



THE WINNING FINESSE

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President's Column by Rebecca Brown. We are in the best season for San Antonio! Rain, followed by sunshine, and temperatures that do not reach 100 degrees, green lawns, Fiesta, and, of course, plenty of bridge. We just completed the Fiesta Sectional at BCSA, hosted ably by Penny Smith and her team, with Tom Marsh directing and Judy Hoffman assisting. Thanks for a lovely time! Upcoming is Awards Day, the Summer Sectional at the Fiesta Bridge Club and the Regional at the Omni. Come out, support your Unit, and have fun!

Heads up: Your Board of Directors has been hard at work reviewing the By-Laws and Policies under which we operate. The proposed revisions to the By-Laws will be submitted to the membership at large for approval at the annual meeting and Luau on August 22. Also, before we know it, it will be time for Board elections. There will be four vacancies to fill so please let me know if you would like to be considered for nomination. Our Nominating Committee will be meeting in the next couple of months. **SEE YOU AT THE TABLE!**

NAME AN EVENT

This your chance to name one of the events in the upcoming Regional. Show your appreciation for a friend, mentor, or volunteer in your community or create a memorial for a loved one. You can team up and split the cost with others to honor the individual, and you do not have to be present for the event you selected. A single-session event is \$50, two-session event \$100, four-session KO \$150, and a side series pairs event is \$100. Contact Fran Vanecko at 602-614-4910 or f_vanecko@yahoo.com for more information on the events that still are available.

SANANTONIO REGIONAL JUNE 29-JULY 5 at THE OMNI

Care & Comfort

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Board Meetings.

Board of Directors Meeting. The Board of Directors meets monthly at 3:45 p.m. on the second Monday at BCSA. Visitors are welcome.

Calendar of Events

May 16	Awards Day	BCSA
June 4-7	Summer Sectional	Fiesta BC
June 13	Pro-Am Pairs	BCSA
June 9-July 5	Regional	Omni
July 18	Pro-Am Swiss	Fiesta BC

Ace of Clubs, Mini-McKenney Winners!! ACBL sponsors two annual masterpoint competitions at the Unit, District, and National levels. The Ace of Clubs competition recognizes players who win the most points in club games, while the Mini-McKenney competition recognizes players who win the most points in club games and tournaments. The 2014 winners for Unit 172 are:

Category	Mini-McKenney	Ace of Clubs
0-5	1. Jo Ann Robertson 70.57 2. Beth Watson 45.02 3. Janina Kuzma 42.08	1. Jo Ann Robertson 44.63 2. Janina Kuzma 36.14 3. Beth Watson 28.88
5-20	1. Gerald Irion 18.95 2. Pattye Spezia 16.88 3. Evelyn Pitman 15.82	1. Gerald Irion 16.26 2. Pattye Spezia 13.95 3. Evelyn Pitman 12.68
20-50	1. Mike Vivian 60.34 2. Dick Arnold 49.50 3. Charlotte Scheumpbach 42.48	1. Mike Vivian 35.95 2. Charlotte Scheumpbach 30.61 3. Dick Arnold 25.18
50-100	1. Jim Mc Mullan 69.32 2. Ann Mc Mullan 69.32 3. Lew Spurlock 67.26	1. Lew Spurlock 54.73 2. William Norvell 36.84 3. Jim/Ann Mc Mullan 31.32
100-200	1. David Johnson 106.07 2. Geneva Johnson 73.43 3. Elisabeth Kay 70.43	1. Christine Collier 45.96 2. David Johnson 31.77 3. Geneva Johnson 31.47
200-300	1. Larry Levin 351.29 2. Sisir Sharma 119.56 3. Debbie Schweiss 89.54	1. Larry Levin 179.34 2. Sisir Sharma 80.00 3. Judy Taquino 34.24
300-500	1. Bob Otis 217.85 2. Marjorie Miller 125.25 3. Sandra Press 123.85	1. Bob Otis 154.18 2. Sandra Press 100.04 3. Georgia Baron 68.37
500-1000	1. Rebecca Brown 213.85 2. Bill McCarty 206.63 3. Kathy Sinkin-Amor 141.95	1. Victor Press 100.55 2. Rebecca Brown 87.99 3. Carole Lee O'Connor 86.62
1000-2500	1. Fran Vanecko 249.41 2. Karen Fillis 244.99 3. George Fillis 230.88	1. Betty Jo Bettersworth 97.88 2. Jeri Tribo 95.70 3. Pat Prichard 92.73
2500-5000	1. Carolyn Riely 472.32 2. David Mitchell 272.85 3. Roxie Tom 241.05	1. David Mitchell 138.58 2. Roxie Tom 122.50 3. LaNelle Strickland 116.80
5000-7500	1. Ellen Hessel 536.28 2. Ed Rawlinson 354.90 3. Nell Morgan 158.56	1. Nell Morgan 127.95 2. Ed Rawlinson 79.81 3. Ellen Hessel 28.00
7500-10000	1. Dave Swarouth 586.92 2. Rosemary Kelley 380.62 3. Diane Olson 237.28	1. Rosemary Kelley 149.80 2. Diane Olson 86.30 3. Dave Swarouth 68.33
10000+	1. Greg Hinze 1066.34 2. Babu Koneru 1046.33 3. Ira Hessel 919.86	1. Paul Kelley 98.48 2. Donna Swarouth 78.72 3. Terry Riely 69.38

Several Unit 172 members ranked in the top 10 in their category at the District and/or National levels. In the Mini-McKenney, these include **Jo Ann Robertson** (3rd in District), **Beth Watson** (8th in District), **Janina Kuzma** (10th in District), **Larry Levin** (1st in District, 2nd in ACBL), **Bob Otis** (4th in District), **Carolyn Riely**

(2nd in District), **Ellen Hessel** (8th in District), **Dave Swarthout** (5th in District), **Rosemary Kelley** (9th in District), **Greg Hinze** (6th in District), **Babu Koneru** (7th in District), and **Ira Hessel** (8th in District). In the Ace of Clubs, winners included **Jo Ann Robertson** (3rd in District), **Janina Kuzma** (8th in District), **Larry Levin** (1st in District, 2nd in ACBL), **Bob Otis** (1st in District, 6th in ACBL), **Sandra Press** (5th in District), **Rosemary Kelley** (4th in District), **Diane Olson** (9th in District), **Dave Swarthout** (10th in District), and **Paul Kelley** (9th in District). Congratulations to all!!

Membership Matters. We welcome the following new members and transfers: **Julius Grossebbacher, Gregory Ross, James Funk, Joyce Anderson, Joyce Carlson, Kenneth Larsen, Betty Jean Dobbins, James Isaaks.** Congratulations to all those who received higher ACBL ratings: new Junior Masters: **Donna Dunaway, Helen King, Jim Seiders, Paul Drexel, Barbara Lee, Rod Lee, Carol Ramberg;** new Club Master: ; new Sectional Masters: **Davelyn Robbins, Beth Watson;** new Regional Masters: **Jamie Gardner, Dick Arnold;** new NABC Masters: **Dorothy Prater, Elizabeth Kay;** new Life Masters: **David Johnson, Jr., Debbie Schweiss, Eugene Haddock;** new Silver Life Master: **Stephen Simmonds.**

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Nell Morgan, Sally Armstrong, David Mitchell Honored! Unit 172 annually recognizes an individual for exemplary service to the Unit and its members with the Texas Star Award. This year's winner is **Nell Morgan.** Nell essentially founded the New Braunfels Bridge Club and served as its director for 40 years. She served almost 40 years as the tournament chair for the New Braunfels sectional. Nell's award was announced at the recent Houston Regional and was published in the Scorecard. Thanks, Nell, for all your great work.

The Unit also recognizes two individuals annually as Goodwill Members of the Year. These individuals exhibit courtesy, kindness, and tactfulness and are "ambassadors of goodwill." This year's winners are **Sally Armstrong and David Mitchell.** Congratulations to Sally and David. Your recognition is well deserved.

Diane Olson Achieves Platinum Status!! Congratulations to **Diane Olson,** Unit 172's newest Platinum Life Master. All you need to be a Platinum Life Master is 10000 masterpoints!! Diane joins **Ira Hessel, Greg Hinze, Babu Koneru, Terry Riely, and Donna Swarthout** in the 10000 club. **Greg and Babu** are Grand Life Masters, which requires 10000 points and a national championship.

Results of Grand National Teams Unit Finals. The GNT Unit Finals were held at BCSA on Feb. 7. Winning teams in Flight B included **George Fillis-Karen Fillis-Larry Levin-Laurie Levin (1st), Rebecca Brown-Susan Hernandez-Jerry Harrington-Andy Villastrigo-Fran Vanecko (2nd), Arlene Rubin-Jon Tramer-Leslie Tramer-Tessa Bodnar (3rd), and Sisir Sharma-Penny Smith-Christine Collier-Georgia Baron (4th).** Winners in Flight C included **Janice Fletcher-Geneva Johnson-Jamie Gardner-Jan Wingate (1st).** These teams (plus two other qualifiers) are eligible to compete in the District Finals. Winners at the District level are eligible to compete in the National Finals. Thanks to **the Roxanas** for organizing the event and providing great hospitality.

FIESTA SUMMER SECTIONAL -SAN ANTONIO



**June 4 - 7 @ FIESTA BRIDGE CLUB
2112 NW MILITARY, SAN ANTONIO 78213**

**Thursday, 4th 10am Open Pairs
10am 299'er Pairs
3pm Stratified Swiss Teams**

**Friday, 5th 10am Stratified Open Pairs
10am 299'er Pairs
3pm Stratified Open Pairs**

3pm Bracketed Handicapped KO Teams (1 of 3)

**Saturday 6th 10am Stratified Open Pairs
10am 299'er Pairs
10am Bracketed KO Handicapped Teams (2 of 3)
3pm Stratified Open Pairs**

3pm Bracketed KO Handicapped Teams (3 of 3)

Sunday 7th 10am & TBA Stratified Swiss Team – Meal between session.

**Stratifications: A 2000+ B 500-2000 C 0-500
Average Masterpoints will be used in all events**

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

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Unpaid/non ACBL members add \$3**

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