



# THE WINNING FINESSE

Volume 20 Number 5 Website: <http://d16acbl.org/U172> October, 2011

**ACBL President Visits Local Clubs.** Craig Robinson, ACBL President, is visiting 100 clubs across the country. On Aug. 26, he visited and played at both Turtle Creek and Bridge Club of San Antonio. Craig is from Pennsylvania. Earlier this year, he visited 50 clubs east of the Mississippi; now he's on the western swing. The local clubs were #73 and 74 on the schedule. Craig made some introductory remarks and invited players to ask him any questions or make any suggestions they might have during his visit. The local folks were well behaved but not bashful. Kudos to Craig for getting out to the grass roots.



## Election Time.

Three positions (each three-year terms) on the Unit 172 Board of Directors are up for election. Voting will be held according to the following schedule:

Thursday, Oct. 6	5:15 p.m.	Karnes City
Friday, Oct. 7	12/15 p.m.	Kerrville
Sunday, Oct. 9	1:15	Gonzales
Monday, Oct. 10	10:15 a.m.	Turtle Creek
Monday, Oct. 10	6:15 p.m.	Turtle Creek
Tuesday, Oct. 11	12:00 noon	New Braunfels
Wednesday, Oct. 12	11:15 a.m.	BCSA
Thursday, Oct. 13	10:15 a.m. and between sessions of Election Sectional at TC	
Friday, Oct. 14	10:15 a.m. and between sessions of Election Sectional at TC	
Saturday, Oct. 15	10:15 a.m. and between sessions of Election Sectional at TC	
Sunday, Oct. 16	Runoff election between sessions of Election Sectional (if required)	

Candidates include:

### Gary Anziani

Gary Anziani recently retired from a successful 36-year career in hospital administration. Of note, he led his organization in becoming a finalist in the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. He is an accomplished classical pianist, having studied with a student of Claudio Arrau, the great Chilean pianist, and he and his wife, Mary Lou, also a health

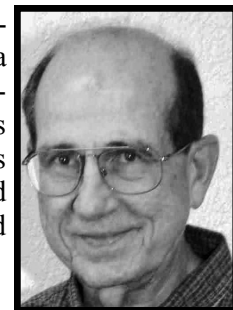
### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept. 24 North American Pairs Unit Finals-Turtle Creek
- Oct. 13-16 Willson Davis, Jr. Election Sectional-Turtle Creek
- Nov. 10-13 Fall Sectional-BCSA
- Nov. 19 Mentor-Mentee Championship-BCSA
- Dec. 10 Holiday Party-BCSA
- Jan. 13-16 Winter Sectional/District NAP-Omni

### Care & Comfort

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

care professional and a new member of the ACBL, raised three sons over the last 31 years. The oldest is an attorney in Austin, the second a hedge fund co-owner in Los Angeles, and the youngest a first-year student at St. Mary's Law School. Gary is an active member of various civic, art and charitable organizations, serving on several Boards. A Silver Life Master, he loves to play bridge and is interested in becoming a member of the Board to give of his time and talent to Unit 172 now that his retirement affords him the opportunity. He has enjoyed playing bridge since the 60's when he and Mike Lawrence played at Berkeley, and would like to give back for all the pleasure he has derived playing this marvelous game.



**Karen Fillis**



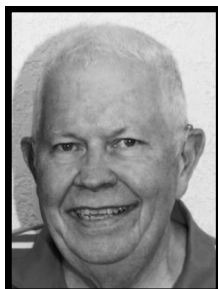
I think the most important thing you need to know about me is that I love bridge. I have been a member of ACBL for about 4 years and have enjoyed every minute. I enjoy learning more about the game each time I play. I have been fortunate enough to make it to the Nationals with my husband, George, in two GNT's and one NAOP. I have volunteered to help with regional and sectional tournaments. I was Hospitality co-chair for the SA Regional last July. As far as personal background, I graduated from San Diego State University and have been an accountant and office manager most of my adult life. I have done accounting and tax work for individuals, corporations and non profits. I am married and have 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren.

**Ira Hessel**

I am a retired chemist and have a Ph.D. from the University of Texas. I have served as unit 172 D16 Rep for the last 10 years. I have served as District 16 president and was awarded the Oswald and Jim Jacoby service award in 2008. Ellen and I have been Scorecard editors for over 4 years. We pioneered the *Winning Finesse* in its present form 20 years ago. I served two consecutive terms on the SABL board during the 90's. I am a Platinum Life Master with two second place finishes in national events. I travel regularly to nationals and regionals where I discuss all aspects of bridge with many players. My goal is to help improve the presentation of bridge events and results and increase membership growth and enjoyment of the game through continued education at every level.



**Ed Rawlinson**



I've been on the Board for nine years, including several terms as Treasurer and President. If you hang around long enough, you accumulate little tidbits of knowledge about how the ACBL works, why certain policies were adopted and others weren't, what's not written down anywhere but shouldn't be forgotten, and what mistakes not to make all over again. While my wife would be amused at any claims I might make in the (institutional) memory department, that's my story and I'm sticking to it. One of my contributions to the Unit was having the idea for the hula hoop contest at the Luau. Another is preserving the integrity of the Tiki fertility idol. The current Board and the candidates are all hard workers, but someone has to provide occasional long-term memory and inspired quirkiness.

**Bob Steidel**

As a new member to ACBL (3yrs 8/11), I would like to encourage increased participation by existing members and also add a substantial number of new ones. I recently retired from Steidel, Dziuk and Associates the 8th largest financial planning and advisory firm in San Antonio. (San Antonio Business Journal 2010) I received my MBA from St. Mary's University. I am a Vietnam vet having been honored as "Soldier of the Month" in February of 1970, by the 2nd Logistical Command. I played baseball, football and basketball in high school and baseball, wrestling and lacrosse in college and am a past President of a local home owners association. My wife Kay and I have been residents of San Antonio since 1970. My sons, Nick and Greg graduated from UT and A&M respectively. It would be my privilege to serve the game I now so enjoy and all the new friends I have acquired. The positive evolution of our Unit will be dictated by our ability to satisfy and exceed the



needs of our current membership while attracting new players.

**Leslie Tramer**



I have been playing bridge since I was 18 years old but it is only in the past few years that I have played duplicate bridge. Through the years, I have been an active community volunteer, an executive director for a nonprofit agency, an educator, and a fundraiser. I continue to serve on the boards of various local institutions. I hope to bring a perspective to the board that would be representative not only of the newer players but to all who enjoy the game.

**The Luau...What a Romp!** There was no hula contest, but there was a hula hoop contest. Seven brave souls were willing to test whether they still “had it”. Three winners emerged: **Garrie Gillaspie, Andy Williams, and Carole O’Connor**. Honorable Mention goes to **Kenyon Daniel**, who obviously came prepared in case there was a real hula contest. Kenyon surely would have mastered the hoop, had not her leis continually been in the way. Kenyon did, however, win the Best Hawaiian Outfit (Female) competition. Actually, she tied for this award with **Tessa Bodnar**. Both ladies were seen swishing their grass skirts throughout the day. The judges recognized **Beverly Santos** as a close runner-up due to her “signature coconuts”. In the only (if mild) complaint of the day, **Shirley Brooks** was heard to remark that “I always wanted some of those, but I could never find coconuts big enough.” In a much more restrained competition for the Best Hawaiian Outfit (Male), **Jerry Harrington** was the clear winner. In a somewhat shocking fashion display, co-hosts **Rebecca Brown and Ed Rawlinson** showed up in matching outfits. Ed’s story is that “she was afraid I would show up as beach bum, so she insisted I wear her husband’s shirt.” Rebecca’s only comment was that “we also have matching tattoos”.

The pre-game bacchanalian mood continued with the presentation of the Unit’s most coveted award, the Tiki Fertility Idol. This year’s multiple winners included **Laurie Levin, Pat Prichard, Rebecca Brown, Fran Vanecko, Jeri Tribo, and Beth Gale**. These ladies are well known members of **Bill Scarpero’s** harem. While the recipient(s) of the award are normally chosen by a secret selection committee, the committee actually received a nomination from Bill. Bill, in his usual reserved style, said “I just feel they should have some recognition and encouragement.”

There was no roast pig, but that’s about all that was missing. Serious dietary indiscretions occurred. The co-hosts and numerous volunteer contributors are to blame. A special thanks goes to **Kathleen Pigott** and her crew at BCSA for providing the decorations and other support for a successful event.

There was also some bridge. Winners included: **Forrest Gray-Chuck Jefferson (1<sup>st</sup> in A), Bill Walker-Gary Anziani (2<sup>nd</sup> in A), Becky Tanner-Betty Knaggs (3<sup>rd</sup> in A & 1<sup>st</sup> in B), Mary and Gene Britton (2<sup>nd</sup> in B), Cecilia Zachar-Fran Vanecko (3<sup>rd</sup> in B), Steve Simpson-David Herron (1<sup>st</sup> in C), Andy Williams-Marjorie Miller (2<sup>nd</sup> in C), Judy Cheek-Arlene Martel (3<sup>rd</sup> in C), Wyn Coleman-Richard Greenbauer (1<sup>st</sup> in 299er), Polly McCamey-Paula Hester (2<sup>nd</sup> in 299er), and Beverly Poth-Ken King (3<sup>rd</sup> in 299er). Congratulations to all!**

**Willson Davis, Jr. San Antonio Election Sectional  
October 13-16, 2011  
Turtle Creek Bridge Club**

**Thursday, October 13**

11 am Stratified Open Pairs and 199er Pairs

3 pm Swiss Team

**Friday, October 14**

11 am & 3 pm Compact KO #1

11 am Stratified Open Pairs and 199er Pairs

3 pm Stratified Open Pairs

**Saturday October 15**

11 am & 3 pm Compact KO#2

11 am Stratified Open Pairs and 199er Pairs

3 pm Stratified Open Pairs

**Sunday, , October 16**

10:30 a.m. & TBA Strati-flighted Swiss

LUNCH INCLUDED BETWEEN ALL SESSIONS

**Tournament Chair** Paula Wissman:  
210-488-3262

**Partnership Chair** Susan Hernandez  
210-378-7764

**Hospitality Chair** Olivia Brown  
210-494-1877

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

**2343 NW Military Hwy San Antonio 78231 210.375.0500 www.tcdbc.com**

# **Bridge Club of San Antonio November 10-13, 2011**

3195 Nacogdoches Rd., San Antonio, TX 78217  
(210) 590.9100    [www.bridgeclubsa.com](http://www.bridgeclubsa.com)  
admin@bridgeclubsa.com

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

## **Thursday, November 10**

11:00 am Stratified Open Pairs  
11:00 am 299er Pairs  
Meal between sessions  
3:00 pm Stratified Swiss Teams  
3:00 pm 299er Pairs

## **Friday, November 11**

11:00 am Stratified Open Pairs  
11:00 am 299er Pairs  
Meal between sessions  
3:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs  
3:00 pm Bracketed KO Teams (1 of 3)

## **Saturday, November 12**

11:00 am Stratified Open Pairs  
11:00 am 299er Pairs  
11:00 am Bracketed KO Teams (2 of 3)  
Meal between sessions  
3:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs  
3:00 pm Bracketed KO Teams (3 of 3)

## **Sunday, November 13**

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

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

**PRESORTED STD  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
PERMIT 595  
SAN ANTONIO TX**