

# Unit 207 Newsletter

## Oct./Nov. 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

- 28 Oct (Sat) - Bridge Center - Unit-level NAP finals - two-sessions
- 31 Oct (Tues) - Bridge Center - Halloween Party - Stratified Open Pairs
- 18 Nov (Sat) - Bridge Center - Individual (come without a partner) - honoring players 90+ years of age

### Upcoming Special Games at Clubs

- 1 Oct (Sun) - Bridge Center - Club Appreciation Game
- 3 Oct (Tues) - Senior Center - Club Championship
- 4 Oct (Weds eve) - Bridge Center - Membership Game
- 7 Oct (Sat day) - Bridge Center - Club Appreciation Game
- 9 Oct (Mon) - Bridge Center - Club Championship
- 10 Oct (Tues) - South Austin Senior Center - Club Appreciation Game
- 11 Oct (Weds eve) - Junior Fund Game
- 13 Oct (Fri) - Bridge Center - Club Appreciation Game
- 14 Oct (Sat day) - Bridge Center - Club Championship
- 16 Oct (Mon) - Bridge Center - Club Appreciation Game
- 17 Oct (Tues) - Senior Center - Club Appreciation Game
- 18 Oct (Weds day) - Bridge Center - Club Appreciation Game
- 19 Oct (Thurs) - Bridge Center - Club Appreciation Game
- 20 Oct (Fri) - Senior Center - Club Appreciation Game
- 21 Oct (Sat eve) - Bridge Center - Club Appreciation Team Game
- 22 Oct (Sun) - Bridge Center - International Fund Game
- 23 Oct (Mon) - Senior Center - Club Appreciation Game
- 24 Oct (Tues) - Bridge Center - Club Appreciation Game
- 25 Oct (Weds eve) - Bridge Center - Club Appreciation Game
- 27 Oct (Fri) - Bridge Center - Club Championship
- 3 Nov (Fri) - Senior Center - Club Championship
- 4 Nov (Sat eve) - Bridge Center - Membership Team Game
- 5 Nov (Sun) - Bridge Center - Upgraded Club Championship
- 6 Nov (Mon) - Bridge Center - International Fund Game
- 8 Nov (Weds day) - Bridge Center - Club Championship
- 10 Nov (Fri) - Senior Center - **no game**
- 13 Nov (Mon) - Bridge Center - Junior Fund Game
- 14 Nov (Tues) - South Austin Senior Center - Club Championship
- 15 Nov (Weds day) - Bridge Center - Charity Game
- 21 Nov (Tues) - Bridge Center - Junior Fund Game
- 22 Nov (Weds eve) - Bridge Center - **no evening game** (day game **is** held)
- 23 Nov (Thurs) - Bridge Center - **no games**
- 24 Nov (Fri) - Senior Center - **no game**
- 25 Nov (Sat eve) - Bridge Center - **no team game** (day game **is** held)
- 26 Nov (Sun) - Bridge Center - Upgraded Club Championship
- 28 Nov (Tues) - Bridge Center - Club Championship

### Future Austin Tournaments

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

### Congratulations!

- New Life Masters** (300): Joyce Cooper, Sandra Cox, Tom Cox, Dianne Decker
- New Bronze Life Masters** (500): Harvey Browning, Bob Pflugbeil
- New Silver Life Masters** (1000): Shirley Henry, Nancy Joe

**Others:** (1500) Marge Bartel; (750) Mark Craig, Ellen Meyer, Pat White;  
(100) Susan Mathews, Marilyn Sharratt; (50) Gayle McCarron, P. McGehearty, Q. Zhang

**For Worth Regional:** Unit 207 members winning 20+ masterpoints were: J. Black, J. Taylor, J. Lacy, M. Breed, A. Cokins, L. Anthony, T. Eckman, L. Davis, R. Donathan

**Jacoby Award:** Rosemary Kelley for service to District 16 (awarded annually)

**National Goodwill Committee:** Larry Davis

**New Director:** Leonard McCormick is now a certified club director.

### **NAP Games**

The NAP unit-level final (for those qualifying at the club-level) will be October 28<sup>th</sup> (Sat) at the Bridge Center. It will be two sessions. For those qualifying at the unit-level (about 50% of each strat), the District 16 NAP final will be at the Austin sectional, Jan 4 - 7 (Thurs - Sun). District-level winners (3 or 4 in each strat) advance to the 2006 Spring Nationals (St. Louis). If you don't know if you've qualified at the club-level, see L. Davis.

### **Club Appreciation Games**

These games are held every October throughout the ACBL. Each weekly game will hold one such game in October. There is no extra charge (tipping is OK), and they award sectionally rated masterpoints (black). See above for schedule.

### **Individual Unit Game (Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>)**

At this game, the Unit will honor those bridge players who are 90+ years of age. Please notify Mark McAllister at 257-2320 if you are 90+ so that arrangements can be made. What is an Individual game? There is no fixed partnership as in a pairs game. Each round you will have a different partner (as determined by the director in an arcane manner best left undescribed in this genteel publication). At the end of the game, one individual (not pair) wins first place, one individual wins second place, and so on. As usual, the number of places is based upon attendance. The matchpointing of each board is done in the usual manner, i.e. all of the East-West (and N-S) pairs are compared with all of the other East-West (and N-S) pairs playing that board to achieve a score on that board (each individual of the temporary partnership receives that score on that board). Your final score is the sum of all the scores that you have individually "earned" on each board. Do not pre-arrange a partner for this game; just show up all by yourself. Normal matchpoint strategy is in order, but you will probably not be able to play all of your usual bidding gadgets on any given round since your partner will be different each round. The game will not be (indeed, can not be) stratified.

### **Mentor Program**

The unit-sponsored Mentor Program has been renewed! The program starts on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> with an orientation meeting at the Bridge Center at 1:00 p.m. The 1:30 game will have a separate section for mentor/mentees. The first Sunday game of each month will have this separate section. The six-month program continues through April 07, with a recess in December. Mentors are to play bridge (free!) with their mentees twice per month. For further information, call Linda Anthony at 327-0146.

### **Directors Playing Around**

As you are aware, the director sometimes plays in the game, even if it happens to cause a half-table. Except for the Saturday night team game (in which there is no such thing as a half-table), directors *do not make dates* to play bridge at games in which they are scheduled to direct. The Unit and the various clubs have different policies in regard to playing directors. Unless specifically forbidden by the conditions of contest (such as the unit-level NAP game), directors of Unit games *are expected to play* with players who show up without a partner or with a player whose partner fails to show up, *even if a half-table is created*. At the Senior Center, the director will *usually not play* if a half-table is thereby created. At the Bridge Center, the director will play if it creates a full table or if someone calls ahead or arrives early enough (20 minutes prior) and no partner can be found (*even if a half-table is created*). Both clubs have partnership chairmen. For the Bridge Center, call Patty Pels at 346-2145; Senior Center call Orpha Gips at 339-8223.

### **Departures**

Alex Kolesnik, Gold LM, and Sharon Beynon, Bronze LM, to California