



THE WINNING FINESSE

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President's Message

The new year is off to a great start and there is so much to be thankful for.

A big shout out to all members who have stepped up to run both Sectional and Regional games. A special thank you goes out to those who have contributed to, not only these games, but also our Unit games. Without our wonderful volunteers, our games would not be as successful. I am grateful for all the Unit Board, Club Managers, Directors, and Teachers. Without them, our unit would not function as effectively as it does. So, thank you all. .

As some already know, Ed Rawlinson has decided to resign from the Board, but not from the Bridge table. Ed has been an invaluable resource to the Unit 172. He guided me through my board training and encouraged me in my bridge journey. He motivates me to work hard in my role as Board President. Ed will be missed. A big thank you goes out to David Mayer for stepping into this role.

The Roxana Tom Sectional will take place March 26-29, 2025, at the St. Thomas Episcopal Church. This sectional is named after my beloved mother who loved the crazy game of Bridge. I want to remember not only my mother, but all bridge players who have gone on to play this wonderful game in heaven. This sectional is a time to both play and reflect on all those who have touched our lives through bridge.

Mark your calendars for the next Unit Games, scheduled for April 26, 2025 (1-session team game) and May 17, 2025 (1-session pair game). If you need a partner, please contact Rebecca Evans at (507) 358-9044 or by email at rebecca8891@gmail.com.

Let's have a great year and...see ya at the table!

Milestones

NEW JUNIOR MASTER

Cindy Parker

NEW RUBY LIFE MASTER

Sally E Sanders

NEW DIAMOND LIFE MASTER

Mrs Robbie W Borchers

Awards Day March 1, 2025

21 tables showed up for the red carpet (there really was one) Academy Award Theme Open Pairs Unit Game on Saturday, March 1st. Roxie and Nancy Tom really know how to throw a party! This will be a difficult act to follow for sure! There were stars all around, Oscar trophies and certificates presented to the winners, not to mention a lovely spread of food. Winners in Flight A were Brian Bankler & Roxie Tom, 1st in Flight B & C were Don Marcott & Jim Roff.

Unit Goings On

Our board is interested in your opinion of our choice of venue for future tournaments. Is there a preference between St. Thomas and the Jewish Community Center? The cost is about the same but the food is limited at the JCC. Comments should be directed to Karen Fillis kfillis@icloud.com.

On another note, Rebecca Evans is trying to get a Saturday game started here in San Antonio. She and David Mitchell have looked at several locations. If any of our members have any ideas for a possible venue please get in touch with Rebecca at rebecca8891@gmail.com

Naming an Event at the San Antonio Regional (June 30 – July 6, 2025)

The San Antonio Regional, scheduled from June 30 to July 6, 2025, presents a wonderful opportunity to honor a cherished individual by naming an event in their honor at the upcoming 4th of July Regional. This heartfelt gesture can be a meaningful way to acknowledge that special someone who has had a significant impact on your life. For more information on how to proceed, contact Laurie Levin, who will happily provide all the necessary details and assist you with the process. All the proceeds go to support our regional.

Laurie Levin Contact Information:

Cell: (210) 213-3631

– Email: laurie-anne@satx.rr.com

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Here are the options available for naming an event:

🕒 Single Session Events: \$50

🕒 Two Session Events: \$100

🕒 Side Game Series: \$100

🕒 Two Day Event: \$200 Take advantage of this opportunity to commemorate that special someone you hold dear, while also contributing to the festivities of the San Antonio Regional.

Unit 172 Open Club Punch Card Promotion

Play More, Save More!

How it Works

- Participate in any Unit 172 open game during April and May.
- Open Clubs: Fiesta Bridge Club (San Antonio), Hill Country Bridge (New Braunfels) Kerrville Duplicate Club, 299er and 499er games at the Heather
- Receive a punch card on your first game
- Play five times in any Unit 172 open club game and get your card punched each time
- After five punches, your sixth game is FREE!
- Once your punch card has five punches, turn it in to the club to claim your free game.
- Upon turning in your completed card, you can receive a new punch card the next time you play at the club until the end of May.

Important Details

- Card may not be transferred to another player or used by another player.
- Players are responsible for their card. No effort will be made to reconstruct the card if lost, destroyed or mangled beyond legibility.
- All punch cards must be turned in by the end of June.
- If you still have an unfinished punch card by the end of May, you can continue to earn punches until the end of June.
- All completed cards must be turned in by June 30, 2025.

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Roxana Tom Sectional

March 26 - 29, 2025

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Nearby Hotel

1 block away: Fairfield Inn & Suites-North/Stone Oak
On exit ramp of N Loop 1604 E
80 Trailcrest St *** (210) 491-9595

Playing Site

St. Thomas Episcopal Church
1416 North Loop 1604 East
San Antonio, TX

♥ **Wednesday, March 26, 2025 – Cost \$14 per person per session** ♦ **Friday, March 28, 2025 – Cost \$14 per person per session**

10:00 am Stratified Pairs
3:00 pm Stratified Swiss Teams
10:00 am & 3:00 pm 499'er Stratified Pairs

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♣ **Thursday, March 27, 2025 – Cost \$14 per person per session** ♠ **Saturday, March 29, 2025 – Cost \$144 per team**

10:00 am & 3:00 pm Stratified Pairs

10:00 am & TBA Stratified Swiss Teams
Meal served between Saturday's session



Wednesday,
Thursday & Friday
are Single Sessions

499'er Game (3 Table Minimum) Wednesday – Friday

Stratifications: A: 2500+ B: 0-2500 C: 0-750
All Events Average MP's
Changes of Strats at the discretion of the DIC

\$7 Discount for Students with ID

\$4 additional per session for
unpaid/lapsed ACBL members
Non-members: must sign up for a
FREE 120-Day Guest Membership
go to acbl.org/membership

Tournament Chair: Roxana Tom (210) 508-4697, Nancy Tom (210) 9126383,
Sharon Evans (832) 421-4034, David Mayer (210) 823-8520
Partnership Chair: Jo Neesvig (210) 508-1448; Rebecca Evans (507) 358-9044
Director in Charge: Melody Euler; medody.euler@acbl.org

Guest Speaker
Friday
2:30 pm

Cashless Entry