



THE WINNING FINESSE

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President's Column by Roxana Tom. It is our turn to hold the regional in the week of July 4th. Jeri Tribo and her committee have worked long and hard to ensure that you have a grand time. The President of the ACBL, Don Mamula, plans to be with us. Let's join together to show him how much we enjoy playing bridge. So come join us July 1 – 7, at the Omni Hotel.

Be sure to mark your calendar for our July 20 Individual game. It's a fun event where you play each hand with a different partner. Everyone plays the standard yellow card. The 88 players who turned out last year had a great time. Held at the Bridge Club of San Antonio, it will only cost you \$5.00 to play with 24 different people and enjoy good appetizers and desserts. Besides those two events, there's the Eight is Enough game on June 22 at Fiesta Bridge Club, our annual meeting in August and North American Pairs qualifying in June, July and August in our clubs. It looks like a great summer.

Bill McCarty=National Champ! Bill McCarty, playing with Daniel Jackson of Houston, won the Golder Pairs (Flight B of the North American Pairs) at the recent Spring Nationals in St. Louis. The NAP competition started at the club level last summer. Qualifiers then competed at the Unit Championship. Top winners there moved on to the D16 Championship. The top 3 pairs at the District level qualified to compete at the National level. After two qualifying sessions and two final sessions of grueling competition at the national level, Bill finished in the top spot! Congratulations, Bill. Well done!

Care & Comfort

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

Board Meetings.

The Unit 172 Board of Directors meets at 5 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Turtle Creek Bridge Club. Visitors are welcome.

Calendar

June 7-8	NLM Sectional	Fiesta BC
June 22	Eight is Enough	Fiesta BC
July 1-7	REGIONAL	Omni
July 20	Individual Unit Game	BCSA
Aug 25	Luau and Annual Meeting	BCSA
Sept 5-8	New Braunfels Sectional	

I35 Cup Update.

Nineteen teams showed up on Mar. 30 at Fiesta BC to compete to represent Unit 172 (the good guys) against Austin (the Weirdos) on June 1. Two teams from each flight qualified.

- Flight A: 1 **Ed Rawlinson - Gary Anziani - Dave Swarthout - Donna Swarthout**
 2 **Wayne Rauschuber - Charles Jefferson - Beverly Santos - Sheryleen Grothus**
- Flight B 1 **Fran Vanecko - Jeri Tribo - George Fillis - Richard Curtin**
 2 **Terrence Rice - Kenyon Daniel - Arline Rubin - Andy Villastrigo**
- Flight C 1 **David Herron - Lew Spurlock - Jim Roff - Irene White**
 2 **Kathy Sinkin-Amor - Beth Gale - Brenda Johnson - Marjorie Miller**
- 299ers 1 **Prema Durairaj - David Johnson Jr - Stewart Windeler - Marilyn Weinstein**
 2 **Cathy Supple - Doris Salley - Beverly Poth - John Stewart**

Four of these players (Jim Roff, Arline Rubin, Marjorie Miller, and Beverly Poth) were unable to play on June 1 and were replaced by **Dolores Reiley, Forrest Gray, Andy Williams, and Judy Taquino**, respectively.

A pep rally was held May 30. Margaritas were served. After several rounds, those in attendance were chanting "kick their butts."

At the June 1 Finals, it was almost a clean sweep for San Antonio in the "main" cup competition. Both teams in Flights B and C won. In Flight A, the Rauschuber team came from 20 down at halftime to win. Only the Rawlinson team lost (on the last board on the 32-board match). In the 299er competition, the Durairaj team won, while the Supple team lost. The Austinites won the 299er Cup after tiebreaking points were considered.

In addition to the I35 Cup competition, the event was conducted as a multi-session team game. San Antonio players who placed in this aspect of the event were **Ed Rawlinson-Gary Anziani-Donna Swarthout-Dave Swarthout (2nd in A); Terrence Rice-Kenyon Daniel-Forrest Gray-Andy Villastrigo (1st in B); Fran Vanecko-Rich Curtin-George Fillis-Jeri Tribo (2nd in B); Beth Gale-Brenda Johnson-Andy Williams-Kathy Sinkin-Amor(1st in C); David Herron-Lew Spurlock-Dolores Reiley -Irene White (2nd in C); and David Johnson-Stewart Windeler-Marilyn Weinstein-Prema Durairaj (1st in 299er).**

Thanks to **Jeri Tribo and Ed Rawlinson** for organizing the event and providing the hospitality in the qualifier, the pep rally, and the finals.

Awards Day

Twenty-one tables showed up for the annual Awards Day at Fiesta BC on May 18. This event provides recognition for winners of Ace of Clubs, Mini-McKenney, Cisse Horton Award, George Gray Award, Paul Lewis Award, Texas Star Award, Goodwill Members of the Year, and players who have reached notable milestones in the ACBL masterpoint program. All of these achievements have been published in prior editions of the Winning Finesse, except for the Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney Awards, which are listed in the next two articles. Awards Day also includes a bridge game, and the winners included: **Judy Lewis-Kim Carpenter (1st in A), Robert Martin-Betty Jo Bettersworth (2nd in A & 1st in B), Terry & Carolyn Riely (3rd in A), Ann Weaver-Dee Baker (2nd in B), Beula Mae Pierce-Steve Kassarjian (3rd in B), Larry Levin-Victor Press (1st in C), Brenda Johnson-Marjorie Miller (2nd in C), and Laura Matuszewski-James Gardner (3rd in C).**

Caddy Call

It's that time again. If you have a child or grandchild 12 years old or more, who would like to work the Regional, July 1st through 7th, call or email Everette at 663-3545 or plewisjr@satx.rr.com.

Caddies should dress appropriately as they would for school, but with comfortable shoes for walking; no short shorts, bare midriffs, etc. The pay is \$30.00 per session, and the caddy will usually work two sessions per day. Duties will include exchanging duplicate boards between tables, emptying the small trash containers into the larger receptacles, or other tasks as instructed by the directors, caddy master, or other Unit official. There will be a caddy training/pizza party Monday, July 1st at noon.

Fourth of July 2013 Regional *by Jeri Tribo & Fran Vanecko*

The San Antonio Fourth of July Regional (July 1-7) will be here before you know it, but the summer heat is already here. Be cool in air-conditioned comfort at the Omni Colonnade this week, and win those gold points! We kick off the tournament on Mon evening at 7:00 with a charity game...extra points here! There will be KO's Mon-Sat, Swiss team events Tues-Sun, and daily pair games. For those life master "Wannabes," this is your chance! Check out the "Gold Rush" games, where the field is limited from 0-750 MPs. The 299er program also will have expert guest speakers daily before the afternoon session with topics that will be of interest for novice and intermediate players alike.

We listened to your comments in 2011 about soggy sandwiches in the box lunches, or "I'm on a diet" for our Swiss team event, so we're trying something new this year. Entry fees are lower for the team events, but you buy your own lunch. You get to choose! The Omni will offer "grab n' go" snacks in the Hotel lobby and special bridge lunch menus in the dining room. We also will offer daily hospitality, calorie-free NOT!

Y'all visit www.SAregional.com. Steve Simpson, our webmaster, will have all the details on this site

Eight is Enough Swiss Team Game.

Get your teams together for a fun unit swiss team game June 22 at Fiesta Bridge Club. The Eight Is Enough format means no team may have over 8 points (It's OK to have fewer than 8 points). Points are assigned by a player's total master points per each team member: 0-500 is 1 point, 500-2000 is 2 points, over 2000 is 3 points. For example a team made up of 2 A players and 2 C players would have a total of 8 points. The price is right \$5 per person for appetizers, prizes and fun.

Membership Matters. We welcome the following new members and transfers: **Terry Beatty, Sheila Menchaca, Jan Hill, Jennifer Sammis, Virginia Stoops, Susan Wise, Herb Keyser.** Congratulations to all those who received higher ACBL ratings: new Junior Masters: **Beverly Flannery, Virginia Gafford;** new Club Masters: **Richard Arnold, Ken King, Marjorie Tucker;** new Sectional Masters: **David Johnson, Marietta Almond, Janice Fletcher, Michael Stoffel;** new Regional Masters: **Christine Collier, Dorothy Prater, Seth Fogarty;** new NABC Masters: **Joseph Caldarola, Catherine Supple, Barbara Altgelt, Jim Gorman.**

Past and Present Winning Finesse Online

<http://www.d16acbl.org/U172/>

Thanks and a tip of the hat to Steve Simpson



Ace of Club Winners

This competition recognizes players who win the most masterpoints at the club level for the preceding year. Top winners for Unit 172 are listed below, with notations for players whose point totals were in the top 15 for District 16 or the top 25 in ACBL

Category	Rank	Name	Points	Ranking
0-5	1.	Lew Spurlock	26.35	14 th in D16
	2.	Vijay Koli	18.62	
	3.	Carol Hall	16.16	
5-20	1.	Christine Collier	57.81	3 rd in D16
	2.	Jack Stein	48.53	12 th in D16
	3.	Laura Matuszewski	41.74	14 th in D16
20-50	1.	Catherine Supple	59.74	4 th in D16
	2.	Sharon Koenig	32.11	
	3.	Larry Levin	25.75	
50-100	1.	Maria Groussman	63.93	11 th in D16
	2.	Richard Greenbauer	43.17	
	3.	Jim O'Connor	42.11	
100-200	1.	Victor Press	131.36	1 st in D16 4 th in ACBL
	2.	Sandra Press	111.02	2 nd in D16 13 in ACBL
	3.	Georgia Baron	99.62	5 th in D16
200-300	1.	Leslie Tramer	80.01	
	2.	Dolores Reiley	72.32	
	3.	Evelyn Berns	55.46	
300-500	1.	Stephen Hoffman	77.78	
	2.	Kathy Sinkin-Amor	65.18	
	3.	Brenda Johnson	61.57	
500-1000	1.	Susan Hernandez	208.70	2 nd in D16 11 th in ACBL
	2.	Ann Weaver	181.73	8 th in D16
	3.	Hank Eng	117.07	
1000-2500	1.	Roxie Tom	231.28	2 nd in D16 17 th in ACBL
	2.	Pat Prichard	201.09	4 th in D16
	3.	Fran Vanecko	142.29	
2500-5000	1.	David Mitchell	177.95	
	2.	Everette Lewis	142.82	
	3.	Rich Lampman	138.58	
5000-7500	1.	Nell Morgan	159.42	14 th in D16
	2.	Dave Swarthout	121.04	
	3.	Ed Rawlinson	90.02	
7500-10000	1.	Diane Olson	175.84	
	2.	Donna Swarthout	160.96	
10000+	1.	Terry Riely	57.67	
	2.	Ira Hessel	38.72	

Mini-McKenney Winners

This competition recognizes players who win the most masterpoints (including both club and tournament play) in the preceding year. Anyone who ranks in the top 25 of ACBL members in their category is doing REALLY WELL. In the lower categories, the number of competitors is incredible. In the top categories, the quality of the competition is daunting.

Category	Rank	Name	Points	Ranking
0-5	1.	Lew Spurlock	27.43	
	2.	Vijay Koli	27.10	
	3.	Carol Hall	16.16	
5-20	1.	Christine Collier	71.55	7 th in D16
	2.	Laura Matuszewski	51.34	
	3.	Jack Stein	49.22	
20-50	1.	Catherine Supple	137.91	1 st in D16 22 nd in ACBL
	2.	Sharon Koenig	34.56	
	3.	Larry Levin	31.08	
50-100	1.	Maria Groussman	78.41	
	2.	Richard Greenbauer	69.95	
	3.	Rena Lunke	56.67	
100-200	1.	Victor Press	159.33	8 th in D16
	2.	Sandra Press	143.02	12 th in D16
	3.	Georgia Baron	130.61	
200-300	1.	Dolores Reiley	120.48	
	2.	Leslie Tramer	105.53	
	3.	John Hilbig	84.10	
300-500	1.	Karen Fillis	248.43	3 rd in D16 21 st in ACBL
	2.	George Fillis	239.94	5 th in D16 24 th in ACBL
	3.	Kathy Sinkin-Amor	146.42	
500-1000	1.	Hank Eng	330.78	4 th in D16
	2.	Susan Hernandez	268.76	10 th in D16
	3.	Ann Weaver	243.60	13 th in D16
1000-2500	1.	Roxie Tom	433.45	2 nd in D16
	2.	Pat Prichard	339.13	8 th in D16
	3.	Fran Vanecko	262.35	
2500-5000	1.	Carolyn Riely	259.32	
	2.	David Mitchell	236.12	
	3.	Jon Richard Ware	231.33	
5000-7500	1.	Dave Swarthout	749.60	2 nd in D16 25 th in ACBL
	2.	Ellen Hessel	476.14	8 th in D16
	3.	Ed Rawlinson	452.06	10 th in D16
7500-10000	1.	Donna Swarthout	849.33	1 st in D16 12 th in ACBL
	2.	Diane Olson	232.64	
10000+	1.	Venkatrao Koneru	762.55	5 th in D16
	2.	Ira Hessel	674.38	8 th in D16
	3.	Greg Hinze	363.50	

*The air is thinner in the stratosphere.



SAN ANTONIO REGIONAL JULY 1-JULY 7

The Omni San Antonio, 9821 Colonnade Blvd, San Antonio, TX 782301, 800-843-6664
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Entry Fees:
 \$12 per session Mon-Fri
 \$5 for full-time students (up to 26)
 \$13 Sat (includes NABC sur-charge)
 \$96 for all 2-session Swiss teams
 \$2 additional/session for non/unpaid members



Friday, July 5
 10:00 KO#4 (3 of 4)
 Ed Rawlinson KO#5 (1 of 4)
 Diane Olson Morning Side Series (4/5)
 Stratified Pairs (1 of 2)
 KO#4 (4 of 4)
 Ed Rawlinson KO#5 (2 of 4)
 Darlene Rieley Afternoon Side Series (4/5)
 Stratified Pairs (2 of 2)
 Ribnick & Snubar Stratified Swiss (1 1)
 Roxana Tom KO#2 (4 of 4)
 Evening Side Game Series (4 of 5)
 Evening Stratified Swiss (1 of 2)

Wednesday, July 3
 10:00 KO#3 (1 of 4)
 Diane Olson Morning Side Series (2/5)
 Bill Scarpero Stratified Pairs (1 of 2)
 KO#3 (2 of 4)
 Darlene Rieley Afternoon Side Series (2/5)
 Bill Scarpero Stratified Pairs (2 of 2)
 Maureen Lightfoot-Stratified Swiss (1 of 1)
 Roxana Tom KO#2 (2 of 4)
 Evening Stratified Pairs (1 of 2)
 Evening Side Game Series (2 of 5)

Thursday, July 4
 10:00 KO#3 (3 of 4)
 KO#4 (1 of 4)
 Diane Olson Morning Side Series (3/5)
 Bracketed Swiss (1 of 2)
 KO#3 (4 of 4)
 KO#4 (2 of 4)
 Darlene Rieley Afternoon Side Series (3/5)
 Bracketed Swiss (2 of 2)
 Roxana Tom KO#2 (3 of 4)
 Evening Stratified Pairs (2 of 2)
 Evening Side Game Series (3 of 5)

Monday, July 1
 7:00 Healy Barnes Charity Pairs (1 session)
 KO#1 (1 of 4)

Tuesday, July 2
 10:00 KO#1 (2 of 4)
 Bracketed Swiss (1 of 2)
 Diane Olson Morning Side Game Series (1/5)
 Strati-Flighted Gold Rush Pairs (1 of 2)
 Al Luchli Strati-Flighted Pairs (1 of 2)
 KO#1 (3 of 4)
 Bracketed Swiss (2 of 2)
 Darlene Rieley Afternoon Side Series (1 of 5)
 Strati-Flighted Gold Rush Pairs (2 of 2)
 Al Luchli Strati-Flighted Pairs (2 of 2)
 KO#1 (4 of 4)
 Roxana Tom KO #2 (1 of 4)
 Evening Side Game Series (1 of 5)

Saturday, July 6
 10:00 Ed Rawlinson KO#5 (3 of 4)
 Wayne Rauschuber Compact KO (1 of 2)
 Diane Olson Morning Side Series (5/5)
 Strati-Flighted Gold Rush Pairs (1 of 2)
 Strati-Flighted Pairs (1 of 2)
 Ed Rawlinson KO# 5 (4 of 4)
 Wayne Rauschuber Compact KO (2 of 2)
 Darlene Rieley Afternoon Side Series (5 of 5)
 Strati-Flighted Gold Rush Pairs (2 of 2)
 Strati-Flighted Pairs (2 of 2)
 Koy Boss Stratified Swiss (1 of 1)
 Evening Side Game Series (5 of 5)
 Evening Stratified Swiss (2 of 2)

Sunday, July 7
 10:00 Fiesta Bridge Club Swiss Teams* (1 of 2)
 2:30 Fiesta Bridge Club Swiss Teams* (2 of 2)
 *Stratified / Bracketed

New KO's start daily! (Mon-Sat)
Swiss Team Games (Tues-Sun)
0-750 Gold Rush Pairs (Tues & Sat)
Daily Hospitality
Quick Lunches available to purchase on site

STRATIFICATIONS & FLIGHTING
 All KO events are handicapped except teams with 5000+ average
 Strati-Flighted Swiss: A=5000; X=0-5000 (A & X play together in normal Swiss movement);
 B=0-2000 will be bracketed; top 3 in each bracket will win gold.
 Gold Rush Pairs = B: 300-750; C: 0-300 Strati-Flighted Pairs = A: unlimited; AX : 0-2000

All Strati-Flighted events will be based on the highest individual player's MPs & then averaged.
 All Stratified Pair/Team Games will be stratified based on the pair/team average MPs.
 A: 2000+, B: 750-2000, C:0-750

Marie Bailey

Intermediate-Newcomer Program
Healy Barnes Charity Pairs.....Mon 7:00pm
Pairs.....TWTH 10, 2:30, 7:30
Bridge Club of San Antonio Pairs.....Fri 10
Swiss Team Game.....Sat 10
Bridge Club of San Antonio Pairs.....Sat 2:30
All 2999er events are 1 session & stratified.
(A: 100-300, B: 50-100, C: 0-50 or at Director's discretion,)
Daily Speakers...
Visit SAregional.com for topics.

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