

Unit 207 Newsletter

August/Sept. 06

The Unit 207 Newsletter editor is Larry Davis. The board member supervising the unit newsletter is Mary Anne Laier. The newsletter will be available on or about the first day of the months of February, April, June, August, October and December. Please let the editor know about newsworthy items so that they may be included in the newsletter.

Upcoming Unit 207 Events

29 July (Sat) - Bridge Center - City Championship - Stratified Open Pairs - 2 sessions
19 Aug (Sat) - Bridge Center - Ice Cream Social - Stratified Open Pairs
16 Sept (Sat) - Bridge Center - BCA One-Year Anniversary - Stratified Open Pairs

Upcoming Special Games at Clubs

2 Aug (Weds Day) - Bridge Center - Club Championship
5 Aug (Sat Night) - Bridge Center - **no team game**
8 Aug (Tues) - Bridge Center - Club Championship
9 Aug (Weds Night) - Bridge Center - NAP game
15 Aug (Tues Day) - South Austin Senior Center - Club Championship
18 Aug (Fri) - Bridge Center - NAP game
20 Aug (Sun) - Bridge Center - NAP game
21 Aug (Mon) - Senior Center - Membership game
22 Aug (Tues) - Bridge Center - NAP game
25 Aug (Fri) - Senior Center - Club Championship
26 Aug (Sat Day) - Bridge Center - NAP game (**last one**)
27 Aug (Sun) - Bridge Center - Handicap game
6 Sept (Weds Night) - Bridge Center - Club Championship
9 - 10 Sept (Sat - Sun) - **no club games**
13 Sept (Weds Day) - Bridge Center - International Fund game
14 Sept (Thurs) - Bridge Center - Club Championship (both games)
16 Sept (Sat Night) - Bridge Center - Club Championship
17 Sept (Sun) - Bridge Center - Club Championship
18 Sept (Mon) - Senior Center - Club Championship
21 - 24 Sept (Thurs - Sun) - **no club games** (Austin Sectional)
26 Sept (Tues) - Bridge Center - International Fund game
29 Sept (Fri) - Bridge Center - Membership game
30 Sept (Sat Day) - Bridge Center - Upgraded Club Championship

Future Austin Tournaments

Sept 06 (21st - 24th) - Clarion Inn (Chairman: Mark McAllister)
Oct 06 (21st - 22nd) - Bridge Center - NLM Sectional (Chairman: Kevin Perkins)
Jan 07 (4th - 7th) - DoubleTree (+ District 16 NAOP finals) (Chairs: Delfeld and Rogers)
Mar 07 (24th - 25th) - Bridge Center - NLM Sectional
May 07 (3rd - 6th) - Clarion Inn
July 07 (14th - 15th) - Bridge Center - NLM Sectional

Congratulations!

New Life Masters (300): George Richards
New Bronze Life Masters (500): Clint Schuhmacher
New Silver Life Masters (1000): Robert Donathan, Mattie Hubbard, Erlyne Pankratz
New Diamond Life Masters (5000): Rosemary Kelley
Others: (2000) Larry Davis, Beth Tobias; (750) Darlene Gilmore;
(200) Harriette Bowles, Dave Dickson, Laura Dickson, Adam Ruprecht;
(100) George Jones, Ron Turner; (50) Nancy Dean, Greg Giem, Barbara Hollahan, David McCarron, Charles O'Neil, Gloria Wilson

Austin Regional: Unit 207 members winning 30+ masterpoints were: K. Schutze, M. Stout, R. Donathan, G. Pisk, J. Griffin, P. Griffin, L. Davis, S. Naumann, R. Kelley, B. Tobias, L. Bearden, S. Mahajan, K. Sutaria, Marilou Powell, S. Hoger, M. Craig, P. Long and D. Rogers.

NAP Games

Club-level qualification continues. The strats are: C - less than 500 masterpoints and not a Life Master, B - 500 to 1999 and A - 2000+. August dates are: 9th (Weds. eve), 18th (Fri), 20th (Sun), 22nd (Tues) and 26th (Sat. day). The unit final (for those qualifying at the club-level) will be October 28th (Sat) at the Bridge Center. It will be a two-session event. For those qualifying at the unit-level (about 50% of each strat), the District 16 NAP final will be held at the Austin sectional, Jan 4 - 7 (Thurs - Sun). District-level winners (3 or 4 in each strat) advance to the national-level, played at the Spring Nationals (St. Louis).

City Championship

Just what is the City Championship that is being held July 29th? It is a double-session, stratified, open pair event held annually in the summer by Unit 207. The event was started in 1999. The winning pair of each flight (A: 2000+, B: 500-1999, C: 0-499 NLM) has their names inscribed on a plaque and are dubbed the City Champions for that year.

July Regional

The tournament chairmen were Larry Davis, Mary Anne Laier and Clint Schuhmacher. Other chairmen were: Laura Delfeld and Scott Humphrey - Caddies, Pat Long - Conduct/Ethics, Trish Kane and Marilou Powell - Hospitality, David and Laura Delfeld - Newsletter Editors, Charles Aufill and Danna Redford - Novices, Hal Deshong, Martha Norman and Diana Rogers - Partnerships, Steve Bruce and Clint Schuhmacher - Photography, Sharon Hoger - Prizes, Malou Flato - Publicity, Larry Davis, Kevin Perkins and Jim Wueste - Supplies and Phyllis Tate - Worker Lunches. The tournament chairmen wish to thank the many individuals who volunteered their time assisting the various committee chairmen. An outstanding novice party was catered by Mike Stout, Unit 207 master chef.

BCA One-Year Anniversary

September 16th (Saturday) marks the one-year anniversary of the Bridge Center of Austin. A Unit Championship stratified pairs game will be held in the afternoon (**12:30**), and a Club Championship team game will be held in the evening (**6:30**). The Unit will be hosting this event. **Reservations** (by Monday, Sept. 11th) for both games are required. Call Linda Anthony at 327-0146 to make your reservations. (Formal wear optional.)

End-of-Summer Party

Come to the Bridge Center to celebrate (or lament) the end of summer on August 27th (Sunday). The pairs game will be **handicapped**. Depending upon the masterpoint holdings of the pair, points will be added or subtracted from your final score (as is sometimes done in sectional team events). One half of the masterpoint awards will be based on the handicap, and one-half will be awarded normally (handicap not considered).

Bridge Plus

Bridge Plus+ is a fun, stress-free way for new bridge players to be introduced to duplicate bridge. The game has an upper limit of 5 masterpoints. There is a 20-minute lesson followed by a short break and then about two hours of bridge, playing in a loosely duplicate format. Weekly Bridge Plus+ games are held Tuesdays at 11:30 **and** on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. with Mary Anne Laier. Let your beginning bridge-playing friends know about this program. (**Note: Tuesday's Bridge Plus+ games have been temporarily discontinued but will start back up on September 12th.**)

Mentor Program

The Mentor Program is being renewed! Current plans call for "mentees" (those being mentored) to have less than 10 masterpoints and may not have previously been a mentee. If you are interested in being a mentee (or a mentor), please call Linda Anthony at 327-0146. Sign-up deadline is September 15th. The six-month program will begin in October, with a recess in December. An orientation game/meeting will be held October 1st (Sunday) at the Bridge Center. Mentors are to play bridge (free!) with their mentees twice per month. See the flyers at local club games for more information

Departures

Zane O'Keefe to St. Louis