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President's Column *by Roxana Tom.*

Fall is just around the corner, of course, from here to the corner is pretty HOT. We will all welcome the first norther and that will energize us for the rest of the bridge year.

The turnout was excellent for the New Braunfels Sectional. I hope you were there and enjoyed the hospitality for which Paula Warren, Jan Wingate, June Brymer and their friends and helpers are famous. The deals were interesting and frustrating, and the playing space is so good (for once I did not need two coats and a tablecloth). Thanks to Janet and Bill Moody and everyone who helped make it so enjoyable.

The Election Sectional takes place at Bridge Club of San Antonio, Oct 10-13. Pictures and bios of the candidates for the four open places on the board are in this issue as is the schedule for voting.

The North American Pairs unit qualifying game will be on September 21. Check with the clubs to see if you qualified and come play to qualify for the District final which will be held here in January at our Winter Sectional. You may play with anyone who also qualified.

Jeri Tribo is planning the Mentor-Mentee championship on Oct. 26 at Fiesta Bridge Club. It is always a fun event and it would be immensely helpful if you would let her know if you plan to play.

I hope to see you at the table. Remember to say "Thank you, partner" and discuss hands away from the table.

Calendar

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| North American Pair (NAP) Unit Finals | Sept. 21 | Fiesta BC |
| Willson Davis Jr. Election Sectional | Oct. 10-13 | BCSA |
| Mentor-Mentee Championship | Oct. 26 | Fiesta BC |
| Fall Sectional | Nov. 21.24 | Fiesta BC |
| Holiday Party | Dec. 14 | BCSA |

Election of Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of Unit 172 includes 11 members who serve staggered three-year terms. Four positions are up for election this year.

Voting will occur during the first three days of the Willson Davis, Jr. Election Sectional at BCSA Oct. 10-12 and earlier at 5 Unit clubs. If necessary, a runoff would occur on Oct. 13. Voters may vote for four candidates. Statements of the candidates and voting schedule at the clubs shown on page 2

Voting will also occur at the clubs on the dates indicated: on page 2.

Club Election Shedule

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| Tuesday 10/1 | 12 noon | New Braunfels |
| Wednesday 10/2 | 11:30 am | Bridge Club of SA |
| Sunday 10/6 | 1:15 pm | Gonzales |
| Monday 10/7 | 10:30 am | Fiesta Bridge Club |
| Tuesday 10/8 | 12:30 pm | Kerrville |

Geneva Johnson.

Upon graduating from high school in Dallas, Texas, I attended Tuskegee Institute and earned a BS degree in Math Education. Several years later, I earned a Masters in Administration from University of Southern California. While at Tuskegee, I met and married Aaron who was commissioned as an Air Force officer with assignments that took us all over the world for 21 years. In 1985, Aaron retired as a Lt Col. He owned and operated Alamo Stamp and Engraving for 12 years before finally retiring for the 3rd time from NEISD as a Driver's Ed teacher.



After traveling around the world and teaching in such places as Taiwan and Belgium , I retired as assistant principal from NEISD where I had also served as district technology coordinator and teacher of math and computer science. Since my retirement in 2007, I have returned to NEISD as interim administrator each of the last 6 years.

My passions are traveling, reading and playing bridge. If the truth be told, I am a self-diagnosed workaholic that has become addicted to duplicate bridge. Does my husband complain? Of course not. My love for bridge allows him to spend his time doing what he loves - playing golf. If elected to the board, I would use my love of the game to come up with creative ways to organize bridge clubs on high school campuses and create a unit outreach program to lure reluctant players to join the duplicate crowd.

Dave Herron.

I fell in love with bridge in 1959 when an aunt taught me the basics. I then played party bridge until New Year 's Day, 1992, when I played my first duplicate game at the Duke City Bridge Club in Albuquerque. I continued to play 1-2 times per week or when my airline services contracting business allowed the time. The third time I played was in a 5 table Howell movement when my recent Life Master partner and I got a 63%! I thought this game is too easy! Little did I know. The main difference I have noticed between bridge in Albuquerque and here is that the San Antonio people are in general more friendly and outgoing – Texas I guess.



I worked for 20 years in light aircraft sales management and then 17 years owning an airline services contracting business in Albuquerque. I hold an Airline Transport Pilot's License and have 6500 hours of flight time. I am active as a "Friend" of the American Fighter ACES, the San Antonio Quiet Birdmen Hangar, and am a retired Air National Guard officer. Education is a B.A. and MBA from the University of Delaware.

If elected, I would like to initiate an "ambassador" program to recruit more new players and party bridge players into duplicate.

Beverly Santos.

My experience brings understanding and commitment to serve on the Unit 172 Board. Previously, I Co-Chaired National, Regional, and Sectional Special Events over the years. I will be an active advocate for all the members. I am retired from UTSA as Assistant Director of Career Services and presently HR Director for a local home health care agency. I am an avid volunteer at the McNay Art Museum.



Please vote for me and I will promise not to trump your Ace! Many thanks for your support.

Stephen Hoffman, M. D.

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.

I have been playing duplicate bridge for about 5.5 years and am currently a bronze life master. I would like to continue to serve on the board to help promote the game that I love, and to help strengthen the unit in any way that I can. I am currently the property master and head the finance committee to try to put our money "to work" until needed. In my opinion the folks on the current board have an excellent working relationship.

Rebecca Brown.

I have had the pleasure and honor of serving on the Unit Board since 2010, first as Secretary, then as Vice President. One of the responsibilities I have is to write the Unit column for the Scorecard. Serving on the Board and writing the column have provided me with the opportunity to immerse myself in the bridge community, to serve it, and to get to know many of you. What a treat for me! At the beginning of 2013, I was elected as Executive Secretary to the District 16 Board. Now, if only this would improve my bridge game! If elected to serve another term, I will continue to keep the best interests of the bridge community at the foreground of our decision-making.



Roxana Tom.

I learned so much serving on your board of directors and am running for another term because I feel I should use that knowledge on your behalf.

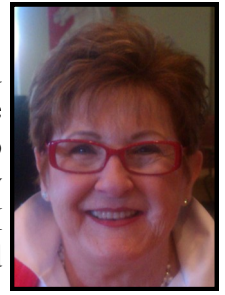
I live in Campbellton, which is 50 miles south of San Antonio on IH 37. I've played bridge since I was 16 and joined the ACBL in 1994. Duplicate was love at first match-point. I have a BBA in accounting from the University of Texas and have run the financial side of our family's ranching and rental businesses 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 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.

Tessa Bodnar.



I would never have imagined that my desire to take my bridge game to the next level would result in so many wonderful friendships. Today, I can honestly say that I can't see my life without duplicate bridge. My background: I am a native of New Orleans, La. coming to Texas by way of Cleveland, Ohio. My degree is in elementary education but found my niche in retail sales. I help build a fledging resale store into a very successful business. I have 3 children and 9 extraordinary grandchildren. My goal for our unit would be to find new ways to bring new faces to the table.

Oh So Close!!! Achieving the Grand Slam in golf or tennis is a rare event. While there's no official equivalent in Unit 172 bridge, it's about time. So, from now on, our Grand Slam will be winning four events in the same tournament. Has it ever been done? In the New Braunfels Sectional, **Diane Olson** missed it by an eyelash. Diane won the Thursday Swiss, the Friday Compact KO, and the Sunday Swiss. In the Saturday Compact KO, Diane reached the finals and beat the other team by 4 IMPS...at the table...but had to give up a handicap of 4.9 IMPS. Bummer!

New Braunfels Sectional Results. Unit 172 members who were top Pair Game winners included: Thursday AM: **Ellen & Ira Hessel (1A), David Mitchell-Mary Rita de Hoyos (2A), Judy & Steve Hoffman (2B), Carolyn Martin-Barbara Habiger (1C), Carol Ellis-Rena Lunke (2C), Ann Kuehler-Paula Hester (3C);** Friday AM: **Art D'Entremont-Everette Lewis (1A), Jan Wingate-Ann Kuehler (3A, 1B,1C), Charles O'Neil-Bill Moody (2B, 2C), Dick Bragg-Carole Price (3B), Debbie Schweiss-Bob Steidel (3C);** Friday PM: **Arline Rubin-Georgia Baron (1A, 1B), Kathy Sinkin-Amor-John Hilbig (3A, 2B, 1C), Rebecca Brown-David Johnson (3C);** Saturday AM: **Greg & Patty Hinze (1A), Donna McBride-Norman Caruthers (2A), William Davis-Sisir Sharma (2B, 1C), Bill McCarty (3B), Barbara Morgan-Mary Powell (2C), Richard Greenbauer-Wyn Coleman (3C);** Saturday PM: **Bill Walker-Marilyn Arnold (1A), Greg & Patty Hinze (2A), Phil Brown-Phyllis Giffin (3A), Dee Baker-Ann Weaver (1B), Linda Lawrence-Beverly Santos (2B), Shirley Brooks-Pete Voges (3B), Richard Greenbauer-Wyn Coleman (1C), Mary Powell-Barbara Morgan (2C), Laura Matuszewski-Christine Collier (3C);** Thursday 299ers: **Amanda Gruen-Helene Norris;** Friday 299ers: **Martha McClain-Gloria Bennett;** Saturday 299ers: **Gloria Bennett-Sylvia Sanders.**

Unit 172 members who were top Team Game winners included: Thursday Swiss: **Diane Olson-Sheryleen Grothus-Rich Curtin-Jodie McMahon (1A), George Fillis-Karen Fillis-Rebecca Brown-David Morris (2A, 1B), Shirley Brooks (3A, 2B), Judy Hoffman-Steve Hoffman-Jacque Fisher-Ginny Littrell (3B), Earl Cutler-Betty Cutler-Richard Arnold-Marjorie Tucker (2-3C), Richard Greenbauer-Polly McCamey-Wyn Coleman-Beula Mae Pearce (2-3C);** Friday Compact KO: **Diane Olson-Donna McBride-Gary Anziani-Ed Rawlinson (1); Larry Levin-Laurie Ann Levin-Bill Walker-Marilyn Arnold (2);** Saturday Compact KO: **Diane Olson-Forrest Gray-Gary Anziani-Ed Rawlinson (2), Jon Richard Ware (3);** Sunday Swiss: **Diane Olson-Donna McBride-Gary Anziani-Ed Rawlinson (1A), Terry Riely-Carolyn Riely-Jon Richard Ware (2A), Greg Hinze-Patty Hinze-Ellen Hessel-Ira Hessel (3A), Tom Trudeau-Rebecca Brown-Kathy Sinkin-Amor-Forrest Gray (2-3B), Cathy Supple-Mary Powell-Barbara Morgan (2C).**

Unit Game Report. A big crowd (36 tables) showed up for the annual Membership Meeting and Luau at BCSA on Aug. 24. Prizes for the best Hawaiian outfits were claimed by **Jan Wingate** and **David Johnson**. Bridge winners included: **Stewart Winderler-Ed Rawlinson (1A), Jo Neesvig-Susan Spencer (2A & 1B), Larry & Laurie-Ann Levin (3A & 2B), Eleanor & Pablo Siegal (3B), Jim & Rowena Gorman (1C), Victor & Sandra Press (2C), Jim O'Connor-Debbie Schweiss (3C), Sheila & Jack Stein (1D), Sue Rodarte-Beverly Fulton (2D), and Ann & Jim McMullan (3D).** Thanks to co-hosts **Rebecca Brown & Ed Rawlinson**, to all the folks who brought food, and to director **Everette Lewis** for coping with the big turnout.

Membership Matters

We welcome the following new members and transfers: **Barbara Lee, Jeanne Redmond, Sue Rodarte, Carlos Salazar, John Villandre, Nanette Pepper, Mary Slater, Penny Smith, Kathy Tate, Jo Locke, Charlotte Schuepbach.** Congratulations to all those who received higher ACBL ratings: new Junior Masters: **Clytie Phelps, Charlotte Schuepbach, Pattye Specia, Jeanie Webb;** new Club Masters: **Joann Hanson, Doris Salley, William Norvell;** new Sectional Masters: **Joy Bradford;** new Regional Masters: **Laura Matuszewski, Susan Peterson, David Johnson, Larry Levin Jo Ann Manfredi;** new NABC Masters: **Georgia Baron, Marjorie Miller;** new Advanced NABC Masters: **Catherine Supple;** new Life Masters: **Rand Schmidt, Bob Steidel;** new Silver Life Masters: **Charles Walker;** new Gold Life Masters: **George Mann;** new Emerald Life Masters: **Donna McBride.**

FIESTA FALL SECTIONAL -SAN ANTONIO



November 21 – 24, 2013 @ FIESTA BRIDGE CLUB
2112 NW MILITARY, SAN ANTONIO 78213

Thursday, 21st 10 am Open Pairs & 299er Pairs
3 pm Stratified Swiss Teams

Friday, 22nd 10 am Stratified Open Pairs & 299er Pairs

10 am Bracketed Handicapped KO Teams (1 of 3)

3 pm Stratified Open Pairs & 299er Pairs

3 pm Bracketed Handicapped KO Teams (2 of 3)

Saturday 23rd 10 am Stratified Open Pairs & 299er Pairs

10 am Bracketed KO Handicapped Teams (3 of 3)

3 pm Stratified Open Pairs & 299er Pairs

Sunday 24th 10 am & TBA Stratified Swiss Team – Lunch

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

299er at director's discretion

Average Masterpoints will be used in all events

Chair & Hospitality: Laurie-Anne Levin (210) 213-3631

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Card Fees: \$11/person/session \$100/Swiss Team

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Board Meetings.

The Unit 172 Board of Directors meets at 5 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at The Bridge Club of San Antonio
Visitors are welcome.

Past and Present Winning Finesse Online

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Thanks and a tip of the hat to Steve Simpson





Willson Davis, Jr Election Sectional October 10 – 13, 2013

THURSDAY, OCT 10

10:00 am Stratified Open Pairs
10:00 am 299er Pairs
3:00 pm Stratified Swiss Teams
3:00 pm 299er Pairs

SATURDAY, OCT 12

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

FRIDAY, OCT 11

10:00 am Stratified Open Pairs
10:00 am 299er Pairs
3:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs
3:00 pm 299er Pairs
3:00 pm Bracketed KO Teams (1 of 3)

SUNDAY, OCT 13

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

CARD FEES

\$11 person per session
\$100 Swiss Team (on Sunday)
(unpaid and non-ACBL members add \$1)

STRATIFICATIONS

- A 2000 +
- B 500- 2000
- C 0- 500

Average masterpoints will be used in all games
299er games at director's discretion (three table minimum)
KO will be handicapped

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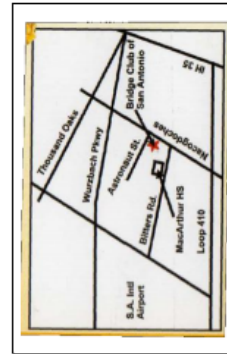
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