**Unit 176 D16 Star Award**

Deborah Chockley was on the DBA Board and was the Equipment Liaison the first year after the COVID shutdown when we were working to reestablish our

Unit Games, ProAm's, and Tournaments.

It had been two years since our previous Unit activities, and we needed to learn all the "ins and outs" again. Interfacing with the Equipment Managers, making sure things were where they needed to be when they needed to be there. The first thing she coordinated was an audit of our inventory. At that time, two of our bigger Clubs were closing and she bought equipment from them to make our future more secure and definite.

But, we also had other unique problems that year!

The Fort Worth DFW Regional needed to borrow some tables, bidding boxes and other supplies. How to get them there? How to get them back? And in what shape? Debrah resolved all these issues.

The Richardson Women's Club also wanted to borrow some tables, bidding boxes, and other items. Debrah coordinated with them and set up a procedure for them to follow in future years.

And finally, our storage unit was broken into and the locks cut for our trailers! Fortunately, the only things stolen were the trailers' license plates which were readily reported and replaced.

Debrah was in the right place at the right time for our Unit, so we are proud to present her the District 16 Star Award.

Unit 176 Goodwill Award Winners

Anne Goodman plays frequently at our three major Clubs -- Valley View, Friendly, and McKinney -- and with a variety of partners. She is also a frequent player in our Tournaments.

She greets opponents with a smile and friendly chit-chat, and is never upset with her partner.

Her background as a motorcyclist and subsequent write ups in several of our bridge publications always leads to questions and discussions which she is happy to join in.

In essence, she is already an ambassador of goodwill. We are pleased to formalize that!



The gentleman selected for the Unit 176 Goodwill Award is a very humble person who always carries a smile, not only at the bridge table but at all times. However, these traits may tend to obfuscate his military achievements serving our country.

Chuck Thomas graduated from West Point in the top 10% of his class and subsequently earned a Master's Degree in Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Upon graduating, he started his required military service becoming a paratrooper and a special forces Ranger during his Army career. He served tours in Vietnam, Korea, Saudi Arabia and many locations in the US, retiring from the Army as a full Colonel. He then worked for Parsons Corporation as an engineer.

Chuck became very interested in bridge in 2008 and since then has become a real student of the game showing the same drive to develop his bridge ability as he displayed during his professional career. In fact, he worked at the Bridge Academy of North Dallas assisting in any task asked of him while all the while taking lessons and soaking up the nuances of the game. He recently achieved the level of Bronze Life Master. Chuck is a pleasure to be around, never a harsh word, always with an enthusiastic smile. With this most becoming personality, he is absolutely a worthy selection for this Goodwill Award.

Out & About

Friendly Bridge Club ♠♥♦♣

Our regular games are: **Monday, Thursday, and Friday at 10:30am** at Disciples Christian Church - 2001 Independence Pkwy, Plano (NW corner of Park & Independence). Come play bridge, and visit with your bridge friends. You can register on our website at www.bridgewebs.com/friendlyllc, or send to this email planofriendlybridge@gmail.com with your reservation information, or call or text me at 972-814-8801. We look forward to seeing you, and having some fun playing in person bridge in a safe environment.

NOTE: As of November 1st, we will **no longer hold the Tuesday game in Dallas**. Thank you to those of you who did come out and play. We are going to reconsider the best way to serve the Dallas area bridge community. More information will be forthcoming.

~shared by Valarie Remmers, Mike Davis, & Jay Gibson

Note: You must be fully vaccinated (COVID-19) to play at Friendly Bridge Club, masks are optional. It's best to stay home if you are not feeling well.

Harp's Bridge Club: jimharp111@gmail.com

Rockwall Community Center 108 E. Washington St
Tues 10:30 am Open

Lariat Bridge Club in Waxahachie:

1st United Methodist Church, 505 W Marvin Ave
Tuesday 6:30 pm Open, please arrive by 6:15 pm.
miketull@sbcglobal.net

BAND at Frisco Library 4140 Legendary Dr

Monday 9:30 am Open & 299

Wednesday 9:30 am Open

Due to limited space, reservations required: email billsofborn13@att.net or call 972-814-2133.

K-S Bridge Studio (BAND) 3030 LBJ Fwy, Ste#300, Dallas

Friday 1:00 pm, 0-20 MP

Sunday 1:00 pm 299er, preceded by 12:40 pm

free mini lesson by Kristen Onsgard

Reservations requested, email

stef4bridge@gmail.com (Stephanie Scott).

McKinney Duplicate Bridge Club ♠♥♦♣

Please join us in McKinney for **10:00 AM Games:**

Tuesdays & Thursdays, only \$8 in the Salvation Army gym, 600 Wilson Creek Parkway. Please arrive by 9:45 and park in the rear of building. Bring a snack or small lunch. Coffee and water provided, Reg Watt directing. No partner. No problem. Just come and we will provide a partner for you. You may get lucky and play with Reg. You must be fully vaccinated to play.

~shared by Karen Roland

Valley View Bridge Club ♠♥♦♣

Newby Play & Learn at 12:30pm every Wednesday at The King of Glory Church. Criteria: Must have less than 20 MP's to play; Can ask questions of the Director; Will earn MP's as you play; Players play for \$10/pp. Great opportunity to practice what you have learned.

Gerrie and Kathy also offer continuing classes for all levels of players with emphasis on different areas and topics like Defense, Play of the Hand, etc. The next round of Beginner Bridge Classes (in afternoon and evening) begins on Tuesday, Feb 6. Call Kathy with any questions.

Noon Games:

Monday: Open (\$10/pp) 499er (\$10/pp)

Wednesday: Open (\$10/pp) & 499er (\$10/pp)

Free Play for top overall winners in each event
+Wednesday: 12:30 pm Newby 0-20 MP -Play & Learn

Location: King of Glory Lutheran Church

Basement Room LL18 6411 LBJ Dallas, Tx

We have snacks and goodies at all of our games.

Hope to see you soon. If you need a partner, we will be happy to get you one. Please contact Kathy Carr at 214-799-7401 or kathy.dbci@gmail.com.

~ shared by Gerrie Owen, Valley View BC

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Welcome to Unit 176

NEW: Kristin Bell, Gerald Duchovnay, Patricia Ellington, Camille Fournier, Leslie Golden, Louise Graham, Robert Gregory, Susan Langford, Robert Levene, Marcia Loughry, Uma Obalaparam, Gino Smith, John Dee Swope, Judy Townley

TRANSFERS: Duane Bickings, Susan Keyes, Debbie Krochtengel, Elaine Lagerstrom, Ada Steirer

Dallas Fall Sectional November 15—18, 2023 *Congratulations to all the Winners!*

Wed AM Open Flt A
Michael Murphy
Thomas Leberman



Wed Aft Open Flt B
Larry Mayo
Marie-Anne Johnson



Thurs AM Open Flt A
Nancy Passell
Kitty Cooper



Thurs AM Open Flt B
Nancy Latner
Susan Flick



Thurs Aft Open Flt AB
Bob Butterfield
Ribs LaMothe



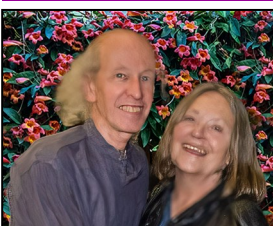
Fri AM Open Flt A
Marilyn Florin
Preston Morrow



Fri AM 749 Flt B
Bonnie Keene
Stephanie Strom



Fri Aft Open Flt A
Bart Bramley
Kitty Cooper



Fri Aft Open Flt B
Gerrie Owen
Kathy Carr



Sat AM Open Flt AB
Nancy Fellman
Elaine Wood



Wed & Thurs Teams Bkt 1
Mark & Sheri Bumgardner
Nancy & Steve Kornegay



Wed Teams Bkt 3 **Dee Norris, Sanjay Santhanam, Ann Haynes, Laura Kelly**



Thurs Teams Bkt 2 **Randy Patterson, Brian Gelles, Patricia Stille, Janet Gelles**



Sat AM 749 Flt C
Bonnie Keene
Denise Patterson



Thurs Teams Bkt 3 **Amy Schumacher, B K Sloan, Jean Scott, Sylvia Chavez**



Thurs Teams Bkt 4 **Louise Shanley, Gari Martin, Judy Bouska, Jackie Carroll**



Fri Teams Bkt 1 **Nancy Passell, Hugh Hillaker, Mike Passell, Michael Pennick**



Fri Teams Bkt 3
Bob Bender, Bill Brooks, Walt Netschi, Ken Melvin



Thank You!

To all the players who participated in this Fall Sectional.
There were **1,926.58 points** won by **322 players** at **377 tables** during this four day tournament.



Dallas Fall Sectional November 15—18 *continued*

Fri Teams Bkt 4

**H.P. Goel, Bob Deboom,
Robert Neal, Larry Mayo**



Sat Teams Bkt 1 **Suresh**

**Agrawal, Ari Sippola, Pawel
Hanus, Bob Wilkin**



Sat Teams Bkt 2 **Jane
Kirby, Kate Hopkins, Bob
Butterfield, Steve Birnbaum**



Sat Teams Bkt 3 **Ross
Ramsey, John Luebke, Mary
Chaffin, Erica Walker**



Sat Teams Bkt 4 **Jacqueline
Brown, John Peart, Phil
Brown, Calvin Winchester**



Random Thoughts

- ♦ Wrinkled was not one of the things I wanted to be when I grew up.
- ♦ I told my wife she should embrace her mistakes....so she hugged me.
- ♦ Life is too short—enjoy it!

Top 10 Unit 176 members winning masterpoints were:

Michael Penick 35.98
Sheri & Mark Bumgardner 30.93
Nancy Passell 28.33 Scott Nason 25.69
Bart Bramley 24.90 Mike Passell 22.60
Mary Chaffin 22.27 Milt Neher 21.86
Suresh Agrawal 19.94

Unit 176 STaC Dec 4-10

Mon Dec 4 AM Open: 13.5
tables

A 66.67% James Bauer, Tomi Storey, F BC

B 62.96% Rich Brandenburg, Dan Kahn, F BC

C 59.00% Dee Bridgewater, Sue Ann Scala, BAND

Mon Dec 4 AFT Open: 12 tables (based on 11 tables)

A 65.28% TIE James Thurtell, Milt Neher, VV BC

Patricia Stille, Connie Scott, VV BC

B 65.28% Patricia Stille, Connie Scott, VV BC

Mon Dec 4 AFT 499: 4 tables

A 61.32% Jane Mueller, Denise Patterson, VV BC

BC 55.57% Kay Irwin, Marilyn Leaming, VV BC

Tues Dec 5 AM Open: 13 tables

AB 66.51% Connie Scott, Karen Roland, MD BC

C 57.53% Robert Neal, Alan Denniston, MD BC



Wed Dec 6 AM Open: 4 tables

ABC 68.06% Phyllis Spencer, June Kiley, BAND

Wed Dec 6 AFT 499: 4 tables

ABC 61.79% Sarah Warnecke, Jose Portela, VV BC

Thurs Dec 7 AM Open: 22.5 tables

A 62.94% Scott Nason, Milt Neher, F BC

B 61.01% Connie Scott, Raymond Clark, MD BC

Fri Dec 8 AM Open: 14 tables

AB 64.58% Terry Wolfe, Bill Driscoll, F BC

C 52.67% H.P. Goel, Ali Ebrahim F BC

Sun Dec 10 AFT Open: 37 tables & Dec Holiday Unit Game

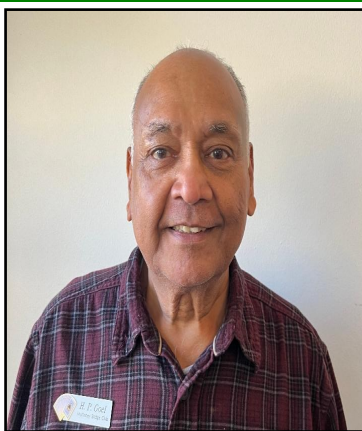
A 68.81% Pawel Hanus, Ari Sippola

B 60.63% Elda Kay Hampton, Nancy Jipp

C 58.04% Larica Taylor, Rodger Gruenwald

Sun Dec 10 AFT 499: 8 tables & Dec Holiday Unit Game

ABC 60.71% Jose Portela, Sarah Warnecke



MDBC's Spotlight on HP Goel

Talk show hostess, Oprah Winfrey, often commented that "everyone has a story". That is certainly the case with **HP Goel**.

HP is a relative newcomer to the McKinney Duplicate Bridge Club. He was born in "a backward village of India with no roads, no electricity or running water". His parents had no formal education and a few months before HP's birth, his father migrated to the big city of Calcutta looking for job opportunities. It wasn't an easy transition for his father who spent his first night sleeping on the railway platform because he had nowhere to go. A thief stole his sandals and meager belongings while he slept, causing him to travel into the city the next morning with no shoes, no belongings, and no money. In spite of that rough start, he eventually found work and was able to send for his family. He did very well for himself and was fond of narrating the story of how he arrived barefoot and penniless in the big city. Today that family remains close and numbers over 60 individuals. It is probably from his father's work ethic and drive that HP has been so successful himself.

HP is the second child and oldest son in a family of 8 children. His father wanted him to have the education and opportunities he himself never had. Therefore, HP was enrolled in an English medium school even though he spoke no English at the time. Regardless of that handicap, he slowly picked up the language and excelled in studies, graduating from a premier college institution with a commerce major and post-graduate work in business management. It was during this period that HP first learned bridge but was unable to pursue that interest for many years.

Over the next few years HP "worked as a stockbroker making millions in the stock market, losing billions, and going broke," he confesses. He decided it was time for a career adjustment and turned to teaching where he prepared students for college entrance exams (like our SAT) and then taught finance subjects to business management scholars at the post-graduate level. He continued a career in education for several decades.

~continued on page 6

Unit 176 Holiday Party

The Unit holiday party on December 10th at the Holiday Inn in Richardson was a huge success. Many thanks to our wonderful volunteers who made it all possible. **Sharon Tomnitz** and **Nancy Young** put together a wonderful array of door prizes. **Bill Driscoll** sent all the notices to our membership so there were many opportunities for them to know about the party and sign up. **Stu Nelan** kept up with the registrations and **Milt Neher** became the go-to guy for information and provided our directors with seeding advice. **Chuck Eastin** is our new equipment manager and did a fantastic job getting equipment and supplies ready for the party.

And then there was bridge. We had 8 tables in the 499 game and 37 tables in the open. Congratulations to the winners. **Jose Portela and Sarah Warnecke in the 499er and Pawel Hanus and Ari Sippola in the open.**

The Holiday Inn was a great venue and provided us with a delightful holiday dinner.

We asked that you be generous with donations to the North Texas Food Bank and you came through like champs. We raised \$4,800 which was tripled by a NTFB sponsor. Well done, all.

Carolyn Pinto and **Kathy Carr** were our directors and they did a marvelous job even though director calls were a bit difficult because tables were so close together. They persevered. Thank you, ladies.

I hope all of you who attended had a good time and will look forward to an even better party next year.

~submitted by Eileen Davidoff

Online Partnership Desk Now Available

Looking for a partner for a Unit Game or a Unit 176 Tournament? Our online Partnership Desk is for you! It has been successfully used for our Spring Sectional, Unit Games, and the Regional Tournament. Send an email to: PartnershipU176@gmail.com

Complete the form and your information will automatically be added to a spreadsheet which you can often view to see who else is looking for a partner or teammates.



Don't miss out on playing as there may be someone looking for you! *~shared by Debor Cassen and Stu Nelan*

MDBC's Spotlight on HP Goel - continued from page 5

HP married in 1976 and is still happily married to the same person today. He has two sons who both majored in engineering at premier institutions in India. Both sons immigrated to the U.S. and did post-graduate business management programs, settling in the Dallas area.

Once HP retired, he and his wife came to Texas to be close to their sons and families providing them with 3 grandchildren. It was here in North Texas that HP was able to pick up bridge again two years ago. He found his way to the McKinney Duplicate Bridge Club where he plays twice a week and has quickly improved and extended his knowledge of the game. He got his Ace of Clubs (0-5 masterpoints) within a year and played on a Swiss team at the Dallas regional tournament in 2022 where they won first place on two consecutive days!

HP and his partners continue to do well at MDBC and often finish first or second in the standings. He also loves brain exercises like sudoku, wordle, riddles, and puzzles. He is a fun and warm person who has a life motto of "If you can't help anyone, at least don't hurt anyone." HP is a reminder to all of us as to what can be achieved in life with enough drive and dedication to succeed. His father would be very proud!

~by Nancy Connors, MDBC reporter



In Memoriam Maryanne Haughton Patricia A Patterson

Just Wondering?



If lawyers are debarred,
and clergymen are defrocked,
does it not follow that
electricians should be delighted,
musicians should be denoted,
models should be deposed,
laundry workers should be
decreased,
base ball players should be debased,
landscapers should be deflowered,
software engineers should be
detested,
and finally,
music composers should be
decomposed.

~cleverly shared by H.P. Goel



Looking for a Bridge Instructor

Unit 176 has several bridge instructors for hire. Here is an alphabetical list of those who wanted to be included in this article:

Susan Bates: 214-641-1299 susanbates6630@gmail.com

Mark Bumgardner: 214-223-5219 Bumgardner.mark@gmail.com

Jay Gibson: Jgib181@outlook.com

Preston Morrow: 972-333-9636 Prjr17@gmail.com

Kristen Onsgard: 214-334-2330 onsgardk@gmail.com

Bill Osborn: BillOsborn13@att.net

Gerrie Owen: 214-477-4181 gerrieowen@sbcglobal.net

Randy Patterson: 214-709-1353
hellorandyman@gmail.com

Jack Schober: 214-274-8315 jackschober@icloud.com

Stefanie Scott: 248-361-2933
stefaniescott58@gmail.com

Please contact **Connie Scott** if you want to be added to this list.



Did you hear?

.....about the elderly lady who talked herself out of a speeding ticket by telling the officer that she had to get there before she forgot where she was going?



Save 2024 Date for Unit Game:

Congregation Shearith Israel
9401 Douglas Ave, Dallas, TX 75225
So of Walnut Hill, west of Preston &
just east of Dallas North Tollway.

March 10– starts 1:30 pm

Open & 749 Pairs

Dallas Winter Sectional February 21-24, 2024

Lovers Lane United Methodist Church
9200 Inwood Rd.
Dallas, TX 75229

Wednesday, February 21

Stratified Open and 749er Pairs (Single Sessions)	10:00 am & 2:30 pm
Open Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)	10:00 am & 2:30 pm

Thursday, February 22

Stratified Open and 749er Pairs (Single Sessions)	10:00 am & 2:30 pm
Open Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)	10:00 am & 2:30 pm

Friday, February 23

Stratified Open and 749er Pairs (Single Sessions)	10:00 am & 2:30 pm
Open Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)	10:00 am & 2:30 pm

Saturday, February 24

Stratified Open and 749er Pairs (Single Sessions)	10:00 am & 2:30 pm
Open Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)	10:00 am & 2:30 pm

Stratifications:

Open Pairs: A: 4000+, B: 1500-4000, C: 0-1500 (By average masterpoints)

749er Events: A:500-749, B:300-499, C: 0-299 (By average masterpoints)

NOTE: Stratifications may be adjusted by director based on attendance.

Entry Fees: ACBL members \$14 per session; Non-members \$17

Tournament Chairperson: Connie Scott connievanpatter@yahoo.com

Partnerships: TBD (email: PartnershipU176@gmail.com)

Tournament Director in Charge: Kevin Perkins

Hotel Info: Embassy Suites, Love Field, 3880 W. Northwest Hwy, Dallas, TX 75220;

Phone: 214-357-4500 Rate: King Suite - \$164. Double Suites - \$169. Reserve by January 31 to get bridge rate..

Snacks and Drinks Every Day!

Cashless Payments Only!



Unit 176 Board Update:

2024 Unit 176 Board

President: **Connie Scott**

Vice President: **Bill Higgins**

Treasurer: **Bob Holliday**

Secretary: **Paul Taylor**

Board Members: **Truett Cates, Bill Driscoll, Milt Neher, Stu Nelan Cheryl Rider**

Business Manager: **Ed Yetter**

The Unit 176 Board serves the members of Unit 176. If you have any ideas, please let us know.



2024 Unit 176 Board:

Standing: Cheryl Rider, Bill Higgins, Paul Taylor, Connie Scott, Bob Holliday

Seated: Truett Cates, Milt Neher, Ed Yetter (business manager), Bill Driscoll.

Not Pic: Stu Nelan.

HAVE CARDS

WILL PLAY BRIDGE

Message from the President



Congratulations to **Truett Cates** and **Paul Taylor** for being elected to our Unit 176 Board and congratulations to **Milt Neher** being reelected for a 2nd term! We really appreciate your willingness to serve our Dallas bridge community!

Be sure to thank **Eileen Davidoff** and **Scott Nason** when you see them at the bridge table for their many contributions while serving on the Board these past 6 years. They will both be missed. A very special thank you to **Stu Nelan** for serving as our President the past two years. Stu has always been on top of the many, many details in keeping an organization such as ours running smoothly! He has always listened to everyone's opinion and has always pushed us to do our best. As your new President, I realize what big shoes I have to fill! Many have reached out to me in support and congratulations, and I thank you for the confidence you place in me.

Four Sectionals are planned for 2024!

Dallas Winter Sectional – **Feb 21-24**

Dallas Spring Sectional – **Apr 17-20**

Dallas Memorial Day Sectional – **May 22-26**

Dallas Fall Sectional – **Nov 6-9**

We are adding an Intermediate/Newcomer Regional in conjunction with the Dallas Fall Sectional. If you are an Intermediate/Newcomer player with less than 750 MP's this is your opportunity to win GOLD at a local tournament!

Our first monthly Unit Game is scheduled **Sunday, March 10th** at Congregation Shearith Israel, Dallas. You must preregister at our website at dallasbridge.org.

Our **Dallas Labor Day Regional will be held Tuesday – Sunday, August 27-September 1st** at the **Marriot Courtyard, Allen, TX**. This new location offers an exceptional playing area, free parking, and many great restaurants within walking distance.

Our Board welcomes any suggestions or ideas to improve our playing opportunities in the Dallas area. We strongly urge you to support our local bridge clubs and our many Unit Tournaments. We look forward to a great 2024!

~ [Connie Scott at connievanpatter@yahoo.com](mailto:connievanpatter@yahoo.com)

Grand National Teams by Scott Nason

The GNTs 2024 are coming soon. Once again, we are going to dispense with the Unit qualifying and proceed straight to District Finals. So, get your team together and meet us in Houston or Dallas in the Spring.

There are four levels that will compete in the GNT's District Finals. The four winners of that event (or possibly more – see below) go on to compete at the GNT Finals in Toronto in July. The top flight – the Championship Flight – is open to anyone who is an ACBL member in good standing and who resided in District 16 as of September 1, 2023. In order to play in Flight A, each member of the team must also have had fewer than 6000 Masterpoints as of the August 6, 2023 posting. For Flight B the cutoff is 2500 points. And Flight C is limited to non-life masters with fewer than 500 points. Each team may consist of 4, 5 or 6 players, but each player must be eligible for the flight in which the team is competing.

The District Finals will be split into two venues. The Championship and B Flights will be held in Houston on April 6-7. Flights A and C will be held in Dallas at the Holiday Inn Dallas-Richardson on May 25-26. The winners from each flight will advance to the National GNT Finals in Toronto in July and will be eligible for an expense stipend if they actually play in Toronto. Note also that if Flights B and/or C have eight or more teams, then the top **two** teams will qualify for Nationals. For more information, you may consult the event flyer (below) and the Conditions of Contest, which are posted on the D16 website.

District 16 Grand National Teams: 2024 District Finals

April 6-7 in Houston at 10510 Harwin Dr, Houston

Saturday, April 6th Flight B qualifying: 10:00am and 2:30pm

Championship Flight qualifying: 10:00am and 2:30pm

Sunday, April 7th Flight B finals (if necessary): 10:00am and 2:30pm

Championship Flight finals (if necessary) 10:00am and 2:30pm

May 25-26 in Dallas

at Holiday Inn, 1655 N Central Expressway, Richardson

Saturday, May 25th Flight C qualifying: 10:00am and 2:30pm

Flight A qualifying: 10:00am and 2:30pm

Sunday, May 26th Flight C finals (if necessary): 10:00am and 2:30pm

Flight A finals (if necessary): 10:00am and 2:30pm

Formats for each flight will be based on the number of teams entered. See the Conditions of Contest for the planned formats. **Stratifications/Eligibility:** Every player must be an ACBL member in good standing and must be a resident of D16 as of September 1, 2023. Masterpoint limits for each Flight are as follows:

Championship Flight – open to anyone

Flight A – open to players with less than 6,000 masterpoints, as of August 6, 2023

Flight B – open to players with less than 2,500 masterpoints, as of August 6, 2023

Flight C – open to non-life masters with less than 500 masterpoints, as of August 6, 2023

All teams must pre-register with Scott Nason at sdnason@sbcglobal.net **no later than April 1 for Championship** and B and **by May 20 for A and C**. You must supply the names of the players, ACBL numbers and the Flight in which you will compete. Card fees will be \$60 (\$15x4) per team per session.

Tournament Chair: Scott Nason sdnason@sbcglobal.net

Tournament Director: Melody Euler (Dallas) and Kevin Perkins (Houston)



Masterpoint Races

Congratulations to Unit 176's newest
Diamond Life Masters:

Marilyn Florin

There are now 24 Unit 176 players at
this level.



Congratulations to Unit 176's newest
Sapphire Life Masters:
Randy Ekman

Congratulations to Unit 176's newest
Gold Life Masters:
Randolph Worsham



Congratulations to Unit 176's newest
Ruby Life Masters:
**William Driscoll, Elaine Estes,
Jo Shah, Amy Schumacherr**

Congratulations to Unit 176's newest
Silver Life Masters:
Sandra Fedro, Connie Burnett



Congratulations to Unit 176's
newest **Bronze Life Masters:**
**Jill Hartel,
Barbara Taylor, Chuck Thomas**

Congratulations to Unit 176's newest
**Life Masters: Walter Netschi,
Judy Wood**



A New Year's Resolution:
**At every opportunity, tell the
people you love that you love
them.**

A special thank you to the following people who contributed information/pictures/statistics/names which were used in this edition of Table Talk: **Jack Borenstein, Rich Brandenburg, Kathy Carr, Debor Cassen, Nancy Connors, Eileen Davidson, Mike Davis, William Eads, Jay Gibson, David Greims, Scott Nason, Milt Neher, Stu Nelan, Gerrie Owen, Valarie Remmers, Connie Scott, and Ed Yetter.**

2023 Mini-McKenney Winners

0-5 Robert Neal	5-20 Sandy Lantz
20-50 Rose Whatley	50-100 Jyoti Boppa
100-200 Walter Netschi	200-300 Hassan Kasseba
300-500 B K Sloan	500-1000 John Luebke
1000-1500 Amy Schumacher	1500-2500 Robert Holliday
2500-3500 Sheri Bumgardner	
3500-5000 Scott Nason	5000-7500 Norman Beck
7500-10,000 Milton Neher	Over 10,000 Mike Passell

2023 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Winners

0-5 Robert Neal	5-20 Debbie Segoviano
20-50 Mary Huck	50-100 D Lane Mueller
100-200 Walter Netschi	200-300 Hassan Kasseba
300-500 Jim Porter	500-1000 Patricia Stille
1000-1500 John Brennan	1500-2500 Robert Holliday
2500-3500 Sheri Bumgardner	
3500-5000 Rich Brandenburg	5000-7500 Martha Young
7500-10,000 Milton Neher	Over 10,000 Mark Bumgardner

2023 Ace of Virtual Clubs Winners

0-5 Gilbert Brown	5-20 Sandy Lantz
20-50 Karen Gottschalk	50-100 David Chavenson
100-200 Gary Brown	200-300 Susan Henchal
300-500 B K Sloan	500-1000 Dan Kahn
1000-1500 Amy Schumacher	1500-2500 N Tripode
2500-3500 Jo England	3500-5000 Scott Nason
5000-7500 Bill Osborn	7500-10,000 Milton Neher
Over 10,000 Marion Gebhardt	

2023 Online Race Winners

0-5 Thomas Granier	5-20 Susie Barnett
20-50 Kathy Shuford	50-100 D Lane Mueller
100-200 Brian McAulay	200-300 David Proctor
300-500 Gregory Werbaneth	500-1000 H Norville
1000-1500 Barry Cooper	1500-2500 James Moore
2500-3500 Bob Wilkin	3500-5000 Pawel Hanus
5000-7500 Michael Penick	7500-10,000 James Bauer
Over 10,000 S Kohan	

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