



THE WINNING FINESSE

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President's Column by *Rebecca Brown*. By the time you read this, we will all have had a splendid time at the Regional. Please thank your Regional committee, headed by Jeri Tribo, for once again hosting a great tournament. It doesn't happen by accident! The team works really hard to make things seem so easy.

Speaking of volunteers, your Board of Directors would really like to engage you! Be more involved in your community; offer to serve on your terms, on a committee that meets your time and talents. We envision using volunteer committees (with a Board member liaison) to handle: hospitality/decorations; property and equipment; membership/newcomers; and publicity/prizes. Please let any Board member know of your interest. It will be fun!

Gentle reminder: last call for written consents to be submitted so that you will be included in our directory.

Your Board is trying out a new start time for our Unit events. Games will begin at 1:30 p.m. Light refreshments, desserts and beverages will be served. Please join us for the Pro-Am Swiss on July 18 and the annual meeting and Luau on August 22. SEE YOU AT THE TABLE!

Past and Present Winning Finesse Online

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

Thanks and a tip of the hat to Steve Simpson



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 of Directors Meeting. The Board of Directors normally meets monthly at 3:45 p.m. on the first Monday at BCSA. Visitors are welcome. HOWEVER, there will be no meeting in July, and the August meeting will be Aug. 3. The regular schedule will resume in September.

Calendar of Events

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| June 29-July 5 Regional | Omni |
| July 18 Pro-Am Swiss | Fiesta BC |
| Aug.22 Luau & Annual Meeting | St. Francis Episcopal Church |
| Sept. 10-13 New Braunfels Sectional | Civic Center |
| Oct. 8-11 Election Sectional | BCSA |

Next Unit Game Is a Pro-Am Swiss. A Pro-Am Swiss will be held at Fiesta BC at 1:30 on July 18. “Pro-Am” means that no more than 2 members of the team can have more than 500 masterpoints (i.e., you can have 2, 3, or 4 members with less than 500 MPs). An “Am” is a player with under 500 masterpoints on file with ACBL on the date of the game. Life Masters under 500 MPs can play as an Am. Like the Pro-Am Pairs Unit Game in June, this is an effort to encourage experienced players to play with less experienced players. The game will still have flights based on the masterpoint total of the team. Fiesta BC has begun using the Pro-Am Swiss format on the second Wednesday evening of each month, and it has been well received. The Unit will provide prizes, light refreshments (appetizers and desserts), and a low entry fee (\$5/player). Co-hosts are **Jan Wingate and Ed Rawlinson**. Call Jan at 830-708-7558 if you need assistance forming a team.

Annual Membership Meeting. The Annual Membership Meeting will be held prior to the Luau at St. Francis Episcopal Church (4242 Bluemel Road-behind Alamo Café on I.H. 10) on Aug. 22. Prizes, light refreshments, and the Membership Meeting will begin at 1:00, followed by the game at 1:30. The agenda for the Membership Meeting includes:

- Annual Financial Report
- Consideration of Proposed Changes to By-Laws
- Report of Nominating Committee on Candidates for Board of Directors
- Additional Nominations (from the floor)
- Other Business

A Nominating Committee consisting of Steve Hoffman (Chair), Beth Gale, Kay Laird, Rich Lampman, and Phyllis Giffin nominated the following candidates for the Board of Directors: Hank Eng, Jerry Harrington, Bob Otis, Debbie Schweiss, Kathy Sinkin-Amor, and Roxie Tom. There will be four open positions up for election.

Ed Rawlinson Commits Sin of Omission! *By Ed Rawlinson.* Mea culpa. In the listing of Unit 172’s Platinum Life Masters in the last issue, we welcomed and congratulated newbie **Diane Olson**; listed stalwarts **Ira Hessel, Terry Riely, Donna Swarthout**, and noted the special status of Grand Life Masters **Greg Hinze and Babu Koneru**. Omitted was **Paul Kelley**. I’d like to publicly state that this omission had nothing to do with Paul’s status as a recent legal immigrant to Unit 172 (Paul is a refugee from Austin), while the others are Unit 172 “natives”. It is much more likely attributable to my increasing senior status. I had the good fortune to play with Paul several times back in the 80’s and early 90’s. I don’t recall that he ever made a single mistake or commented on my errors. Some skeptics might question my recall, but I’ve checked around and received complete confirmation. In the spirit of full disclosure, I can report that he would occasionally take losing finesse. Now that Paul is here, we can definitely claim bragging rights about our PLM’s vs. Austin’s.

Membership Matters. We welcome the following new members and transfers: **Jeanne Binovi, Sharon Lee Gaskill, Stephanie Jo Patton**. Congratulations to all those who received higher ACBL ratings: new Junior Masters: **Lynn Pierson**; new Club Master: **Beverly Flannery, Charl Johnson, Joanne Lenke, Elia Rosetta**; new Sectional Masters: **Gerda Jacobs, Janina Kuzma, Joseph Zulich**; new Regional Masters: **Sharon Koenig**; new Bronze Life Masters: **Dr. Donald Jackson, Leonidas Jones, Linda Jones, Bob Steidel**; new Emerald Life Master: **Ellen Hessel**.

Unit Game Results. The annual Awards Day was held May 16 at BCSA. Winners included: **Terry and Carolyn Riely (A1), Tom Trudeau-Brian Bankler (A2), Larry and Laurie Levin (A3, B1), Paul and Catherine McGaffic (B2), Hank Norvell-Ann Page (B3, C1), Janina Kuzma-Tim Roberts (C2), and John Hilbig-Avi Golan (C3)**. Thanks to co-hosts **Beverly Santos and Jan Wingate** for organizing the event and providing great hospitality.

A Pro-Am Pairs Game was held June 13 at BCSA. Winners included: **Beth Gale-Laura Matuszewski (A1, B1, C1)**, **Ed Rawlinson-Maria Groussman (A2)**, **Bob Otis-Sharon Koenig (A3, B2, C2)**, and **Debbie Schweiss-Marjorie Miller (B3, C3)**. Thanks to co-hosts **Kathy Sinkin-Amor and Beth Gale** for all the hospitality.

Proposed Amendments to Bylaws.

The Board of Directors has undertaken a thorough review of the Unit By-Laws. The following changes are proposed by the Board. These changes will be voted on at the Annual Membership Meeting, conducted prior to the Luau on Aug 22 at St. Francis Episcopal Church.

| Current Wording | Proposed Wording | Rationale |
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| Introductory Section: 1. The objectives of the San Antonio Bridge League shall be (a) To preserve and promote the best interests of competitive bridge and any modifications thereof. | Introductory Section: 1. The objectives of the San Antonio Bridge League shall be (a) To preserve and promote the best interests of competitive bridge. | The original language was from an ACBL prototype years ago. No one knows what "any modifications thereof" means. |
| Introductory Section: 2. This provision does not restrict the Board of Directors from granting limited free plays at Unit tournament and Unit events when the extraordinary efforts exerted by certain members justify such a reward. | Introductory Section: 2. This provision does not restrict the Board of Directors from granting limited free plays and room nights at Unit tournaments and Unit events when the extraordinary efforts exerted by certain members justify such a reward. | The Unit has historically been granted several complimentary rooms by the host hotel for the Regional Tournament and has allocated these to the Tournament Chair, Directors, and a few key volunteers. |
| Article II: 1. Any person of good moral character residing within the geographical area of Unit 172 is eligible for membership. Any such person may apply for membership by writing to the Membership Secretary and shall become a member by complying with such requirements as the Board of Directors may adopt, and by payment of the annual dues | Article II: Any person residing within the geographical area of Unit 172 is eligible for membership. Any such person becomes a member of Unit 172 by first becoming a member of ACBL. | The original wording does not reflect reality. The proposed wording reflects what actually happens. |
| Article II: 5 A member remains in good standing unless (b) He has been disciplined under Article V, Sub-section 8 (g) of these Bylaws | Article II: 5 A member remains in good standing unless (b) He has been disciplined under Article V, Sub-section 8 (h) of these Bylaws | Editorial change. An earlier change to Article V caused renumbering, which was not reflected in this section. |

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| <p>Article II: 6. A member in good standing shall be entitled to vote or be eligible for election or appointment to any office of the Unit only after a waiting period of thirty (30) days following his becoming a member of the Unit.</p> | <p>Article II: 6. A member in good standing shall be entitled to vote or be eligible for election or appointment to any office of the Unit.</p> | <p>There is no reason to deny new members the right to vote. Some new members may have played in Unit club games for some time before joining ACBL and the Unit.</p> |
| <p>Article V: 2....any Director elected or appointed, after his third unexcused absence from regularly scheduled meetings within the same Board year (Dec.-Nov.), will be automatically removed from the Board.</p> | <p>Article V: 2...any Director elected or appointed, after his third unexcused absence from regularly scheduled meetings within the same Board year will be automatically removed from the Board.</p> | <p>The Board year may be Dec.-Nov. in some years, but Nov.-Oct. in other years.</p> |
| <p>Article V. 4.(e) Owners of profit-oriented Bridge Clubs are not eligible to serve on the Board.</p> | <p>Article V 4 (e) Owners or managers of profit-oriented Bridge Clubs are not eligible to serve on the Board.</p> | <p>This provision is intended to promote equal treatment of the various bridge clubs.</p> |
| <p>Article V. 5. (See rationale)</p> | <p>Article V 5. (g) In the event that an election includes a combination of full three-year terms and one or more shorter terms, full terms will be awarded to candidates with the highest vote totals, whereas shorter terms will be assigned to candidates with lower winning vote totals.</p> | <p>This creates a new item (g) and renumbers subsequent items.</p> <p>The rationale is to clarify what occurs when there is a combination of full terms and shorter terms.</p> |
| <p>Article V. 5 (g). A copy of the complete vote tally will be recorded with the Unit minutes.</p> | <p>Article V. 5 (h). A copy of the complete vote tally will be filed with the Unit Secretary and made available for inspection upon request by any member.</p> | <p>The item is renumbered due to the creation of a new item (g) (see above). The rewording is intended to clarify that results are available upon request.</p> |
| <p>Article V. 6. If an emergency exists that does not allow delay of 48 hours for notification purposes, the President may poll all Board members individually, and may take official action with the approval of at least 50% of the Board members other than the President.</p> | <p>Article V. 6. In the case of time-sensitive issues that must be decided prior to a regularly scheduled meeting, the President may, or his/her own initiative or at the request of another Board Member, submit the issue to the Board by email. In such case, email votes and deliberation must be exchanged among the entire Board. Any such decision shall be recorded as part of the minutes of the next meeting,</p> | <p>The President is entitled to vote on any other issue, and there is no reason for this to be an exception. Other changes relate to communication by email, which didn't exist when the Bylaws were developed. The last sentence clarifies what may be discussed in closed sessions and what must be discussed in open session.</p> |

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| <p>Article VI. 3. At the first meeting following the tournament at which the annual elections took place, the Board of Directors shall elect the new officers.</p> | <p>Article VI. 3. The first meeting following the tournament at which the annual elections took place shall occur no sooner than one week after the election. The Board of Directors shall elect the new officers at this meeting.</p> | <p>Article V. 5 (h) allows 7 days for the consideration of protests of election results. Therefore it would be improper for new members to be installed prior to the expiration of this time period.</p> |
| <p>Article VI. 4. 4. If any office becomes vacant during the year, the vacancy will be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors</p> | <p>Delete this item.</p> | <p>This item is a duplicate of Article V. 3. This eliminates the duplication. Subsequent items will be renumbered.</p> |
| <p>Article VIII. 4. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE. The Tournament Chairman shall be appointed by the President, and shall thereafter appoint a reasonable number of members in good standing to assume the duties of the Tournament committee, which include making all arrangements necessary for holding tournaments within the complete authority of the Unit, subject to the regulations of the ACBL. Primary appointments shall include members to handle prizes, caddies, hospitality, partnership, and publicity, and various other areas as needed. Said Committee shall present a proposed budget to the Board for approval prior to each tournament and shall render a complete report to the Board following each tournament.</p> | <p>Article VIII. 4. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE. This committee shall be appointed by the President. It shall include the Tournament Coordinator, who shall develop recommendations for the Board of Directors for dates of tournaments and shall obtain sanctions for tournaments approved by the Board. It shall also include Tournament Chairs of the various tournaments sanctioned by the Unit and ACBL. Each tournament chair shall present a proposed budget to the Board for approval prior to each tournament and shall render a complete report to the Board following each tournament.</p> | <p>The original wording is out of date. Years ago, it was common for one individual to serve as the Tournament Chair for multiple tournaments. Now four of the annual tournaments are allocated to commercial clubs. They each have their own tournament chairs, as do New Braunfels and Kerrville. The proposed wording reflects these changes and also describes the duties of the Tournament Coordinator, a position which is required by ACBL.</p> |

Alert! Alert! Unit 172 is creating an updated published print directory and also a new online directory. Each will comply with new ACBL rules which limit use to bridge activities and disallow use for fundraising or commercial purposes. The rules also require the Unit to obtain your written consent to include your information in the directories. A campaign has been under way for five months to obtain consent from interested members. This is the last opportunity. If your name is on the list below, you will not be listed in the directories unless you provide your written consent. If you want to be listed, please clip the form below, complete it, and return it either to Fiesta BC, Bridge Club of San Antonio, or Roxie Tom (13327 Gable Village; San Antonio, TX 78231).

CONSENT TO SHARE INFORMATION

Name _____

Please include my information in (check one or both):

Printed Directory _____

Online Directory _____

Signature _____

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| Allmond, Marietta | Dreeben, Barbara | Hsiau, Yao-Hui | Netardus, Rosemary | Villastrigo, Andy |
| Altgelt, Barbara | Drenner, Diana | Hudson, Bill | Nichols, Burton | Vinyard, Patrick |
| Anderson, Joyce | Drexel, Paul | Hudson, Toni | Nobe, Toshi | Wall, Jon |
| Arnecke, Kaye | Dubose, Jackie | Isaacks Jr, James | Norton Kelm, Dawn | Warren, Adam |
| Arnold, Marilyn | Duerrmeyer, Tia | Jackson, Lelia | O'Neil, Charles | Watson, Beth |
| Ashley, Maynard | Duff, Eugene | Jacobs, Gerda | Osborn, Jonathan | Weinstein, Marilyn |
| Baker, Peggy | Dumas, David | Jarratt, Margaret | Osborn, Joyce | Wendel, Ruth |
| Balzar, Joanne | Dunn, Alice | Jayne, Leah | Panayotopoulos, Michael | White, Wilberta |
| Balzar, William | Durairaj, Govindasamy | Jeanpierre, Janet | Parker, Suzan | Whitmarsh, Glenna |
| Barnebey, Wright | Durairaj, Prema | Johnson, Glenda | Parry, William | Whittenburg, Francie |
| Barnes, Bobbe | Ellis, Jean | Johnson, Sherry | Payne, Homer | Wickiser, Cindy |
| Barnes, Martha | Epps, Willie | Jones, Paula | Perkins, Sue | Wille, David |
| Barnum, Beverly | Eubank, June | Jorgensen, Cindy | Perry, Ann Willerson, Darrell | |
| Beard, Patti | Evers, Anne | Kadanka, Bob | Person, Alice Ruth | Willerson, Susie |
| Beaty, Terry | Evers, Robert | Kassarjian, Steven | Pfeffer, Kathy | Williamson, Bea |
| Benson, Walter | Farris, Bobby | Kaufman, Tom | Phillips II, Robert | Williamson, Christine |
| Berg, Betsy | Farris, Mary | Keller, Patsy | Pierson, Harry | Williamson, Fred |
| Binovi, Jeanne | Feddema, John | Kellerman, Diana | Pigott, Kathleen | Wilson, Charlotte |
| Bishop, Sharon | Feddema, Marlene | Kelley Jr, Paul | Pollock, Dee | Wilson, Harold |
| Blackburn, Chancey | Fiechter, Claire | Kelly, Ingrid | Pruitt, Patricia | Wilson, Laura |
| Blair, Landon | Fischer, Eileen | Keogh, Edie | Quirk, Rosemary | Wilson, Mike |
| Blend, Stanley | Fisher, Linda | Kibler, Ernestine | Ramberg, Carol | Wiltgen, Jerrie |
| Boulette, Michael | Fogarty, Seth | Knaggs, Betty | Reagle, Sam | Wilton, Herbert |
| Boyce, Anne | Forbes, Jacqueline | Knox, Bettye | Redmond, Jeanne | Witebsky, Christine |
| Boyce, Vicki | Frederick, J Howard | Koli, Vijay | Reese, Edward | Worrich, Barbara |
| Boyd, Joe | Fretthold, Christe | Koneru, Venkatrao | Riester, Sallie | Wynne, Virginia |
| Bracken, Mary | Fretthold, Timothy | Ksionzky, Baruch | Rightmeyer, Sandra | Young, Jo Ann |
| Brister, Jim | Frisch, Eleanor | Langhus, Billie | Roberts, Jacki | Young, Myong |
| Broadwater, Stanley | Fulton, Albert | Langhus, Leslie | Rodarte, Sue | |
| Brooks, Harold | Fulton, Beverly | Lanham, Shawn | Ross, Gregory | |
| Brooks, Roberta | Funk, James | Larsen, Kenneth | Rossi, Patricia | |
| Brown, Scott | Gardner, Patricia | Lawrence, Helen | Saidi, Brigitte | |
| Brunney, Paul | Garg, Govind | Leatherman, Suzanne | Salazar, Carlos | |
| Bump, Eleanor | Garrett, Linda | Leboeuf, Judy | Sammis, Jennifer | |
| Bursack, Barnet | Gaskill, Sharon Lee | Lenke, Joanne | Schafer, Arleen | |
| Butler, Sarah | Gernsbacher, Margie | Leonard, Jo | Scheurich, Sherry | |
| Carlson, Joyce | Gibson, Betty | Leonard, Margaret | Schmieder, Jyme | |

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| Carson, Joy | Gibson, Galen | Lerner, Ruth | Schott, Jeanne |
| Carter, Jo Gayle | Gibson, John | Lindquist, Mary Ann | Schrader, V Joan |
| Carter, Nancy | Gindler, Marian | Linn, Robert | Schwarz, Cynthia |
| Carter, R Dee | Goldbeck, Nancy | Lothringer, Kathleen | Scott, Stephen |
| Casteel, Cynthia | Gollehon, Ronnie | Lucci, Marie | Seidler, Joan |
| Chandler, Eleanor | Gossen, Fonda | Luzania, Catherine | Senyszyn, Dorothy |
| Charlson, Marilyn | Green, Helen | Luzania, Virginia | Shands, Michael |
| Chimene, Claude | Greenbauer, Richard | Lynch, Richard | Shands, Shiela |
| Click, Mary Lou | Gregory, Douglas | Maclean, Mary Anne | Shaw, Ralph |
| Clifford, Jacqueline | Guice, Belle | Mahoney, Don | Sheerin, Betty Lou |
| Clifford, James | Habiger, Barbara | Main, Cathy | Shipley, Mary |
| Cohick, Lisa Howlett | Hadden, Mariann | Maizel, Rachel | Shipley, Robert |
| Coker, Peggy | Haddock, Beverly Ann | Malakoff, Aaron | Simmons, Dolly |
| Coleman, Wyn | Haddock, Eugene | Mann, George | Simmons, Stephen |
| Copeland, Janet | Haddock, Neil | Mann, Sharon | Singh, Yesh |
| Cosgrove, Marcia | Hale, Bobbi | Mannering, Catharine | Slater, Mary |
| Cox, Gary | Haley, Barbara | Martin, Robert | Slaughter, Catherine |
| Cox, Susan | Hamilton, Sylvia | McCormick, Jean | Souchon, Sandy |
| Cross, Nancy | Hanson, Joann | McCullough, Anne | Stahlecker, Verlyn |
| Cruise, Robert | Harman, Carla | McCutcheon, Robert | Stewart, Anna Mary |
| Curtis, Jerri | Hartmann, Patricia | McGinn, Paul | Stoffel, Michael |
| Dabney, Kay | Hastings, Joann | McKenzie, Bennie | Sullivan, Ruth Eilene |
| Darnell, Billie | Hayne, Roxana | McLaughlin, Mary Jo | Tanguy, Robert |
| Davis, Barbara | Hays, Lisa | McMillon, James | Tate, Toby |
| Davis, Elaine | Hendershot, Rita | McNeil, Sherry | Tate, Willene |
| Davis, Larry | Henderson, Faye | Menking, Christina | Taylor-Greene, Wilma |
| De Berg, Joellen | Henderson, Karen | Merritt, Gloria | Thigpen, Barbara |
| De Berg, Oak | Hermes, Eunise | Metcalfe, Frances | Thigpen, James |
| Deberry, Barbara | Hessel, Ellen | Mikesh, Carolyn | Thomas, Louise |
| Deeter, Bernean | Hessel, Ira | Miller, Eric | Thomas, Suzanne |
| Dewar, Nancy | Higgins, Edward | Miller, Michael | Thompson, Leslie |
| Di Baggio, A | Higgins, Margaret | Moore, Trudy | Thompson, Pattie |
| Dobbins, Betty Jean | Hill, Jan | Moorman, Nancy | Tilles, Jerome |
| Dodson, Ann | Hinze, Greg | Morris, David | Tor, Judith |
| Dodson, J Robert | Hinze, Patty | Morris, Doris | Tseng, Bill |
| Dolan, Miriam | Horton, Cisse | Muir, Carol | Van Denburg, Burton |
| Donahue, J Jeffrey | Houston, Marshall | Murarka, Ajit | Veitch, Anne |
| Draznin, Moshe | Howlett, Billie Kite | Nabers, Blanche | Veitch, Thomas |



New Braunfels Sectional

Thursday, September 10th

10:00 am Stratified Pairs
3:00 pm Stratified Swiss Teams

Friday, September 11th

10:00 am Stratified Pairs
10:00 am Compact KO#1
3:00 pm Stratified Pairs
3:00 pm Compact KO.#1

Saturday, September 12th

10:00 am Stratified Pairs
10:00 am Compact KO #2
3:00 pm Stratified Pairs
3:00 pm Compact KO #2

Sunday, September 13th

10:00 am & TBA Nell Morgan Stratified Swiss Teams

499er Games

Thursday-Saturday 10:00 am and 3:00 pm (3 table minimum)

Stratifications:

Flight A 2500+ **Flight B** 750-2500 **Flight C** 0-750

All events will be stratified based on average master points

Card Fees

\$11/person/session Sunday Swiss/\$108 team (includes lunch)
\$3/session more for non-member

Tournament Chair

Paula Warren 830-620-0004. 210-316-7333

Partnership Chair

Barbara Morgan 210-364-2309

Hospitality Chair

Jan Wingate: 830-629-0212 /830-705 7558

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