



THE WINNING FINESSE

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President's Message *by Ed Rawlinson*

The election of members of the Unit 172 Board of Directors is coming up (See separate article on the schedule of voting and candidate bios/statements). It's also time to for a big THANKS! to outgoing Board members. **Linda Lawrence** has done an excellent job as Unit Treasurer and has also served as Chair of the North American Pairs competition. **Jay Thorne** has had the incredibly big job of hauling, setting up, and breaking down all the tables, equipment, and supplies to Unit tournaments. (Note to **Jay**: You don't have to be a Board Member to continue in this role-be assured you are a unanimous choice to continue ad infinitum). **Paula Wissman** has generously served as both Unit Secretary and Publicity Chair for the past several years. All three have also served as co-hosts for many Unit Games (parties) during their tenure as Board Members. Thanks again **Linda, Jay, and Paula** for your outstanding service!

North American Pairs (NAP) Unit Finals

will be held Saturday, Oct. 2 at Bridge Club of San Antonio. The Unit Finals start at 10 (it's a two-session event, with lunch provided between sessions plus other munchies throughout the day). It's FREE. Play is limited to players who qualified at club games during the summer. Players qualify as individuals (you can form a new partnership as long as both players are qualified). Players who have a conflict and are unable to play on Oct. 2 may play in the Unit Finals for another Unit (but only one). Overall winners in each flight of the Unit Finals will win a combination of red and gold points. Section winners in each flight will win red points. About half the field in each flight will qualify to play in the District 16 Finals to be held in Austin Jan. 8-9. At least the top three qualifiers in each flight at the District Finals will qualify to play in the National Finals.

Calendar of Events

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

Board meetings are regularly scheduled at 5 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Turtle Creek Bridge Club. Unit members are welcome and invited to attend.

Care & Comfort Carmeline Squires sends get-well or sympathy cards for illness or death of members. Please notify Carmeline at 658-0249 .

Election of Board Members

Six candidates are running for four positions on the Unit 172 Board of Directors. The Board includes eleven members serving staggered three-year terms. **Gary Larson** is serving as Election Chair. Voting will occur during the Willson Davis, Jr. Election Sectional Oct. 8-11 at Turtle Creek Bridge Club and at various clubs in the Unit prior to the Sectional. The schedule for club voting is :

Thursday, Sept. 30	Karnes City
Friday, Oct. 1	Kerrville
Sunday, Oct. 3	Gonzales
Monday, Oct. 4	Turtle Creek
Tuesday, Oct. 5	New Braunfels
Wednesday, Oct. 6	Bridge Club of San Antonio

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Voting during the Sectional will close at the beginning of the first event on Oct. 10. If a run-off is necessary, it will be held on Oct. 11. Bios/statements of the candidates are shown below:

Sally Armstrong.

I was born in Arkansas. I taught office skills and did oil and gas leasing before moving to San Antonio. I have two sons and two daughters-in-law and three grandchildren. I learned to play contract bridge at an early age, but learned the joys of duplicate about twenty years ago. I have never been on the Board, but I'm willing to serve. Being on the Board would give me an opportunity to give back to the game that has given me so much pleasure.



Rebecca Brown.

When I am not playing bridge (studying it, thinking about it, or writing about it for the Scorecard) I spend my time as a mostly retired lawyer assisting disabled adults, mediating and serving on the board of the public mental health authority. I would be pleased to serve on the Unit Board, bringing my legal and business skills, along with my enthusiasm for the game. While I am a relative newcomer to bridge, I feel very much a part of our bridge community. In the course of writing the Scorecard column this year, I have come to know many of your stories: the victories, the agonies, the wonderfully bizarre moments at the table!



Stephen F. Hoffman, MD.

Date of Birth: 10/1941 Place of Birth: New York City
I grew up in Philadelphia and came to San Antonio in 1972. My Undergraduate and Medical degrees are from the University of Pennsylvania and my Residency in Neurology was done at Pennsylvania Hospital. I was a Captain in the US Air Force for two years. I worked on the staff of the UT Health Science Center from 1972 to 1976 and then independently practiced Neurology until the end of 2005. I was a Clinical Professor at the UTHSC Medical school. I chaired the Medical Records Dept. at Methodist Hospital as well as a term as Chairman of the Dept. of Medicine. I also served on numerous other committees. Currently, I work part time as a neurological consultant for Cetero Research. I have been playing duplicate bridge for about 2.5 years and am diligently working toward life master. I would like to serve on the board to help promote the game that I love, particularly for "newbies" and to help strengthen the unit in any way that I can. I believe that my past experiences would be helpful in a board setting.



Jodie McMahon

Native San Antonian, recycling back after 40 years.
Teacher/T.D. on cruises for 13 years.
Taught bridge in Jackson Miss. at the club and in my home. Ran a Bridge + game for 5 years.
On the board of Jackson Bridge and President for 2 years.
I am very pro novice, and have participated in the mentor/mentee program.
Will be playing more bridge at both clubs come mid-Sept.
This is such a great game, I will do whatever it takes to keep it alive and well.



Roxana Tom.

I learned so much serving on your board of directors a few years ago and am running for another term because I feel I should use that knowledge on your behalf. I live in Campbellton, which is 50 miles south of San Antonio on IH 37. I've played bridge since I was 16 and joined the ACBL in 1994. Duplicate was love at first matchpoint. I have a BBA in accounting from the University of Texas and have run the financial side of our family's ranching and rental businesses for 30 years. I presently serve as a director of the Nueces River Authority, Karnes County National Bank, and Atascosa Hospital Association. My experience in finance and working with very diverse groups of people should help me represent you on our Unit Board. Our unit is fortunate to have a nice financial cushion. I believe that the unit should support our clubs and give back to the players, but also be fiscally responsible. The board should build on the effort it has made, in conjunction with our great teachers, to attract new players. I would like to be a part of the unit's efforts to attract new players and encourage them to play in their local clubs and in our tournaments. It has been my experience that the best bridge players are nice to those who are not yet as skilled. It is important to the future of our game that our unit continue the effort to ensure that everyone who plays in any of our games has an enjoyable experience.



Jeri Tribo.

My interest in bridge began in high school, and I've played rubber bridge intermittently throughout my husband's Air Force career. However, I didn't really become hooked until after I retired from teaching and started playing duplicate at Turtle Creek Bridge Club (when it was at the Episcopal church). I'm now a certified bridge teacher, director, and bronze life master. Currently I volunteer my Fridays as a director for the Fair Oaks Ranch Bridge Club and try to play duplicate three times a week. I was elected to the SABL board two years ago and have served as the VP and Education Chair, primarily working on the Mentor-Mentee program. I was able to use this experience to run a successful I/N (299er) Program in 2009 for the 4th of July Regional. As the Chairperson for the 2011 Regional, I'm encouraged by the enthusiasm of my committee and look forward to another successful and fun Tournament. I've enjoyed my experience on the SABL board. If I am re-elected for another term, I hope to continue to work to bring more interest and participation in duplicate bridge in San Antonio through the Mentor-Mentee Program and "Easy Bridge 1,2,3" classes.



Luau Thrills, Drama, Disappointment!!! A big crowd (36 tables) showed up for the Annual Luau at Turtle Creek on Aug. 21. Co-hosts **Linda Lawrence, Steve Simpson, and Ed Rawlinson** plus lots of volunteers provided a smorgasboard of great food. Almost everyone won a prize, including **Bobbi Hale** and **Ken McCollister** for best Hawaiian outfits. Two sections (including the 299ers) were able to complete the movement in an orderly fashion, but the third section presented a monumental challenge to director **Al Lochli**. It seems that several tables played the boards out of order. According to Al, when this happens, the director is authorized to make up scores which look reasonable. Al was heard to say "you just have to know which pairs are going to check their scores and which ones aren't." Alleged winners were **Ellen & Ira Hessel (A), Steve Simpson & Barbara Ridgeway (B), Dee Baker & Anyemarie Weaver (C), and David Herron & Bobbi Hale (299ers)**. **Dr. Hessel**, a Platinum Life Master, offered this expert tip: "Never check your scores when you're in first place." In general, the good times rolled. However, one disappointment was that **Beverly Santos** did not follow through on her promise to wear her "coconut bikini top". Another was that the widely rumored hula contest between **Judy Hoffman, Pat Prichard, and Kenyon Daniel** was apparently just a rumor. When asked for clarification, **Kenyon** said "I don't anything about it, but I'm willing. I used to be quite a hula dancer, and, you know, it's like riding a bicycle. You never forget."

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Hospitality Chair
Olivia Brown 210-494-1877

Card Fees:
\$10/person/session
\$88/Swiss Team
50% Student discount
Unpaid and non-ACBL members plus \$1

Averaged Stratifications:
Open Pairs: A 2000+ B 500-2000 C 0-500
Separate Section for 299ers and below

Swiss: A - 2000+ A/X - 1000 - 2000
B - 500 - 1000 C - 0 - 500

We're outside Loop 410, inside Loop 1604, just north of Lockhill-Selma in North Salado Village.

Homegate Hotel, 11221 San Pedro Ave, San Antonio, TX, 78216, 1-866-502-5970, 3.4 miles from The Bridge Club.

Hilton San Antonio Airport (210) 340-6060 611 NW Loop 410, San Antonio, TX 78216 1.4 miles away

Willson Davis, Jr.
San Antonio
Election Sectional

October 8-11, 2010

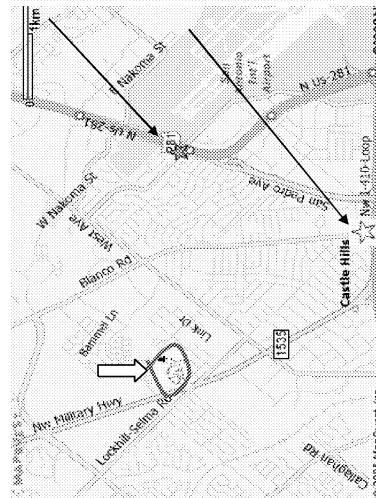
Friday, October 8
11 am Stratified Open Pairs and 199er Pairs
3 pm Stratified Open Pairs

Saturday, October 9
11 am & 3 pm Compact KO Teams
11 am Stratified Open Pairs and 199er Pairs
3 pm Stratified Open Pairs

Sunday, October 10
11 am & 3 pm Compact KO Teams
11 am Stratified Open Pairs and 199er Pairs
3 pm Stratified Open Pairs

Monday, October 11
10:30 a.m. & TBA Strati-flighted Swiss

LUNCH INCLUDED BETWEEN ALL SESSIONS



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Bridge Club of San Antonio Fall Sectional November 4-7, 2010

Thursday, November 4

10:00 am Stratified Open Pairs
10:00 am 299'er Pairs
Meal between sessions
2:30 pm Stratified Swiss Teams
2:30 pm 299'er Pairs

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Everette Lewis
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Hospitality Chair:

Carol Campbell
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Friday, November 5

10:00 am Stratified Open Pairs
10:00 am 299'er Pairs
Meal between sessions
2:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs
2:30 pm Bracketed KO Teams
(1 of 3)

Card Fees:

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

Saturday, November 6

10:00 am Stratified Open Pairs
10:00 am 299'er Pairs
10:00 am Bracketed KO Teams
(2 of 3)

Meal between sessions

2:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs
2:30 pm Bracketed KO Teams
(3 of 3)

Stratifications:

A 2000+
B 500-2000
C 0-500

Sunday, November 7

10:00 am & TBA
Stratified Swiss Teams
Meal between sessions

299er Stratifications:

0-100
100-200
200-300

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