 108.22

100 to 200

- 1 Kenyon Daniel 208.53
- 2 Beth Gale 55.29

200 to 300

- 1 Fran Vanecko 294.67
- 2 Susan Hernandez 218.65

300 to 500

- 1 Loretta Thornbrugh 159.44
- 2 Ross Thornbrugh 158.43

500 to 1000

- 1 Jerrold Harrington 346.71
- 2 Becky Mosely 307.65

1000 to 2500

- 1 C David Mitchell 332.53
- 2 Carolyn Riely 313.19

2500 to 5000

- 1 Patty Hinze 480.28
- 2 Marilyn Arnold 377.79

5000 to 7500

- 1 Donna Watkins 621.94
- 2 Ed Rawlinson 506.21

7500 to 10,000

- 1 Greg Hinze 1,272.00
- 2 Ira Hessel 828.20

Over 10,000

- 1 Terry Riely 235.35

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San Antonio Sectional Tournament June 3-6, 2010 Turtle Creek Bridge Club

**2343 NW Military Hwy, San Antonio 78231
210-375-0500 www.tcdbc.com**

Thursday, June 3rd

**11 am Stratified Open and 199er Pairs
3 pm Stratified Open Pairs**

Friday, June 4th

**11 am Stratified Open and 199er Pairs
3 pm Stratified Open Pairs**

Saturday, June 5th

**11 am Stratified Open and 199er Pairs
3 pm Stratified Open Pairs**

Sunday, June 6th

10:30 am and TBA Swiss Teams

Snacks and sandwiches between all sessions!

Chairperson: Marilyn Arnold 210-273-1128

Partnerships: Fran Vaneko 602-614-4910/210-455-9233

Hospitality: Olivia Brown 210- 494-1877

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

**Homegate Hotel, 11221 San Pedro Ave, San Antonio, TX, 78216,
1-866-502-5970, Hilton San Antonio Airport 611 NW Loop 410,
San Antonio, TX 78216 (210) 340-6060**