

Unit 207 Newsletter

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The Unit 207 Newsletter editor is Larry Davis. 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

Feb 13th (Sat) - BCA - Annual Unit 207 Meeting - Open Pairs
Feb 20th (Sat) - BCA - Grand National Teams (Flights B and C)

Upcoming Special Games at Clubs

3 Feb (Weds - eve) - BCA - Junior Fund Game
6 Feb (Sat - eve) - BCA - Club Championship
8 Feb (Mon) - BCA - Club Championship
10 Feb (Weds - day) - BCA - Membership Game
12 Feb (Fri) - Senior Center - Club Championship
15 Feb (Mon) - Senior Center - **game at BCA (11:30)** - SAC closed
16 Feb (Tues) - **South Austin SAC** - Club Championship
19 Feb (Fri) - BCA - Junior Fund Game
22 Feb (Mon) - Senior Center - ACBL-wide Senior Game
23 Feb (Tues) - BCA - Junior Fund Game
25 Feb (Thurs) - BCA - Club Championship
4 Mar (Thurs) - BCA - Membership Game
6 Mar (Sat - eve) - BCA - Charity Game
8 Mar (Mon) - Senior Center - Club Championship
10 Mar (Weds - day) - BCA - Education Foundation Game
13 Mar (Sat - day) - BCA - Charity Game
14 Mar (Sun) - BCA - Charity Game
17 Mar (Weds - eve) - BCA - Education Foundation Game
19 Mar (Fri) - BCA - Club Championship
20 Mar (Sat - day) - **no 0-500 game** (NLM Sectional)
22 Mar (Mon) - BCA - Junior Fund Game
25 - 28 Mar (Thurs - Sun) - **no club games** - Austin Sectional
30 Mar (Tues) - BCA - Club Championship

Future Austin Tournaments

March 10 (6th - 7th) - 0-100 Sectional Bridge Center
March 10 (20th - 21st) - NLM Sectional - Bridge Center
March 10 (25th - 28th) - Austin Sectional - Bridge Center
May 10 (13th - 16th) - Austin Sectional - Bridge Center
June 10 (5th - 6th) - 0-100 Sectional - Bridge Center
July 10 (28th - 4th) - Austin Regional - DoubleTree Hotel
July 10 (17th - 18th) - NLM Sectional - Bridge Center
August 10 (21st - 22nd) - 0-100 Sectional - Bridge Center
September 10 (23rd - 26th) - Austin Sectional - Bridge Center
Nov 10 (13th - 14th) - NLM Sectional - Bridge Center
Jan 2011 (6th - 9th) - Austin Sectional/**District 16 NAP** - DoubleTree Hotel

Congratulations!

New Life Masters: David McCarron, Bette Messelt

New Bronze Life Masters: Tom Hackenberg, Stan Kurtzer

New Silver Life Masters: Peggy Geiler

Others: (2000) Janet Clark; (1500) Pat Long, Virgil Massey;

(750) Joyce Cooper, Laura Delfeld, Rita Shackelford;

(200) James Hurst, Immie Pamplin, Suzann Patterson, Aniel Revelle;

(100) Jeanne Barrier, Geneva Berg, Damon Smith, Katherine Tyler;

(50) Robert Burton, David Garman, Steve Hollahan, Gary Pamplin, Patricia Scott, Posy Stielow, Mark Weimer

Phillip Jaeger and Tom Hackenberg won 1st place in the district-level Flight B NAP.

Grand National Teams (GNT)

The unit-level GNT qualifier for flights B and C will be held on Feb 20th (Sat) at the BCA. It is a two-session event. The upper half of each flight qualifies to go the district level (usually held in Richardson (Dallas) over the Memorial Day weekend). The national level is at the Summer Nationals. Must play both sessions.

Unit 207 Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be held February 13th (Sat) at the Bridge Center at **1:00**. A stratified open pairs game will follow at 1:30 (free, if attended meeting). The nominees for three positions on the nine-member unit board are: Harry Akin, Susan Emerson, Harry Ingham, Martha Norman, Terri O'Brien, and Janis Rush. Additional nominations may be made from the floor. Ballots will be mailed to all Unit 207 members a few days later. They may be returned by mail or at a local club game. The six members whose terms are continuing are: Mark Craig, Larry Davis, Nancy Dean, Robert Donathan, Mark Miller and George Watkins

July Regional

The every-other-year Austin Regional is traditionally held over the Fourth of July. The dates this year are June 29th (Monday night) through July 4th (Sunday). These events are sponsored and managed by Unit 207, specifically the Unit Board and its appointed tournament chairmen. A number of committees are formed to deal with the various aspects of running a regional tournament. (A typical job is manning a booth for an hour.) You may be asked by one the chairmen to help by donating some of your time during the regional. The tournament chairmen are Larry Davis and Mary Anne Laier. The Hospitality Chairman is Marilou Powell. The Novice/Intermediate Chairmen are Nancy Dean and Martha Norman. The Prize Chairman is Sharon Hoger. A successful tournament cannot be run without a lot of help from a lot of people. Please say yes if asked to help. Better yet, volunteer before being asked.

January Sectional

Attendance was spectacular at the sectional! The tournament chairmen were Mark Craig and Nancy Dean. Other chairmen: Laura Delfeld - Caddies, Larry Davis and Robert Donathan - Contracts, Martha Norman - Partnerships, Mike Harris - Photography and Jim Wueste (with much assistance from Larry Davis, Mark McAllister and George Watkins) - Supplies.

Transfer or Relay?

When giving an explanation of your bidding to the opponents, make sure to use the proper terminology with respect to "transfers" and "relays". A transfer bid promises the suit in question. For example, if 2NT is a transfer to diamonds, then the 2NT bidder promises holding a diamond suit. However, if the 2NT bid were a relay to 3 Diamonds (the responders is "required" to bid 3D), the 2NT bidder does not promise a diamond suit (although he might happen to have one). If you tell the opponents that a certain bid is a transfer (say to 3 Clubs) when that bid is actually a relay, the opponents are going to (erroneously) assume that the bidder has (for sure) a certain suit (Clubs). This misuse of terminology might adversely affect the opponents' bidding, in which case they might be damaged and entitled to redress from the director.

"Not Played" Result

Occasionally, the director will "award" a result of "Not Played" (often because the round has been called, a table is a full board behind and there is not time enough (perhaps due to traffic considerations) after the game to do a "Late Play"). There is **no penalty** for a "Not Played" - it is "scored" exactly like a sit-out. You do not get a zero! The score of those affected by the "Not Played" is factored up (i.e. multiplied) by the ratio: (# of boards potentially played) divided by (# of boards actually played) just as it would be had there been a sit-out. For example, if 24 boards is the norm, but, due to a "Not Played", only 23 boards are actually played by a pair, that pair has their score multiplied by 24/23. (Had the pair actually sat-out for 3 boards, their score would have been multiplied by 24/21. Since they sat out for 3 boards, they played 21 of the 24 boards.)