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President's Column *by Rebecca Brown.*



I welcome the opportunity to serve as the new President of the San Antonio Bridge League. The bridge community is very important to me and I am delighted to help in any way I can! Also, welcome to new board members **Beth Gale** and **Jan Wingate** and to returning (and irreplaceable) **Ed Rawlinson**. Despite the fact that, as we all know, no organization functions solely on the shoulders of one person, **Roxana Tom** has shouldered quite a lot of Unit 172's challenges over the past several years! She has been an exemplary leader, always keeping her eye on the best interests of our membership, and keeping a firm hand on the helm. So, when you see her next, please thank her for her service as President (even though it will drive her to distraction!). Our thanks also go to outgoing Board members **Ira Hessel** and **Gary Anziani**. Gary served this past year as Secretary, and Ira has been the Winning Finesse editor forever and will continue (we hope) ad infinitum.

A word about the change in venue for the holiday party: GROWTH! We are thrilled that more of you are coming out for the Unit games, especially those novice players among you. We want you! The Board's focus continues to be on growing our membership numbers and providing the best bridge experiences we can arrange. With that in mind, because we anticipate an enthusiastic turnout for the holiday party (Dec. 13), we voted to move the party to a larger location to accommodate all of us (and the goodies!) in comfort. It will be held at St. Francis Episcopal Church (on Bluemel) where many of you joined Biig Al Lochli for his bridge games with salmon (or was it for salmon with bridge?!)

Please remember that you are welcome to join us for the monthly board meetings. You may not have a vote, but you sure have a say.

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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 of Events.

Nov. 8	Mentor-Mentee Championship	Fiesta BC
Nov. 14-15	NLM Sectional	Fiesta BC
Dec. 13	Holiday Party	St. Francis Episcopal Church
Jan. 15-18*	Winter Sectional	Fiesta BC

*Note new dates.

New Board Members, Officers Elected. Voting for members of the Board of Directors of Unit 172 was held in early October. Two new members, **Beth Gale and Jan Wingate**, were elected, and incumbent **Ed Rawlinson** was re-elected. At the first Board meeting after the election, **Rebecca Brown** was elected President, **Steve Hoffman** was elected Vice President, **Roxie Tom** was elected Treasurer, and **Beth Gale** was elected Secretary. Officers serve one-year terms. Board members serve staggered three-year terms.

Masterpoint Races Updated! Unit 172 awards three prizes for the most masterpoints won each year during the six sectional tournaments conducted in the Unit. Two of these competitions have been completed. The Cisse Horton Award, which goes to the female player winning the most points, was won by **Carolyn Riely**. **Ed Rawlinson** won the George Gray Award, which goes to the male player winning the most points. The Paul Lewis Award goes to the player with under 300 masterpoints at the beginning of the year who wins the most points. The Lewis Award is nearing completion (the October and November NLM Sectionals have yet to be posted).

	Cisse Horton Award*	George Gray Award*	Paul Lewis Award**
1.	Carolyn Riely (124.77)	Ed Rawlinson (141.92)	Geneva Johnson (32.36)
2.	Donna Swarthout (96.86)	Terry Riely (123.19)	Debbie Schweiss (29.66)
3.	Patty Hinze (95.01)	Gary Anziani (112.54)	Sisir Sharma (26.78)
4.	Diane Olson (78.27)	Dave Swarthout (108.86)	Dick Arnold (21.03)
5.	Donna McBride (59.19)	Babu Koneru (101.35)	Elisabeth Kay (20.76)
6.	Rosemary Kelley (57.07)	Greg Hinze (61.09)	Earl Cutler (17.64)
7.	Ellen Hessel (53.26)	Ira Hessel (51.68)	Betty Cutler (17.64)
8.	Karen Fillis	Hank Eng (51.50)	Jan Wingate (17.49)
9.	Roxie Tom (46.03)	Paul Kelley (50.93)	Judy Taquino (17.22)
10.	Rebecca Brown (43.82)	George Fillis (49.39)	Steve Kassarjian (16.24)

*Final Standings

**Through Sept. 31.

Mentor-Mentee Championship Results. Nine tables competed for the Annual Mentor-Mentee Championship on Nov. 8 at Fiesta BC. Winners included **Kenyon Daniel-Doris Salley (A1, B1, C1)**, **Bob Otis-Betty Knox (A2, B2, C2)**, and **Philip Corrigan-Steve Stevens (A3, B3)**. Thanks to co-hosts **Kathy Sinkin-Amor and Ed Rawlinson**, Mentor-Mentee Chair **Debbie Schweiss**, and Director **Donna Swarthout**.

MENTOR-MENTEE PROGRAM by *Debbie Schweiss*. If you would like to be a Mentor or a Mentee in 2015, please fill out an application, which you can get at the Fiesta Bridge Club or at the Bridge Club of San Antonio. You can also contact Debbie Schweiss at 210-862-9706.

Alert!! Location for Holiday Party Changes

The annual Holiday Party scheduled for Dec. 13 has been moved from BCSA to St. Francis Episcopal Church, 4242 Bluemel Road for increased capacity. Bluemel runs behind the Alamo Café on I.H. 10.

Riels Score Hat Trick in Willson Davis, Jr. Election Sectional. Carolyn and Terry Riely won three events (Thursday AM Stratified Pairs, Thursday Swiss Teams, and the Knockout Teams) at the recent Election Sectional at BCSA. The next edition of the Scorecard will give complete results for all events in the tournament.

Moving On! Twenty-one players are eligible to move on the District 16 Finals of the Grand National Pairs, which will be held in January in Austin. The Unit 172 Finals were held Sept. 20 at BCSA. Winners include **Greg Hinze-Patty Lozano (1A), Ed Rawlinson-Gary AnZIANi (2A), Forrest Gray-David Morris (3A, 1B), Bill McCarty-Daniel Jackson (2B), Jeri Tribo-Fran Vanecko (3B), Larry Levine-David Johnson (1C), Debbie Schweiss-Marjorie Miller (2C), and Earl & Betty Cutler (3C).** Thanks to co-hosts **Steve Simpson, Steve Hoffman, and Ed Rawlinson** for organizing the event and providing great hospitality.

Road Warriors! Several Unit 172 members have distinguished themselves on the tournament trail. **Ira Hessel** had a phenomenal tournament at the Summer Nationals in Las Vegas, winning 135.67 points, which included a second place finish in the National Senior Swiss. **Ira and Greg Hinze** got to the quarterfinals of the GNT Championship Flight. **Tom Trudeau** got to the semifinals of the Mini-Spingold KOs. Unit 172 members finishing in the top ten masterpoint winners in recent regionals include: **Babu Koneru** (6th in Richardson, 4th in Abilene, 1st in Corpus), **Ira Hessel** (10th in Richardson, 5th in Corpus), **Terry Riely** (1st in Abilene, 4th in Corpus), **Carolyn Riely** (1st in Abilene, 3rd in Corpus), **Ellen Hessel** (6th in Corpus), **Ed Rawlinson** (8th in Corpus), and **Donna Swarthout** (9th in Corpus).

Fertility Idol Update. Tiki, the Fertility Idol, is awarded annually at the annual Luau. This year's recipient was **Shirley Brooks**. Shirley reports that Tiki has been given an honored spot in the backseat of her car, secured by a seatbelt (of course). Shirley also reports that she hasn't had as much fun in the back seat since she was a teenager.

Membership Matters. We welcome the following new members and transfers: **Chauncey Blackburn, Marcia Cosgrove, Belle Guice, Leah Jayne, Patricia Rosse, Rose Heim, Paul Brunney, Jacqueline Forbes, Helen King, Paul McGinn, Marybeth Parsons, Kendall Early, Jean Forsberg, Joann Hastings, Art Kessler, Martha Kessler, Tomas Klein, Dr. Timothy Roberts, Trudy Moore, Carol Ramburg, Elia Rosetta, Patricia Smith, Patricia Jellerson, Sue Perkins.** Congratulations to all those who received higher ACBL ratings: new Junior Masters: **Joyce Carlson, Takako Malley, Burton Nichols, Dr. Jack Cassidy;** new Club Master: **Kay Arnecke, Jo Ann Robertson, Patty Spezia, Beth Watson, Janina Kuzma, Coleman Driver, Takako Malley, Evelyn Pitman;** new Sectional Masters: **Bettye Knox, Charlotte Schuepbach, Marjorie Tucker, Mike Vivian, Charlotte Mooring, David Mooring;** new Regional Masters: **Sheila Stein, Janet Moody, Elisabeth Kay;** new NABC Masters: **Chip Franck, Earl Cutler;** new Advanced NABC Masters: **Marjorie Miller;** new Life Masters: **Larry Levin, Marie Lucci, Robert Otis, Charles O'Neil, Victor Press, Sandra Press;** new Silver Life Masters: **Rebecca Brown, Andy Villastrigo, Dolores Reiley, Victor Press, Sandra Press;** new Silver Life Master: **Bill McCarty;** new Diamond Life Masters: **Patty Hinze.**

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FIESTA WINTER SECTIONAL

January 15 – 18, 2015
Fiesta Bridge Club
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Thursday, January 15

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

Friday, January 16

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

Saturday, January 17

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

Sunday, January 18

10 am & TBA Bill Scarpero Stratified Swiss Teams
Meal between sessions

Partnership Chair – Susan Hernandez (210) 378-7764

Stratifications: A 2000+ B 500-2000 C 0-500
299er at director's discretion

Average Masterpoints will be used in all events
All KO Events Will Be Handicapped

Chair & Hospitality

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Card Fees: \$11/person/session \$100/Sunday Swiss Team
Unpaid/non ACBL members add \$3

Great Venue – Great Sectional – Great Hospitality