unit 176 Table Talk

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Kathy Carr awarded the 2024 ACBL District 16 Teacher of the Year Finalist

Kathy, a member of Unit 176, was one of the three finalists for the 2024 ACBL District 16 Teacher of the Year. Her journey began in 1975 when she started playing bridge and instantly became a huge fan of the game. In 1985 Kathy and her partner won the ACBL Rookie Grand National Pairs (during the Fall Nationals in Canada). She then won

an Invitational ACBL sanctioned tournament in Ixtapa, Mexico (hosted by the Mexico City Bridge Club) where she played against the top winners of the 1985 Rookie Grand National tournament along with members and pros from Mexico City. By this time, she was hooked on the game and wanted to learn as much as she could about the game.

In 1990 she started teaching bridge at a local Adult Continuing Education program as well as private groups. In 2010, Kathy was asked to be the Marketing Manager of a local bridge club where she earned her ACBL Director Certificate and an ACBL Teaching Certificate. Since 2010, she has been running several duplicate sanctioned games in the Dallas area and teaching beginner, intermediate, and advanced bridge lessons (group and private). Currently, she is a Gold Life Master and is working toward her Sapphire Life Master. Her passion is teaching this wonderful game. You will normally find her in the classroom in the mornings, afternoons, and/or evenings teaching new and existing students.

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A Fond Farewell

The Dallas Bridge Community has sustained a big loss with the departure of Mike and Lyn **Davis**. Mike and Lyn are headed to Georgetown (Sun City), Texas. They had planned to head down to Harlingen, but the floods in the McAllen area and driving that 600 mile drive a couple of times convinced them that Georgetown was far enough! On Monday April 21st, we (20 tables of bridge players) said goodbye to Mike and Lyn with plenty of food and bridge. An excerpt from Mike's thank you note- "I want to thank all of you for the wonderful party! Your kind words and good wishes are greatly appreciated. It has been a good time and I have enjoyed all of you immensely. Dallas has one of the nation's best bridge communities and it has been a privilege to be a small part of it".

He and Lyn were actually a very significant part of the bridge community here. They have been part of the Hospitality teams for Labor Day Regionals back when we had a hospitality suite. They also headed up hospitality serving meals for a past NABC. Mike and Lyn ran the partnership desk for many years at the Labor Day Regional.

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...in the running/managing of Friendly Bridge
Club. Jay Gibson had been assisting Mike for a number of years prior to the COVID lockdown, so the three of us came up with a business plan and restarted Friendly Bridge Club on June 6, 2021. Mike really put the "friendly" into Friendly Bridge
Club. Jay and I are thrilled to continue the Friendly legacy. Farewell Mike and Lyn - it has been an absolute pleasure! Submitted by Valarie Remmers
*See more pics from the farewell celebration on page 3

Friendly Bridge Club ~★ ♥ ◆ ♣

Our regular games are: **Monday, Thursday, and Friday at 10:30 am** at Disciples Christian Church - 2001 Independence Pkwy, Plano (NW corner of Park & Independence).

Our **Saturday** game is 1:00 pm, open & 499er at King of Glory Lutheran Church in Dallas (6411 LBJ Frwy)

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. ~shared by Valarie Remmers & Jay Gibson

Harp's Bridge Club: jimharpiii@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

<u>Frisco DBC</u> 10 Post N Paddock Frisco, Tx 75034

Monday 9:30 am by invitation only

Wednesday 9:30 am Open

Due to limited space, reservations required: email billosborn13@att.net or call 972-814-2133.

K-S Bridge Studio 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).

Out & About

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. "by Karen Roland-Note: Congratulations to Carla Guthrie who is the new treasurer for MDBC.

Valley View Bridge Club ~♠ ♥ ♦ ♣

Newby Play & Learn at 12:30 pm every Wednesday at The King of Glory Church. <u>Criteria</u>: 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

Newest Game at 12:30 pm

Sunday: Open (\$10/pp)

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



Reminder: Don't audit life. Show up and make the most of it now!

AROUND THE TABLES

Royal STaC Unit 176 results April 14-20

Thurs April 17 AM Open: 53.5 tables (based on 51.5)

B 61.29% Mary Chaffin, Erika Walker, Friendly

C 61.11% Pat Friend, Robert Neal, MDBC

Fri April 18 AM Open: 56 tables (based on 54.5)

C 62.66% Larry Mayo, Robert Neal, Friendly

Sat April 19 AFT Open: 45.5 tables (based on 44.5)

A 66.71% Scott Nason, Tomi Storey, Friendly

C 54.26% Mooki Harris, Louise O'Brien, Friendly

Jot a Reminder for these upcoming StaC

game dates: June 9 to 15 September 15 to 21 October 20 to 26



To the Dallas Bridge Community,



I have enjoyed being a very small part of the Dallas Bridge community and want to thank you for the many years of support for Friendly Bridge Club. 'Friendly' is now in the great hands of Jay Gibson and Valarie Remmers who will continue to guide the club into the future. Lyn and I are moving to Sun City in Georgetown, TX and look forward to this next step in our lives. Please continue to play 'Friendly' and enjoy bridge as our common passion.

Thanks, Mike Davis





Dallas Spring Sectional April 30—May 3, 2025 Congratulations to all the Winners!

Wed AM 749 Flt C & AFT 749 Flt ABC Jose Portela, Sarah Warnecke

Wed AFT Open Flt B Marie-Anne Johnson **Mary McGinnis**



Thurs AM 749 Flt ABC H P Goel Bhushan Sanghi

Fri AM Open Flt A Jay Gibson Martha Young



Fri AM 749 Flt AB Dale McGilvray **Paulette Armstrong**



Sat AM 749 Flt AB Athena Leung Jyoti Boppana



Judy Wood Kurt Smith not pic



Sat AFT 749 Flt AB



To all the players who participated in the Dallas Spring Sectional. There were 1,745.11 masterpoints won by 330 players at 363 tables.





Wed Teams Bkt 2 Bill Higgins, John Ellis, Jean

Wed Teams Bkt 3 Linda Walton, Chuck Eastin, Gail Wingfield, Athena Leung

Thurs Open Swiss Flt A Milt Neher, Kimmel Jones, Scott Nason, Bill Staats



Wed Teams Bkt 1 Mark

Bumgardner, Steve Kornegay,

Sheri Bumgardner, Nancy

Kornegay

Thurs Open Swiss Flt B Gail Wingfield, Jo Shah, John Saylor, Preston Morrow no pic



Higgins, Denise Strueber

Fri Teams Bkt 1 Kristen Onsgard, Emily Harrell, Barry Schaffer, Gary Bush



Fri Teams Bkt 2 TIE Walter Netschi, Patty Stille, Connie Scott, Judy Thompson



Fri Teams Bkt 2 TIE Ira Nemazie, Jo Shah, Bob Dixon, Liz Furman





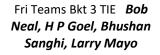




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Dallas Spring Sectional April 30 – May 3, 2025 ~continued

Fri Teams Bkt 3 TIE Joyce Norton, Bonnie Brewer, Charles Golenternek, Joni Antweil



Sat Teams Swiss Flt A Harry Elliott, Bob Wilkin, Ari Sippola, Pawel Hanus









Upcoming Unit Games at King of Glory May 18, June 15, July 13, August 10, September 17, October 15, November 16, December 14—Holiday Party

Unit Game March 16: Host: Valley View

Open: 21 tables

A 69.85% Ari Sippola, Pawel Hanus B 61.44% Jeff Karpeles, Feza Buyukdura

C 59.26% Debrah & Michael Chockley

Unit Game April 13: Host: Friendly

Open: 19 tables

A 63.01% Bob Friz, Michael Hout **B** 57.68% Feza Buyukdura, Jeff Karpeles

C 53.52% Jacqueline & Philip Brown



Top 20 Unit 176 members winning masterpoints were: Kristen Onsgard 38.46 Scott Nason 29.57 Gary Bush & Barry Schaffer 28.45 Sheri & Mark **Bumgardner** 27.62 Milt Neher 25.58 Kashi Singhi 21.87 **Bob Friz & John Schwartz** 19.29 Michael Hout 19.01 Jay Gibson & Martha Young 15.70 Petra Hamman 15.43 Michael Pennick 14.67 James Thurtell 14.60

Gail Wingfield 13.60

Athena Leung 13.56

Jo Shah 13.36

Connie Scott 13.15

Random Thoughts

Over prepare, then go with the flow.



Once you hit a certain age, you become permanently unimpressed by a lot of stuff!

Life isn't fair, but it's still good!



Play on Words ~shared by H P Goel

I have just finished a book on the world's greatest basement—it was a best cellar.

It's my first week working at the cycle factory they have already made me a spokesperson.

My laptop caught pneumonia—apparently because I left windows open.

If I run in front of a car—I will get tired/but if I run behind it—I will get exhausted.

Ninety percent of bald people still own a comb—they just can't part with it.

What do you call a row of rabbits hopping backwards—a receding hair line.



In Memoriam

Sue Ann Arthur **Judy Bouska** Joan M Chandler Max V. Frev Melba J Lancaster **Barry Martin** Barbara Nelson



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2024 Ace of Clubs Award Recipients

Winners were presented their certificates at the 2025 Dallas Spring Sectional. Pictured from left to right: Milton Neher, Martha Young, Mark Bumgardner, Sheri Bumgardner, Bob Holliday, Loralee Berg, Michael Chockley, Robert Neal, Patty Stille, Walter Netschi.

Not Pictured: Laura Lang, Raymond Hamilton, Elliott Orr, Richard Eshelbrenner, Bob Scallan



2024 Mini-McKenney Award Recipients

Winners were presented their certificates and medals at the 2025 Dallas Spring Sectional. Pictured from left to right: Milton Neher, Sheri Bumgardner, Kristen Onsgard, Burton Shepherd, Jin Chu, Jose Portela, Loralee Berg, Robert Neal, Walter Netschi.

Not Pictured: Laura Lang, Raymond Hamilton, Stephanie Strom, Pawel Hanus, Norman Beck, Mike Passell



How to Stay Young

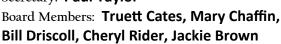
- * The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person who is with us our entire life is ourselves...be alive while you are alive.
- * Surround yourself with what makes you happy such as family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, etc. Your home is your refuge.
- * Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, to the Arboretum, to the next county, to a foreign country, but NOT to where the quilt is.

Unit 176 Board Update:

2025 Unit 176 Board

President: Connie Scott Vice President: Bill Higgins Treasurer: **Bob Holliday**

Secretary: Paul Taylor

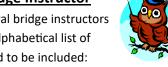


Business Manager: Ed Yetter

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

Looking for a Bridge Instructor

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



Susan Bates: susanbates6630@gmail.com

Mark Bumgardner: Bumgardner.mark@gmail.com

Jay Gibson: Jgib181@outlook.com Preston Morrow: Prjr17@gmail.com Kristen Onsgard: onsgardk@gmail.com Bill Osborn: BillOsborn13@att.net

Gerrie Owen: gerrieowen@sbcglobal.net Randy Patterson: hellorandyman@gmail.com Valarie Remmers: vjremmers@gmail.com Jack Schober: jackschober@icloud.com **Stefanie Scott:** stefaniescott58@gmail.com

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

🔻 墝 Beginning Bridge Lessons

At Friendly Bridge Club, we have recently started a class on Thursday nights, and it reminded me that these classes are excellent for those who need a refresher. Some of your friends may have played casual bridge or have taken a break for many years. Our classes in Plano are switching to Wednesday afternoons. We are moving on to strong hands in our Plano class, and on Thursday evenings in Dallas we are covering opening 1 of a minor this week of May 12-16. More information is on the lessons tab of our Friendly website. ~Valarie Remmers

Message from the President



Thank you to everyone who participated in our Dallas Spring Sectional. Thank you, Bill Higgins, Paul Taylor, Bob Holliday, Rosalind Smith, Mary Lynn Genovesi, Chuck Eastin, Gerrie Owen, and Ed Yetter for all your help! A special thanks to all who brought goodies for our Hospitality Table! Table count was 363; 41 more than our Winter Sectional; so, thanks again for your support!

Our next event is the Dallas Labor Day Regional, August 27-September 1st. Come join us at the Courtyard by Marriot on Stacy Road in Allen. Free parking, complementary coffee during morning sessions and other hospitality surprises! Limited rooms at \$109, so reserve today! Your support is needed for a successful tournament!

Unit 176 Mentor/Mentee Program is well underway with over 20 matches. Generally, a Mentor has more than 750 masterpoints and the Mentee has less than 750 masterpoints. We are currently in need of a few more Mentors, so please go to our website at https://www.d16acbl.org/U176/ and click on the MM link to sign up. Please contact **Truett Cates** with any questions: truett.cates@gmail.com

Our upcoming **Unit Game is Sunday, May 18th** at King of Glory at 12:30. Please register at the link provided in a recent Unit email or at Unit 176 Webpage. Unit Games will be held once a month at KOG.

Our Dallas Fall Sectional will be October 29-November 1 at LLUMC.

As always, thank you for your support. Connie Scott @ connievanpatter@yahoo.com

Welcome to Unit 176

NEW: Giola Folefack, Allen Harris, Kathy Kuhlmann, Alana Landon, Jennifer Linhart, Dale Nichol, Heather Welsch

TRANSFERS: Helen Aaron, Ashok Bhakta, Teri Collier, Mary-Jane Cross, Thomas Dickerson, Frank Ingraham, John Lai, Mark Pan, Ajay Shankar



COURTYARD BY MARRIOT-DALLAS - ALLEN AT THE EVENT CENTER

210 E Stacy Rd. Allen, TX 75002 Rate: \$109/night

(reserve by August 8th)

Reserve online at https://tinyurl.com/2025-Marriot-Reservation-Link

Entry fees: ACBL members \$16 per session + \$4 per session for unpaid or lapsed members.

Guest membership available for new members.

FREE PARKING - GARAGE OR SURFACE PARKING

Complementary Coffee during Morning Session and other hospitality surprises!

LIMITED ROOMS AT \$109
RESERVE TODAY!

Gold Rush Pairs

0-750 Play for Gold! 5 Events Wed-Sun 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM

299er Pairs

Single Sessions Wed-Sun 10:00 AM & 2:30 PM

Single Session Pairs

For Open Pairs and Gold Rush Pairs you may play only one session.

Wed. Thru Sunday Daily Schedule

10:00 Bracketed Swiss Teams (1st Session)

Stratified Open Pairs* (1st Session)

GOLD RUSH PAIRS * (1st Session)

*May play only one session.

299er Stratified Pairs (Single Session)

2:30 Bracketed Swiss Teams (2nd Session)

Stratified Open Pairs* (2nd Session) **GOLD RUSH PAIRS*** (2nd Session)

*May play only one session.

299er Stratified Pairs (Single Session)

Monday, Sept 1 Schedule

10:00 Strati-Flighted AX Swiss Teams (2 Session Play-through)

Strati-Flighted BCD Swiss Teams (2 Session Play-through)

Stratified Open Pairs (Single Session)

1:30 Stratified Open Pairs (Single Session)

Tournament Co-Chairs:

Ed Yetter: eyetter@sbcglobal.net Tomi Storey: skeeter303@yahoo.com Director in Charge: Kevin Perkins

Partnerships:

Send Email to: PartnershipU176@gmail.com

After August 27, contact partnership desk on site.

Stratifications and Flighting

Stratified Events

A:4000+ B:1250-4000 C 0-1250

Strati-Flighted Swiss:

A:5000+ X: 0-5000 (A and X play together)

Strati-Flighted BCD Swiss:

B:1500-3000 C: 500-1500 D: 0-500

(BCD play together)

Note: for Strati-Flighted events: Qualification is based on the maximum MPs of any player on the pair/team. Stratification within the flight is based on average MPs.

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Masterpoint Races

Congratulations to Unit 176's newest **Diamond Life Master:**Adrianne Feuer





Congratulations to Unit 176's newest Sapphire Life Masters: Jon Browne, Sheri Bumgardner, Kristen Onsgard, Dorsey Shaw

Congratulations to Unit 176's newest Gold Life Master: Elaine Wood





Congratulations to Unit 176's newest Ruby Life Master: Nget Carter

Congratulations to Unit 176's newest Silver Life Master:

Mary-Jane Cross





Congratulations to Unit 176's newest **Bronze Life Masters**:

Karim Abuhamad, Robert Bughee, Debrah Chockley, Steve Conover, Patricia Ducayet, Edwin Ducayet, Linda Harley, William Keys, Elaine Lowenkron, Marcia Messinger, Nancy Wagner, Calvin Winchester

Congratulations to Unit 176's newest **Life Masters**:

Karim Abuhamad, Paramjeet
Anluwalia, Kent Baxter, Darlene
Campbell, Jianbo Chen, William
Keys, Jim LaRose, Elaine Lowenkron,
Gari Martin, Marcia Messinger, John Peart,
Nancy Wagner

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, Mary Chaffin, Mike Davis, Jay Gibson, H. P. Goel, David Greims, Bob Holliday, Valarie Remmers, Connie Scott, Dorsey Shaw, and Ed Yetter.

2025 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

(updated 5/6/25; includes points won at club level only)

<u>0-5</u> **Bruce Bowman** 5.30

5-20 Bhushan Sanghi 16.40 Johanna Graham 4.31

20-50 Bernard Niven 9.62 Judy Gurley 9.57

50-100 Sarah Warnecke 19.33 Jose Portela 18.02

100-200 Pat Friend 17.58 Doris Sivernell 17.45

200-300 Robert Neal 53.49 Athena Leung 22.45

300-500 Loralee Berg 32.58 John Redfern 25.02

500-1000 Larry Mayo 46.12 Walter Netschi 44.74

1000-1500 Burton Shepherd 53.20 Patricia Stille 40.65

1500-2500 Bob Holliday 74.70 William Driscoll 59.14

2500-3500 Dorsey Shaw 48.12 Susan Flick 44.07

<u>3500-5000</u> **Bob Scallan** 60.58 **Florence Beaird** 38.82

5000-7500 Tomi Storey 49.60 Jerry Derby 47.78

<u>7500-10,000</u> *Michael Hout* 42.37 *Suresh Agrawal* 40.72

Over 10,000 Nancy Passell 39.10 James Thurtell 30.38

2025 Mini-McKenney (updated 5/6/25)

0-5 Belynn Whatley 22.81 Bruce Bowman 5.30

5-20 Bhushan Sanghi 24.08 Johanna Graham 11.62

20-50 Marsha McNatt 15.58

50-100 Jose Portela 35.82 Sarah Warnecke 34.51

100-200 Sandy Lantz 66.56 Patty Degenhardt 39.45

200-300 Robert Neal 72.64 Athena Leung 43.06

<u>300-500</u> **Loralee Berg** *68.19* **Janet Medlin** *45.86*

500-1000 Larry Mayo 62.94 Walter Netschi 62.27

<u>1000-1500</u> **Burton Shephard** 82.16 **Jean Scott** 66.27

1500-2500 Bob Holliday 135.89 Allan Chernov 93.50

2500-3500 Kristen Onsgard 209.41 Sheri Bumgardner

138.82

3500-5000 **Scott Nason** 110.14 **Gary Bush** 102.93

<u>5000-7500</u> **Norman Beck** 373.21 **Tomi Storey** 112.99

7500-10,000 *Michael Hout* 89.46 *Bill Osborn* 76.47

Over 10,000 Jim Johnsen 357.12 MiKe Passell 266.16

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open, anyone interested?