



THE WINNING FINESSE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by *Ed Rawlinson*

There's gold in them thar hills...or at least at the upcoming Regional. Tournament co-chairs **Jeri Tribo** and **Fran Vanecko**, along with a host of volunteers, have been working for almost a year to make this tournament successful. The schedule of events (see listing) includes new pair games and team games which maximize the potential to win gold points. There's a full 299er schedule plus guest lectures twice daily. Note: one of the particularly interesting lectures will be presented by Ira Hessel on proper bidding box management.

Could there be a San Antonio Nationals in the future? A committee has been appointed to explore the possibility (Roxie Tom-Chair, David Mitchell, Steve Simpson, Rebecca Brown).

Thanks to **Roxie Tom** and **Steve Simpson** for their hard work on publishing a new membership directory.

The process for electing members of the Board of Directors has started. A Nominating Committee consisting of **Rebecca Brown (chair)**, **Roxie Tom**, **Kay Laird**, **Carol Campbell**, and **Sheryleen Grothus** will present a list of nominees at the annual Membership Meeting during the Luau on Aug. 20. If you're interested in being a nominee or recommending someone, let one of the committee members know. Board members serve a three-year term. Current members whose terms are expiring are **Olivia Brown**, **Everette Lewis**, and **Ed Rawlinson**. Nominees will be listed in the next issue of the Winning Finesse (in August). Additional nominations may also be made from the floor at the membership meeting.

The recent Memorial Day is a good reminder about the Support Our Troops project. We collect items to send to troops in Iraq or Afghanistan. Items include necessities such as pillow cases, deodorant, and wet wipes or treats such as home-baked or purchased cookies (no chocolate...it melts), candy, granola bars, gum, nuts, sunflower seeds, coffee and Tabasco Sauce (no kidding). Note: in the past we have suggested toothpaste or toothbrushes and playing cards, but these are no longer needed (we have a big surplus). Collection boxes are at participating clubs. We provide the packaging and mailing. Packages are currently being sent to three soldiers nominated by members. Recipients typically share the packages with their units. **Fran Vanecko** is coordinating this project. Call her (455-9233) if you have questions or want to nominate a recipient.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 28-July 4 4th of July Regional Omni
July 16 Eight Is Enough Swiss Teams-BCSA
Aug. 20 Luau and Annual Membership Mtg.-BCSA
Sept. 8-11 New Braunfels Sectionals
Sept. 24 North American Pairs Unit Finals-Turtle Creek

Care & Comfort

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

SAN ANTONIO TAKES INAUGURAL I35 CUP

The finals of the I35 Cup, an intercity match between San Antonio and Austin, was held at Turtle Creek on April 2. Each city brought 2 teams in each flight (A, B, C, and 299er). All 6 San Antonio teams won their semifinal matches in Flights A, B, and C, creating all-San Antonio finals in each flight and clinching the cup for San Antonio before the final matches were played. One of our 299er teams almost got to the finals, losing their 24-board semifinal by 1 IMP.

Thanks to **Fran Vanecko** for creating, organizing, and hosting this event. The concept was suggested by bridge professional and writer Mike Lawrence after he provided lectures in both cities last fall. An account of the match is scheduled to be reported in the ACBL Bulletin in July.

Congratulations to the winners in Flight A(**Dave & Donna Swarthout-Bill Walker-Ed Rawlinson**); Flight B (**Sam Williams-Andy Villastrigo-Becky Mosely-Terry Rice**); and Flight C (**George Fillis-Rebecca Brown-Steve & Stephanie Stevens**).

UNIT GAME RESULTS

Twenty teams competed in the Eight Is Enough Swiss Teams Unit Game was held Mar. 26 at Turtle Creek. Winners included: Flight A: 1. **Roxana Tom-Roxana Tom-Ann Weaver-Dee Baker**; 2/3. **Carolyn Riely-Charlie Walker-Pat Balhorn-Carole Lee O'Connor**; 2/3. **Ron & Jeri Tribo-Steve & Stephanie Stevens** (also first in B). Flight B: 2. **Al Lochli-Robert Barber-Betsy Berg-S. K. Sharma**; 3. **Ann Gary-Beula Mae Pearce-Dorothy Rippstein-Steve Kassarian**. Thanks to official co-hosts **Roxana Tom-Roxana Tom-Rebecca Brown** and unofficial co-hosts **Ann Gary-Beula Mae Pearce-Dorothy Rippstein** for the exceptional hospitality.

Twenty-three tables participated in the Awards Day Unit Game May 14 at BCSA. Winners included: Flight A: 1. **Diane Olson-Forest Gray**; 2. **Wayne Rauschuber-Chuck Jefferson**; 3. **Bill Osborne-Marjorie Miller** (also first in B & C); Flight B: 2. **Kay Laird-Pat Prichard**; 3. **Orpha Sears-Pollye Campbell**; Flight C: 2. **Rebecca Brown-George Fillis**; 3. **Carolyn Schafer-Cynthia Swartz**. Thanks to co-hosts **Roxana Tom-Roxana Tom** (and their country girl cohorts) for great goodies. Congratulations to all those recognized for bridge achievements and service.

UPCOMING UNIT GAMES!

It's not too early to line up your teams and partners for upcoming unit games. An Eight Is Enough Swiss Teams Game will be held July 16 at BCSA. In this event, a Flight A player counts 3, Flight B player counts 2 and Flight C player counts 1. Your team total can't exceed 8. The event is flighted: 8-point teams are in Flight A; 6- & 7-point teams are in Flight B; and 4- & 5-point teams are in Flight C. The annual Luau will be held Aug. 20 at BCSA and will be a Stratified Pair Game. Each of these games will have door prizes and lots of goodies.

Membership Matters *by Olivia Brown.*

Our new members are: **Judy A Kincaide, Jack M Stein, Jeanie Webb, Beverly Fulton, Fred Grafton, Lew Spurlock, Jenny Buchek, Frank L. Burg, Jr., Carlota C. Dwyer, Phyllis K. Fisher, Karen L. Getz, Garrie W. Gillaspie, Joyce Goodwin, Barb Grafton, Nancy B. Harden, Susan S. Jacobson, Blanche Nabers, Claude Nabers, Ellen Sims, Dianne W. Sutton, Esther Yoo, June M Eubank, Carol L. Hall and Don W. Marcott.** Transfers into our unit are: **B. J. Filley, Darlene D. Kinstley, Robert S. Tanguy, Dottie**

G. Van Dine, Jacqueline S. Clifford, James C. Clifford, Lejeune G. Whitworth, Walt Freudenberg, Barbara Kizer and Wells Stewart.

Congratulations to the many Unit 172 bridge players who continue to achieve ACBL masterpoint rankings..Following are the latest winners: JUNIOR MASTER: **Rita Hendershot, Joseph A. Zulich, Marietta P. Allmond, Kaye Arnecke, Elizabeth R. Berger, Nancy S. Carter, Louise Day, Alice F. Dunn, Michael J. Stoffel, Barbara M. Levfine, Martha Barnes, Carla G. Harman and Beverly G. Miller.** CLUB MASTERS: **Jean L.Craig, Cathy A. Main, Betty Lou Sheerin, Judith Y. Tor and Judy K. Thompson.**\

SECTIONAL MASTER: **Sisir K. Sharma, Dee Pollock, Dr. Timothy A. Roberts, Jonathan Tramer, Earl G. Cutler and Richard T. Greenbauer.** REGIONAL MASTERS: **Julie K. Hogenauer.** NABC MASTER: **George J. Fillis, Karen L. Fillis, Charles O'Neil Stephen P. Simpson.** LIFE MASTERS: **Judith G. Hoffman, Dr. Stephen F. Hoffman, Tessa Bodnar, Gool R. Castleberry and Ingrid Kelly.** BRONZE LIFE MASTERS: **Gool Castleberry, Kenyon Daniel Ingrid Kelly Mark E. Kenndy, Patricia N. Barham & Carole Lee O'Connor.**SILVER LIFE MASTERS: **Dr. J. Howard Frederick and Pat Prichard.**

New Braunfels Sectional

I know we are all looking forward to the July 4th Regional and we have our calendars filled, but lets not be 'short-sighted'. Pull those calendars out and turn to September. It will once again time for the New Braunfels Sectional. That's right, Fall will be here before we know what's happening. On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday the game times are 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. so you will have plenty of time for a great evening dinner at some of our fine restaurants.

On Thursday, Sept 8th we will have a pairs game in the morning and a Swiss team game in the afternoon. Friday and Saturday we will have compact KO's as well as pair games. Sunday, for the Nell Morgan Swiss Team game we have secured our favorite caterer. We have planned a great German meal. Rita DeHoyos, our hospitality chairman, assures me that we will have terrific snacks on all four days. We look forward to seeing all of you in September.



New Braunfels Sectional

September 8-11, 2011
New Braunfels Civic Center
380 Seguin Ave New Braunfels, TX 78130

Thursday, September 8

10:30 am Stratified Pairs
3:30 pm Stratified Swiss Teams

Friday, September 9

10:30 am Stratified Pairs
10:30 am Compact KO#1
3:30 pm Stratified Pairs
3:30 pm Compact KO.#1

Saturday , September 10

10:30 am Stratified Pairs
10:30 am Compact KO#2
3:30 pm Stratified Pairs
3:30 pm Compact KO#2

Sunday, September 11

10:30 am & TBA Nell Morgan Stratified Swiss Teams

299er Games

Thursday-Saturday 10:30 am and 3:30 pm (3 table minimum)

Stratifications:

Flight A 2000 Flight B 500-2000 Flight C 0-500
All events will be stratified based on average master points

Card Fees

\$11/person/session Sunday Swiss/\$96/team (includes lunch)
\$1/session more for non-member

Tournament Chair

Paula Warren 830-620-0004

Partnership Chair

Jackie Scott 830-632-6890
Janet & Bill Moody 830-708-3612

Hospitality Chair

Rita de Hoyas 830-627-7575

Hotels:

Faust Hotel \$89-99 830-625-7791
Marriott \$99-110 830-626-4700

San Antonio Regional June 27-July 4

The Omni, 9821 Colonnade Blvd.
TAP: Mon 6-10pm & Tues 9am-4pm

Pair Games

Stratified Charity Pairs, Tues. 7
Side Game Series, Wed.-Sun. 10, 2:30, 7:30
Stratified Pairs, Wed/Fri/Sun 10, 2:30
Golden Opportunity Pairs, Wed/Fri/Sun 10, 2:30
Swiss Team Games

Stratified Swiss, Thurs/Sat 10, 2:30
Golden Opportunity Swiss, Thurs/Sat 10, 2:30
Stratified Swiss (1 session), Wed-Sun 2:30
Stratified Swiss, Mon 10 & TBA

Knockout Team Games

KO#1, Tues 7 & Wed 10, 2:30, 7:30
KO#2, Wed-Thurs, 10, 2:30
KO#3, Thurs-Fri, 10, 2:30
KO#4, Thurs-Sun, 7:30
KO#5, Fri-Sat, 10, 2:30
KO#6, Sat-Sun, 10, 2:30

Compact KO A, Sat-Sun 7:30

Compact KO B, Sun 10, 2:30

Zip KOs, Wed-Sun 11 p.m.

Intermediate/Newcomer Events

Charity Pairs, Tues 7

Stratified Pairs (1 session), Wed-Fri 10, 2:30,
& 7:30, Sat 2:30, Sun 10, 2:30
Swiss Teams, Sat 10

Stratification

Stratified Pairs & Teams (except Mon)

A: 2000+; X: 0-2000

Golden Opportunity Pairs & Teams

B: 300-750; C: 0-300

Stratified Teams (Mon)

A: 5000+; X: 0-5000; A & X play together
B: 0-2000 will be bracketed (top 3 in each bracket
will win gold)

Intermediate/Newcomer A: 100-300; B: 50-
100; C: 0-50

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