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There have been two exciting events in the bridge world. All who played in the Fiesta Sectional (including lots of out of town players) enjoyed the bridge and the hospitality. Thanks, Laurie. Then the reinvented Bridge Club of SA held their grand opening in their new location on May 4. Welcome back.

We will be printing a new directory next fall. Our information comes from ACBL. Please check to be sure that ACBL has your correct address and phone number. If you give them your cell number, we can print it in the directory. That way your partners can call at any hour of the day or night. Seriously, it would be helpful for others to reach you more easily. So check your information and DO IT

NOW.

One of our unit's most pressing needs is to increase the number of duplicate players. Each of you can help in this effort by remembering to "Play Nice". No one likes to play where discouraging words are heard. So keep positive and wear your smiley face.

Upcoming Unit Games. Three Unit Games are scheduled this summer. All will feature great hospitality, prizes, and reduced entry fees. A Pro-Am Pair game will be held June 14 at Fiesta BC. "Pro-Am" means that one player has over 500 masterpoints and the other player has less than 500. The format was chosen to encourage experienced players to play with less experienced players. Since there are more players under 500 points than over 500, it's OK if two "ams" play together. It's not OK for two pros to play together. The game will be stratified based on the average number of masterpoints for the pair.

An Individual Championship will be held July 12 at BCSA. For this game, you don't need a partner. During the game, each player will play with at least 9 different partners, and it's possible to play each board with a different partner. The exact arrangement will depend on the number of tables. One rule is that everyone must play the "Standard Yellow Card", which means that only a limited number of conventions are allowed. If you are unfamiliar with the Yellow Card, you can get one at a club. The format was chosen as a social event. It should be great fun! For the pros who don't feel comfortable operating without all their esoteric conventions or for those who don't recognize the benefits of a social event, there is a solution: show up, bite your tongue, be nice, and organize a visit to a bar after the game.

Care & Comfort

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

Board Meetings.

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

Calendar

May 12-18	District 16 STaC	Participating Clubs
June 5-8	Summer Sectional	BCSA
June 14	Pro-Am Pair Game	Fiesta BC
June 27-28	NLM Sectional	Fiesta BC
July 12	Individual Championship	BCSA
Aug. 4-10	STaC	Participating Clubs
Aug. 23	Luau and Annual and Membership Meeting	BCSA

The Luau and Annual Membership Meeting

The Luau and Annual Membership Meeting will be held Aug. 23 at BCSA. This a regular Stratified Pair Game. In addition to the usual prizes, there are special prizes for the best Hawaiian outfits. In the past, there have been hula (hoop) contests and the presentation of Tiki, the fertility goddess, to some unsuspecting recipient. Who knows what will happen this time?

All games start at 12:30, with food and prizes starting at 11:30. The Luau is free, and the other two events have a \$5 entry fee.

Bridge Center of San Antonio Opens New Permanent Location. BCSA held their grand opening at their new location on May 2. The new address is 11524 Perrin Beitel (near the intersection of Perrin Beitel and Naco-Perrin. Games are scheduled at noon Monday-Saturday, 1:30 Sunday, 7 Tuesday and 6 Saturday. Contacts are Penny Snow (928-444-6854) and Rich Lampman (210-867-4248).

What's a STaC, Anyway? A STaC is a Sectional Tournament at Clubs. It just means that several clubs hold their regular games, but the results are sent to ACBL and merged with the results from other participating clubs. After merging the scores, the overall winners get masterpoints as if they were in a sectional tournament in a large event (based on the total number of tables from all the clubs). District 16 holds a District-wide STaC annually (May 12-18 this year). Any given session has hundreds of tables, so the point awards are really big. Unit 172 decided to hold two STaC's this year. The first one was April 14-20. We started small, with clubs from South Texas, Lubbock, and San Angelo joining in. We have another one scheduled Aug. 4-10. Several Unit 172 members were among the top ten masterpoint winners in the recent STaC: **Dave & Donna Swarthout (16.81), Beverly Santos (8.53), Laurie Levin (8.17), and Larry Levin (8.03).** You don't have to finish in the overalls to get larger point awards. The awards for each club game are the same as section awards at a sectional tournament. **Awards Day Results.** The annual Awards Day game was held April 5 at Fiesta BC, with 22 tables competing. Winners included: **Ellen & Ira Hessel (1A), Patty & Greg Hinze (2A), Larry & Laurie Levin (3A & 1B), Pete Voges-Susan Ohm (2B), Jeri Tribo-Fran Vanecko (3B), Stewart Windeler-Marjorie Miller (1C), Charlotte Scheupbach-Andrea Williams (2C), and Sheila & Jack Stein (3C).** Thanks to co-hosts **Beverly Santos and Rebecca Brown** for organizing the event and arranging hospitality.

Fiesta Sectional Results. The sectional at Fiesta BC was held Apr. 24-27 with 202 tables competing. A list of winners and photos will be published in the next Scorecard and are also available on the Unit website (<http://d16acbl.org/U172/>). Thanks to **Laurie Levin** (for a great job hosting the tournament), **Tom Marsh** (for his usual directing excellence) and **Steve Simpson** (for his exceptional work as photographer and Tournavigation guru).

Membership Matters. We welcome the following new members and transfers: **Dr. G. W. Gregory, Takako Malley, Tess Strellis, Robert Watson, Joyce Carlson, Janet Copeland, Paul Drexel, Georgia Schwartz, Jim Brister, Wayne Dow, Eleanor Frisch, Gerald Irion, Rosemary Kelley, Paul Kelley, Chris Ritsch, Diane Roberson.** Congratulations to all those who received higher ACBL ratings: new Junior Masters: **Dee Kite, Joann Lenke, Jeffiner Sammis;** new Club Master: **Roxana Hayne, Martha Barnes, Philip Corrigan, Robert Sims;** new Sectional Masters: **Mary Lou Anziani, Dick Arnold;** new Regional Masters: **Janice Fletcher;** new NABC Masters: **David Johnson, Dr. Steven Kassarian, Debbie Schweiss, Dr. Stewart Windeler, Larry Levin;** new Life Master: **Donald Jackson;** new Silver Life Masters: **Paul McGaffic;** new Gold Life Master: **Louis Ray;** new Emerald Life Masters: **Ed Rawlinson.**

Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs Winners

The Mini-McKenney Awards go to players who win the most masterpoints in a year in their masterpoint category (as of Jan. 1 each year). ACBL reports the winners at the Unit, District, and National levels. The Ace of Clubs Awards go to players who win the most masterpoints in club games in a year in their masterpoint category. Unit 172 winners included:

Mini-McKenney			Ace of Clubs		
0-5	Charlotte Schuepbach	21.97	Robert Sims	11.17	
	Robert Sims	12.38	Charlotte Schuepbach	11.07	
	Patty Spezia	10.96	Patty Spezia	9.04	
5-20	Raj Durairaj	34.30	Kenneth King	20.22	
	Dick Arnold	29.86	Raj Durairaj	15.14	
	Kenneth King	26.06	Doris Salley	15.08	
20-50	David Johnson	136.47	David Johnson	81.91	
	Jim McMullan	45.75	Lew Spurlock	26.84	
	Ann McMullan	44.82	Linda Fisher	25.02	
50-100	Larry Levin	211.07	Larry Levin	127.39	
	Christine Collier	99.76	Christine Collier	77.99	
	Prema Durairaj	68.40	Sharon Koenig	39.74	
100-200	Cathy Supple	175.51	Sisir Sharma	69.77	
	Sisir Sharma	84.17	Cathy Supple	38.69	
	Debbie Schweiss	64.47	Richard Greenbauer	37.16	
200-300	Stewart Windeler	93.01	Stewart Windeler	62.12	
	Marjorie Miller	89.29	Marjorie Miller	45.46	
	Dolly Simmons	67.87	Dolly Simmons	37.37	
300-500	Victor Press	174.62	Victor Press	117.19	
	Sandra Press	172.39	Sandra Press	113.55	
	Kathy Sinkin-Amor	143.90	David Herron	56.45	
500-1000	Karen Fillis	307.83	Dee Parker	99.04	
	George Fillis	300.41	Rebecca Brown	82.17	
	Rebecca Brown	225.41	Rand Schmidt	81.76	
1000-2500	Hank Eng	367.02	Ann Weaver	141.22	
	Jeri Tribo	253.77	Betty Jo Bettersworth	120.32	
	Fran Vanecko	239.89	Jeri Tribo	108.63	
2500-5000	Roxie Tom	318.83	David Mitchell	201.68	
	Carolyn Riely	303.86	Roxie Tom	170.91	
	David Mitchell	261.13	LaNelle Strickland	131.90	
5000-7500	Ellen Hessel	618.81	Nell Morgan	125.36	
	Ed Rawlinson	327.60	Ed Rawlinson	82.13	
	Donna McBride	221.43	Donna McBride	79.00	
7500-10000+	Dave Swarthout	915.57	Diane Olson	144.74	
	Diane Olson	289.54	Dave Swarthout	90.84	
	Greg Hinze	1059.24	Donna Swarthout	90.25	
	Venkatrao Koneru	1040.64	Terry Riely	63.62	
	Donna Swarthout	879.73	Ira Hessel	12.27	

Several Unit 172 members earned distinction by placing in the top 25 in District 16 (roughly including most of Texas and all of Mexico) or in the ACBL. Winners in District 16 in the Mini-McKenney included: **David Johnson (1), Larry Levin (2), Christine Collier (12), Cathy Supple (4), Victor Press (11), Sandra Press (12), Kathy Sinkin-Amor (24), Karen Fillis (4), George Fillis (5), Rebecca Brown (11), Hank Eng (4), Roxie Tom (20), Carolyn Riely (23), Ellen Hessel (2), Ed Rawlinson (13), Dave Swarthout (2), Diane Olson (11), Greg Hinze (3), Venkatrao Koneru (4), Donna Swarthout (5), and Ira Hessel (7).**

Winners in District 16 in the Ace of Clubs included: **David Johnson (1), Larry Levin (1), Christine Collier (4), Sisir Sharma (18), Stewart Windeler (18), Victor Press (9), Sandra Press (10), David Mitchell (11), Roxie Tom (24), Nell Morgan (18), Diane Olson (5), Dave Swarthout (8), Donna Swarthout (13), Terry Riely (16), and Ira Hessel (23).**

Unit 172 members who placed in the top 25 nationally included: **David Johnson (20th in Mini-McKenney and 16th in Ace of Clubs), Larry Levin (7th in Mini-McKenney and 3rd in Ace of Clubs) and Dave Swarthout (9th in Mini-McKenney).** Congratulations to all!

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THURSDAY, JUNE 5

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

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)

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

10:00 am Stratified Open
10:00 am 299er Pairs
10:00 am Bracketed KO
3:00 pm Stratified Open
3:00 pm Bracketed KO

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

10:00 am & TBA
Stratified Swiss Teams *Meal Between Sessions*

CARD FEES

\$11 per person per session
\$100 Swiss Team (Sunday)
(unpaid and non-ACBL members add \$3)

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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