

District 16 Scorecard



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President's Message



By Jack LaVigne
President District 16

We have a new website! If you haven't been to our website lately, please take a look: [New Website](#)

Ken Monzingo, our Publications Committee chair, took on the task of designing and creating a new modern website for District 16. Ken enlisted the aid of Sergio Mendivil, a graphic designer, to develop the website and stay on as our webmaster. The website is responsive, which means you can view it on a small device like a cell phone, tablet or on a computer screen; it responds to the media upon which it is displayed. It took two months to create and is still, according to Ken, a work in progress.

On behalf of District 16, I would like to thank John Magyari for his long and distinguished service as our previous webmaster.

Increasing Membership

A new program, the 5/5/5 Retention and Recruitment Program, has been initiated to increase and retain ACBL members. ACBL Executive Director Bronia Jenkins explains the program in this [video](#). ACBL designed three new programs to entice your community to become bridge players:

[Bridge Ambassador Program](#), [Come Play Cards with Us](#) and [PickleBridge](#). There is a [tool](#) to help you find, contact and keep tabs on relapsed players.

District Personnel Changes

There have been quite a few personnel changes. Nancy Strohmer has stepped down from the following: Charity Chair, 99er and 199er Nite Club Coordinator, Advisory Council. Linda Griffith is retiring as English Lecture Series Coordinator.

- Karen Nussbaum, Houston, is the District 16 Charity Chair.
- Janice Rush, Houston, is the 99er and 199er Nite Club Coordinator.
- Jerry Harrington, San Antonio is the Awards Chair.
- Sam Khayatt, Kingwood, is the Teacher of the Year Chair.

The board would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their service.

An optimist is a person who sees a green light everywhere, while a pessimist sees only the red stoplight, ... the truly wise person is colorblind. – Alfred Schweitzer

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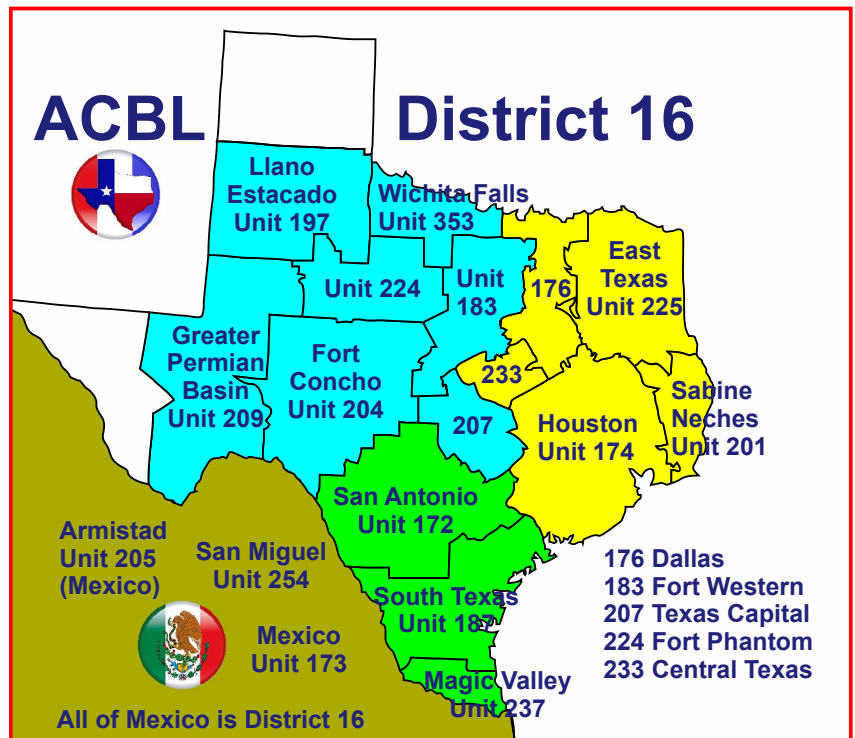
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June 10-16 District 16 STaC

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July 1-7 Austin Firecracker Regional

August 3-4 Austin Summer 0-200 Sectional

August 8-11 Houston Shriners Sectional

[August 15-17 Beaumont 0-499er/Non Life Master Sectional](#)

August 22-24 Tyler Tournament of Roses Sectional and NLM Regional

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Regional Director's Update

By Paul Cuneo
District 15, 16 Regional Director

Louisville and the Galt House Hotel provided an excellent site for the Spring NABC. Final attendance was 6757 tables which exceeded the budget estimate and will result in either no attrition payment to the hotel or a very small one. Congratulations to all District 16 players who participated and especially to Kristen Onsgard, Dallas, and Nancy Passell, Plano, who won the Women's Pairs event.

Membership

ACBL is off to a good start to 2024 financially and while membership has stabilized, we have not achieved significant growth. New members and new guest members are up significantly over 2023. As the program to involve units in membership recruitment and retention started April 1, I believe we will see improvements in membership retention over the rest of the year, and a return to membership growth.

EDGAR

There were major revisions to the discipline process in February due to the certification of the computer based cheating detection system named EDGAR for online cheating. Outside statistical experts participated in the process. EDGAR examines the entire online playing record of players and looks for patterns which would indicate exchange of information between partners outside of the bidding and play. The frequency and success of these patterns determines whether a pair is brought to the attention of the National Recorder's Office. The statistical analysis demonstrated that there is extremely low probability of EDGAR having a false positive for cheating.

One of the changes due to certification of EDGAR was to implement "fast-track discipline" for players if both they and their partner hold under 2500 masterpoints. The fast-track penalties for collusive cheating range from a warning to up to a two year suspension, with half of the suspension being forgiven if the players admit guilt and take a course on bridge ethics. Pairs with a player with over 2500 masterpoints are notified of ACBL's intent to pursue arbitration with the Institute for Bridge Arbitration (IBA) which has been certified by the American Arbitration Association. These players can avoid arbitration by admitting guilt and negotiating the penalty,

and most of these cases are resolved that way. Anyone charged has the right to take their case to arbitration with the IBA.

As a result, the pace of disciplinary actions has increased notably and as of this writing more cases have been initiated than during the entire year of 2023. I expect that nearly all members who have played online will be randomly screened by year end.

ACBL Board Actions

The two most significant board actions were to increase the number of quarterly club championships from 1 to 2, and the removal of the Life Member category of membership. Life Members are those who achieved the rank of Life Master prior to 1996. There were two key reasons for eliminating this category:

- ACBL is currently rewriting the code for the membership portion of our major systems upgrade of all the old code which is more than 30 years old, and including a separate category of membership increases the cost, complexity, and length of this project significantly.
- Inactive Life Members are not subject to the arbitration requirements. All inactive Life Members will receive free active membership status for the remainder of 2024 and either renew their membership in 2025 and agree to the arbitration clause or they will lose membership status but will be eligible to rejoin at any time.

Stepping Down

At the District 16 meeting in January, I notified the board that I will not seek re election to the position of Region 9 Director. Year 2024 is my 17th year of service on the unit, district, and national boards. I feel that it is time to have new leadership from our region on the ACBL Board to bring new ideas and energy to make progress. Thanks to all of you for your support over the years!

Tournament attendance is increasing and the tournament schedule is in full swing. I want to encourage you to attend your local sectionals and the district's regionals. I enjoy getting reconnected to friends as they reenter tournament play and I am sure you will as well.



The Most Beautiful Game in the World ♠

By Patricia Herrera

D16 Education Coordinator



In 2024, bridge is still the most beautiful game in the world. We all want to play better bridge, reading is one of the easiest tools available for improving the game that we love.

Whether you are a beginner looking to learn the basics or an experienced player aiming to refine your strategies, delving into the world of bridge literature can provide valuable insights and knowledge.

Reading for Improvement

Reading is a great choice because:

- You can learn experts' most valuable tips, techniques, and strategies that can help you elevate your game. It may help you expand your repertoire of conventions and systems. By exploring different bidding systems, card play techniques and defensive strategies, you can broaden your understanding of the game and develop a more versatile and adaptable playing style. This can be particularly beneficial in competitive settings where being able to anticipate your opponents' moves and adapt your strategies accordingly can give you a significant advantage.
- You don't need four people to read ☺.
- You can read for only 10 minutes while you wait, or for a couple of hours. It's up to you! No one will penalize you for being late.
- You can read (almost) anywhere.

What to Read?

Now you must be thinking, "What should I read?" Well, in English a wealth of literature is available about bridge:

- Books: from beginner's guides to advanced strategy books.
- Bulletins: the ACBL has a fantastic one. It is available for all members both printed and online. There are other bulletins as well including the ones published at every regional and national tournament.
- News and articles published on:
 - [Bridge Winners](#)
 - [Bridge Base Online](#)

- The plain old web. Almost every bridge pro has a website now.

Try to cover topics according to your level. For beginners, start with books that cover the basics of bidding, declarer play, and defense that will provide a solid foundation to build upon. As you progress, delve into more advanced topics such as card combinations, squeeze plays, and competitive bidding. These topics can help you take your game to the next level.

Having said that, I recommend my three favorite bridge books:

- For beginners: *Bridge for Dummies* by Eddie Kantar. Yes, that's right. Fantastic book if you are just starting.
- For intermediate and advancing players: *Test Your Bridge Play* by Eddie Kantar. He has more than one and I just love them.
- For advanced players: *The Rodwell Files* by Eric Rodwell. Advice from the very best.

So pick up a book, dive into the world of bridge literature, and watch your game reach new heights.

Unfortunately, if you are a Spanish speaking player, the resources are very limited but hopefully with time this will start to change. For now, try to learn how to read and learn in English and rely on the all of the available online translation tools.



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Advisory Council Report ♠

By Tomi Storey

D16 Advisory Council Representative



The Advisory Council (AC) latest meeting was held March 24, 2024, too late for inclusion in the last Scorecard. All our meetings are held via Zoom now and we had 51 members in attendance.

As always, I want to thank Steve Moese, our AC vice chair, for his helpful summaries that help me verify what we hear as the meetings move along.

Margot Hennings, ACBL president, and Bronia Jenkins, ACBL executive director, were there for a portion of the meeting to update us about management issues and plans. Louisville seems to have been a popular and successful location for an NABC. There is a new effort to reduce costs for attendees who stay in the host hotel by reducing fees purchased by Express Entry. The ACBL is making a large push for players to stay in the host hotel because that is the only way meeting space is affordable. If they don't meet the contracted number of room nights, they are on the hook for paying for meeting space that would otherwise be free. It is an excellent plan – if we can save money on entries, it offsets the cost of another hotel down the street that might be a little bit cheaper.

I'd love to hear your opinions on what constitutes a good NABC. Is it the hotel price? The playing area? Places to eat close by? Remember we have an NABC in Dallas in 2027. As your co-chair for that event, I'd appreciate it if you would shoot me any ideas you have to improve the experience (skeeter303@yahoo.com), other than winning a lot of points. There is also a task force being appointed to help with NABC selection and improvements.

EDGAR

One topic discussed at length was EDGAR, our anti-cheating software. It is up and running, and work is also progressing on an ethical behavior policy, starting at the top level of players. Roughly half of our membership now plays online, in addition to F2F. I know that this is an area of concern for all of us and I

will update you as I get additional data. For now, we have learned that more than 7000 players have been screened since February 1, with more being added each week.

EDGAR sees players as Green (no issues), Yellow (needing further information or review) and Red (cheating beyond a reasonable doubt). Players must have played enough deals to have a meaningful result. Out of these 7000 players about 1.3% identified as red. EDGAR looks only at games that award ACBL masterpoints. We have no control to ban players from other online bridge sites. Your Advisory Council representatives take this program very seriously and want to make sure you know that the ACBL is working very hard to clean up online bridge.

Here's a factoid for you – EDGAR stands for Everyone Deserves Games Above Reproach. We most assuredly do.

IT Department Issues

Work continues on our IT department issues. The ACBL website has never been very user friendly and I applaud all efforts to change that. New formats for STaC are scheduled to be implemented. ACBL will manage billing and then return fees to the sponsoring districts. I promise you that District STaC coordinators all over the ACBL will be cheering for this one.

Membership

ACBL membership continues to drop, but the good news is the tide is slowing. One thing I found very encouraging in the F2F/online issue are plans to send club managers names of BBO only players in the area so they can invite them to play locally. All units should also be aware of changes being made to the membership compensation to them. Proceeds to units have gone from 11% to a tiered 15% program called 5/5/5. It is scheduled to go into effect in the second quarter of 2024. All unit presidents should have received this information, but if you have not, or need additional information, you should contact Sherry Terraciano at membership@acbl.org or D16's Membership Chair Lauri Laufman at llaufman@texas2211.com

There is also a "Return to the Fold" recruiting

tool that needs to be utilized to qualify for the tiered program. If you do not have that yet, contact ACBL's Club and Member Services at club@acbl.org

ACBL Committee Appointments

Lastly, Lamy Agelydis is the new chair of the National Goodwill Committee and our very own Rebecca

Brown is the new president of the ACBL Charity Foundation. Congratulations to both of them.

That's it until after Toronto! Please let me hear from you with any questions or comments. I'm here to be your liaison between player and management.

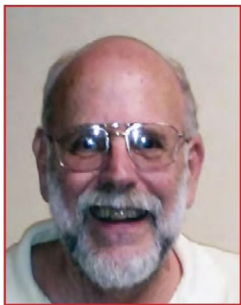
Play more bridge!



District 16 North American Pairs ♠

By Larry Davis

D16 NAP Coordinator



The NAP cycle begins in June. District 16 will have the opportunity to send three Flight A pairs, four Flight B pairs and four Flight C pairs to the national final. This prestigious grass roots event is staged in qualifying rounds at the club and district levels

culminating in a final held in conjunction with the 2025 Spring NABC in Memphis, Tennessee.

During June, July and August you have the opportunity to earn half red/half black, 81.8% sectional rated points at any bridge club in the United States and Mexico. Each club is allowed to hold two NAP games per sanctioned session per month. Although you need only qualify once to advance to the district level, you can win extra points all summer long. All who qualify at the club level may play in the District 16 final held January 11-12 in Austin. You may play with anyone in the district who also qualified, it need not be with a player with whom you qualified at the club level. The district final awards gold points for section 1sts and overall placings. Other masterpoints in all flights are red.

The games are flighted. Flight eligibility is based on the June 2024 masterpoint cycle which is run May 6, 2024.

Flight Requirements

- Flight A open to all
- Flight B 0-2500 masterpoints
- Flight C 0-500, Non-Life Master

Qualifying, District & Final

The NAP schedule is as follows:

Club level qualifying: June, July, August

District level: January 11-12, 2025 in Austin

National Finals: (March) Spring 2025 NABC in Memphis.

Pairs who qualify at the district level are eligible to play in the National Final in Memphis. ACBL pays a stipend (amount is not yet defined) to some of the qualifiers. There are no entry fees for the National Finals. District 16 (usually) adds additional monies for each of the qualifying pairs.

All who qualify must participate in the national event to receive the stipend. District monies are jeopardized if a player receives a Zero Tolerance penalty at the district level or at the national level. The partner of such a player might also be affected. Some units add additional monies, ask your unit board.

The NAP Conditions of Contest are posted on the [D16 website](#).

For more details, go to [ACBL](#) or contact Larry Davis, D16 NAP Coordinator - larrysdavis@att.net or 512-343-6942



District 16 Grand National Teams

2024 District Finals

April 6-7 in Houston & **May 25-26 in Dallas**

Saturday, April 6, Houston

Flight B qualifying	10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
Championship Flight qualifying	10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 7, Houston

Flight B finals (if necessary)	10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
Championship Flight finals (if necessary)	10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 25, Dallas

Flight C qualifying	10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
Flight A qualifying	10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 26, Dallas

Flight C finals (if necessary)	10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
Flight A finals (if necessary)	10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Formats for each flight will be based on the number of teams entered. See the Conditions of Contest for the planned formats.

Venues

Houston, April 6-7 - With the sectional tournament at 10510 Harwin Drive, Houston.

Dallas, May 25-26 - With sectional at the Holiday Inn, 1655 No. Central Expressway, Richardson.

Stratifications/Eligibility

Every player must be an ACBL member in good standing, and must be a resident of District 16 as of September 1, 2023.

Masterpoint Limits for Each Flight

- Championship Flight – open to anyone
- Flight A – Open to players with less than 6,000 masterpoints as of August 6, 2023
- Flight B – Open to players with less than 2,500 masterpoints as of August 6, 2023
- Flight C – Open to Non-Life Masters with less than 500 masterpoints as of August 6, 2023

All teams must preregister with Scott Nason at sdnason@sbcglobal.net no later than April 1 for Championship and B, and by May 20 for Flights A and C. You must supply the names of the players, ACBL numbers and the flight in which you will compete. Card fees will be \$60 (\$15x4) per team per session.

Tournament Chair: Scott Nason sdnason@sbcglobal.net

Tournament Director: Melody Euler (Dallas) and Kevin Perkins (Houston)



The Spring Nationals in Louisville

By Scott Nason

D16 NABC Correspondent/Reporter

The 1,310-room Galt House Hotel hosted the ACBL Spring Nationals from March 15-24, which returned to Louisville after a 13 year absence. This is the third incarnation of a hotel, built near Dr. William Craig Galt's early 19th Century homestead. The original, built in 1835, burned down, and the second version was demolished more than a century ago. While bridge was the primary attraction at the tournament, players were also treated to evening diversions or visits to the Louisville Slugger Museum and the Muhammed Ali Center.

As Snoopy wrote at the start of his mystery stories, "it was a dark and stormy night" in Louisville, but the worst of the weather went north and east and created numerous tornadoes in Ohio and Indiana. Still, all was well in Louisville when the tournament got started on Wednesday, March 13, with the Baldwin Flight A North American Pairs. District 16 (D16) qualified two pairs for the Finals (on Thursday), the Dallas area pair of Ari Sippola (Richardson) and Pawel Hanus (Carrollton) qualified 6th, while the pair of Thomas Rush (Houston) and Bill McCarty (San Antonio) qualified 13th, although neither pair placed overall in the finals.

On Friday, three NABC+ pairs events kicked off. In the Kay Platinum Pairs, D16 placed many high qualifiers. Finn Kolesnik (Austin) qualified in the top spot, while Eric Greco (Frisco) was 3rd, and Bart Bramley (Dallas) was 6th. And D16 players dominated the leaderboard in the Senior Mixed Pairs. Sally Wheeler and Buddy Hanby (Woodlands) qualified 1st. Betty Starzec (Sugar Land) and Robert Morris (Houston) were 2nd and Kitty Cooper (Dallas) qualified 4th. In the regional rated Open Pairs, Timucin Erkoç and

Sarah Stringer (Katy) finished 6th, while Debbie and Bill Nash (Cypress) finished 2nd in the C strat.

In the Saturday finals in the three NABC+ events, several D16 players turned in high finishes. In the Lebhar IMP Pairs, Louis Sachar and Stephen Wood from Austin turned in a big final round to jump from 63rd to a 13th place finish. Sally Wheeler and Buddy Hanby rode their big first day to a 4th place finish in the Mixed Senior Swiss, while Mark Lair (Canyon, District 15) jumped from qualifying 59th to an 11th place finish and Kitty Cooper was 13th. In day two of the three day Kay Platinum Pairs, all three of the high D16 qualifiers from day one – Greco, Bramley and Kolesnik – qualified for the finals, along with Jeffrey Juster (Dallas).

In regional events, Michael Heymann (Fort Worth) finished 6th in the Top Flight Swiss Teams. Jim Ferguson (West Lake Hills) and Paul Alford (Austin) finished 6th in the Gold Rush Pairs. In Bracket 2 of the Swiss Teams Paula Warren, Catherine McGaffic, Hazel Medellin (New Braunfels) and Linda Lawrence (San Antonio) were 2nd, while Barbara Morgan, Mary Rita de Hoyos, Ann Denton (New Braunfels) and Susan Thompson (Austin) were 3rd.

Sunday was St. Patrick's Day, which was honored with a performance from the McLanahan School of Irish Dance. But the highlight of the day was the finals of the prestigious Kay Platinum Pairs. After the fifth round, Eric Greco was leading the field, but slipped to 10th in the finals. Jeffrey Juster finished 9th. In the Fast Pairs, Louis Sachar and Stephen Wood were 6th. In the Mid-Flight Teams, Catherine McGaffic and Hazel Medellin repeated their 2nd place finish from

Saturday with new teammates, Ann Kuehler (New Braunfels) and Cindy Cummins (Seguin).

Monday marked the start of the Vanderbilt Knock-out Teams. There were no major upsets, with the top 24 seeds advancing to the round of 32, including several teams with D16 members. It also was the concluding round of the Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs, in which Mark Lair (Canyon) finished 5th. Dolores Aquino (Houston) was 6th in the Top-Flight Pairs. Thomas Brown (Rosenberg), Betty Westbrook, Tonya McNabb (Houston) and Kathleen McDougall (Richmond) won Bracket 6. That evening featured Bridge Mania, a fun variety of games in which players could participate in a bridge themed version of Jeopardy, Family Feud or Kahoot.

On day two of the Vanderbilts, there were again no big upsets, but the number 9 seed fell to #24. That might be considered an upset, but #24 was Bob Hamman's team. In addition, Eric Greco, Jeffrey Juster, Mike Passell, Eddie Wold, and Venkatrao Konero all qualified for the round of 16. On day 1 of the Rockwell Mixed Pairs, Rosemary Kelley (San Antonio) and Jeff McKee (Livingston) led D16 qualifiers.

In Bracketed Swiss Teams many of the same players repeated. In B2, the team of Kuehler, Cummins, Morgan and de Hoyos finished 2nd. In B4, Brown, McNabb (Westbrook) and McDougall were also 2nd. And continuing the trend, in B6, Cindy and Alan Schaefer (Houston) teamed with Mike and Joy Cowan (Galveston) for another 2nd place finish for D16.

On Wednesday, in the round of 16 in the Vanderbilt, Eric Greco and Mike Passell were the only D16 players to make it to the quarterfinals, while Juster lost a heartbreaker by four IMPs. In the Rockwell Mixed Pairs, Kelley and McKee followed up with a 55% game in the finals to finish 12th. In the Top Flight Pairs, Ellen and Ira Hessel (San Antonio) finished 19th, while Thomas Rush was 6th in the B strat. In Top Flight Teams, Sam Dinkin (Austin) was 2nd in the X strat. In Bracketed Swiss, B2, Kristen Onsgard (Dallas) and Stefanie Scott (Carrollton) were 2nd. Ann Kuehler and Cindy Cummins were 3rd. McNabb, Brown (Westbrook) and McDougall were 2nd (again), but this time in B5. Susan and Robert Domsalla (Tomball) were 3rd. Felicia Davis (Rockport) and Sara Rowe (Sugar Land) were 3rd in B7.

On Thursday, the first day of the 0-2500 Pairs was held and the leading qualifiers were the Sugar Land pair of Hua and Kyo Chen. Kyo is ten-years old, playing with his dad. In the Silodor Open Pairs, the

Hessels were the District's top qualifiers for day 2. In the Smith Women's Pairs, Kristen Onsgard and Nancy Passell (Plano) led the field after the first day. In the Vanderbilt, both Eric Greco and Mike Passell made it through to the semi-finals, but only one will reach the finals (Greco), as they will play against each other on Friday. In Bracketed Teams, D16 was nearly shut out, with the exception of Felicia Davis and Sara Rowe who were 2nd in B7.

Thursday evening featured a fun evening of "Beyond Bridge," with different rooms featuring Jeopardy (hosted by James Holzhauser), Karaoke, and board games. Bart Bramley won one of the Jeopardy rounds for D16.

On Friday, D16 won its first NABC+ title when Kristen Onsgard and Nancy Passell won the Smith Women's Pairs, leading wire to wire. It was the first National title for Kristen, while Nancy had won this event 36 years ago and, much more recently, won the Whitehead Women's Pairs in Atlanta a few months ago. Congrats to both.

In the semi-finals of the Vanderbilt, Eric Greco, playing on the Nickell team, won a narrow victory over Mike Passell's team (Goodman). It was a close match most of the way, with Nickell eking out a 13-IMP win. Passell would finish in a tie for 3rd. In the Silodor Open Pairs, Bart Bramley had a very strong second day to move up to 3rd place overall. After two games in the low 50s on Thursday, he and his partner turned in a 64% and a 63% on the second day.

In the 0-2500 Open Pairs, the Chens finished 9th. In the Gold Rush Pairs, David Seachrest (Cedar Park) and Kristin Andersen (Georgetown) were 8th in the middle stratification. In the Top Flight Swiss, Kim Brinkman and Stephen Wood (Austin) were 3rd in the Y strat.

As we moved into the final weekend, the Vanderbilt concluded and delivered a very exciting match between Nickell and Bathurst, but in the end, another NABC+ title for D16, when Eric Greco (on the top-seeded Nickell team) and his teammates came out on top. After day one of the Jacoby Open Swiss, Jeffrey Juster's team was the top qualifier, while Mike Passell's team was sitting 2nd. Chris Kollenberg (Houston) and Phillip Grothus (Bucarius, Mexico) won the Fast Pairs.

The Louisville Spring Nationals concluded on Sunday, March 24 but not without some more impressive performances by D16 players. In the Jacoby Open Swiss Teams, Mike Passell (the Goodman team) avenged their loss in the Vanderbilt semi finals with a

1st place finish in the Jacoby. Jeffrey Juster was 4th.

Hua and Kyo Chen were 12th in the Flight C North American Pairs, while Peter and Diana Clive were 16th. In the Top Flight Swiss Teams, Patricia Herrera (Mexico City) and Kristen Onsgard were tied for 2nd, Lynn Baker, Sam Dinkin and Finn Kolesnik were 7th, while Thomas Rush (Houston) and Nancy Joe (Austin) were 8th. Lilly Justman (Austin) was tied for 9th. The Austin team of Daniel Baker, Mark Rosen, Linda Griffith, and Frank Floca (Austin) was 4th in the Y strat.

There were many fine results turned in by D16 players, including several national championships.

D16 Masterpoint leaders in Louisville:

- 313 Eric Greco, Frisco
- 267 Mike Passell, Plano
- 175 Jeffrey Juster, Dallas
- 120 Bart Bramley, Dallas
- 119 Kristen Onsgard, Dallas

Now on to Toronto.

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New Members

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WELCOME

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- 183 Janice E Paul
- 183 Larry W Sayre
- 197 Bryan Camp
- 201 Greta Pittman
- 201 William O Smith

- 207 Lisa A Aduddell
- 207 Cindy L Bischoff
- 207 Anita A Inglis
- 207 James Michalski
- 207 Donna M Miller
- 207 Bruce Raven
- 207 Liz Stice
- 207 Mark E Sullivan
- 207 Diane L Wetzig
- 207 Gina Williams
- 209 Linda Leps
- 209 Don L Sparks
- 237 Barbara L Kissler



Masterpoint Milestones

February 2024 - March 2024

Junior Master (5 MPs)

172 Oran Houck
172 Aris Nikas
172 Laura Nikas
172 Anita L Ramirez
173 Graciela Y Becerra
174 Mrs. Sariye B Bayram
174 Suzy Carroll
174 Gwendene L Carter
174 Jessie Y Lee
174 Roslyn H Pittsford
174 Joshua Roberts
174 Mary C Untereke
176 Gilbert Brown
176 Linda Brown
176 Mrs. Jan Eastwood
176 Ann Marie Huddleston
176 Ms. Esme Jacobson
176 Terry L McComas
183 Mrs. Claire Harrison
183 Trish Welsh
197 Sandy Bagley
197 Brenda Parker
197 Linda Reves
201 Jockelynn T Herbert
204 Sandra Love
207 Caryn Cluiss
207 Norma A Cortez
207 Andrea Kieffer
207 Peg Roedel
207 Carolyn Sharbaugh
207 Carol L Swartz
207 Mary Alice Troxel
207 Nancy Wagner
207 Pat P Wyman
209 Troy G Martin
209 Gwyndolyn J Sparks
225 Loren Goodman

Club Master (20 MPs)

173 Geo Park
174 Joe Edwards
174 Gerald M Stevenson
174 Audrey C Vinyard
174 Elizabeth B Wareing
174 Margaret Zadouri

176 Raymond L Hamilton
176 Lynda Lindh
176 Marilee Schmelzer
176 Bill P Starnes
183 David W Hammer
183 Sherry McClure
197 Renee Hester
197 Cissy Lara
207 Karen Atchley
207 Andrew J Dillon
207 Pam V Edgerley
207 Jeanette Lynne
207 Russell W Lynne
207 Dr. Kathryn Meyler
207 Dayle N Rohe
207 Robert Struzynski
207 Anita Thadani
207 Susan K Weese
209 D Ann F Norwood
237 Mary L Fernald

Sectional Master (50 MPs)

173 Mrs. Patricia V Creixell
174 Janet Ellettee
174 Pamela A Greenwood
174 Lesley Kellet
174 Nicki R Lamey
174 Shangyou S Nie
174 Sally E Ward
176 Nancy E Connors
176 Mrs. Mary Huck
176 Sandy Lantz
176 Kimberly M Page
183 Tim Baris
183 Sylvia Graham
183 Cheri Gross
187 Teresa G Spang
201 Rita G Moss
207 Mr. Loel E Graber
207 Archie D Gregory
207 Cynthia A Smith
225 Jamye Dehaan
225 Edwin B Louterback
225 Karen C Schmidt
254 Louis J Roman

Regional Master (100 MPs)

174 Dr. Robert Boyd
174 Jeffrey J Brown
174 Elizabeth A Caballero
174 Janie S Kobes
174 Richard G Kobes
174 Mr. Artie Lane
174 Cynthia Monroe
174 Anju Sethi
174 Dennis D Sucec
174 Stuart R Traver
174 Mrs. Maria L Turner
174 Mr. Haskell M Weinberger
176 Patty Degenhardt
176 D Lane Mueller
176 David R Proctor
176 Jinny Smith
183 Kamal Das
183 Brenda J Schrader
207 Cyndi Ahrenholtz
207 Kristin Andersen
207 Ms. Christine L Dailey
207 Michael F Fohey
224 Sandra K Carter

NABC Master (200 MPs)

174 Beryl T Booker
174 Mrs. Daryl L Dunn
174 Lindy Kahn
174 Mrs. Cynthia Macholan
174 Zane H O'Keefe
174 Ms. Karen Winston
176 Mrs. Myra J Hammond
176 John Schumacher
183 Peter D Clive
187 Thomas Chambers
201 Lois Gail Griffith
207 Susan Angle
207 Pam Beck
207 Judy Devore
207 Mr. Gary Koenig
207 Kenneth L Luskey
207 Dianne Morris
225 Mr. Gary L Britt
225 Mrs. Jo A Britt
225 Robert Fiorendino
225 Mrs. Dena W Hill

254 Patricia Bagg

**Advanced NABC Master
(300 MPs)**

174 Betty M Cartmell
174 Robert C Domsalla
174 Mrs. Cindy Schaefer
174 Mrs. Susan M Silvey
174 Mrs. Margaret V Thomson
176 Mr. John E Peart
176 Mrs. Linda B Schubert
183 John H Fee
183 Beth DiTommaso
201 Susan V Pennington
207 Jane P Lawson
207 Teresa J Mack

Life Master (500 MPs*)

172 Mr. Paul Fafoutakis
172 David W Minto
173 Ariel Smid
174 Vera Annenkova
174 Kyo Chen
174 Mr. E Edgar Cosman
174 Mrs. Paula W Gay
174 Mr. Carl W Hogan
174 Mr. Mark Levy
174 Ms. Linda K McCasland
174 Charles H Otto
174 Ronald J Randleman
174 Mr. Corbin N Shouse
174 Mr. Nathan W Yee
176 Cheryl Bradford
176 Dr. Philip M Brown
176 Mrs. Cheryl Paul
176 Mr. Calvin W Winchester
183 Mrs. Brenda Leonard
183 Darrel VanDyke
207 Tim Elsea
207 Nancy C Marcus
207 Virginia Miller
207 Mrs. Beth W Peterson
225 Mrs. Ann Haynes
254 Mr. Ian R Irving

Bronze Life Master

(750 MPs)**

172 David W Minto
172 Johara M Nour
172 Sunny Won
174 Susan Banks-Johnson
174 Mr. Andrew S Farnum
174 Mss. Rita J Hanlin
174 Laura L Hayes
174 Martin J Hrachovy
174 Mr. Kenneth G Hudson
174 Mr. Jim R Nicas
174 Mr. Corbin N Shouse
176 Jeanne C Wyatt
183 Mrs. Pamela L Bland
183 Mrs. Brenda Leonard
183 Darrel VanDyke
207 Michael E Rainbird
254 Ms. Joan E Arnold

Silver Life Master

(1000 MPs)

172 David W Minto
172 Johara M Nour
172 Sunny Won
174 Susan Banks-Johnson
174 Mr. Andrew S Farnum
174 Mss. Rita J Hanlin
174 Laura L Hayes
174 Martin J Hrachovy
174 Mr. Kenneth G Hudson
174 Mr. Jim R Nicas
174 Mr. Corbin N Shouse
176 Jeanne C Wyatt
183 Mrs. Pamela L Bland
183 Mrs. Brenda Leonard
183 Darrel VanDyke
207 Tom Banet
207 Charlie Chen
207 Linda Lewis
225 Ms. Nina R Worthington
254 Ms. Joan E Arnold

Ruby Life Master

(1500 MPs)

173 Mrs. Sandra Sarnow
174 Mary Cris Emmons
174 B Haznedar
174 Mr. Carl W Hogan
174 Mrs. Lotte S Optekamp
176 Deborah A Armstrong
176 Allan J Chernov
176 Mrs. Jean A Higgins
176 Mrs. Nancy A Morse
176 Mrs. Rebecca E Page
176 Janice Trombello
205 Mr. Robert L Johnson
207 Daniel J Baker
207 Mrs. Shirley N Holland
207 Elizabeth Ling

Gold Life Master

(2500 MPs)

174 Lynne E Andress
174 Mr. Rick W Barrett
174 Mr. Marion Collins
174 Mrs. Anne W Cox
174 Mr. Jay Evert
174 Paddy R Fiorino
174 Mr. William J Van Dame
176 Mr. N J Tripode
183 Mr Mike Peiffer
207 Kathryn L Bailey

**Diamond Life Master (5000
MPs)**

174 Steve N Vaughn

**Emerald Life Master (7,500
MPs)**

207 Mr. Louis Sachar

***Prior to January 1, 2010 - 300 MPs**

****Prior to January 1, 2010- 500 MPs**



D16 70% + Club

Tom Spradlin & E T Testerman Longview – Longview Duplicate Club	76%	Tom Spradlin & Carol Kinsey Pittsburg – Pittsburg DBC	71%
John Smalley & Nancy Smalley Beaumont – Beaumont Bridge Studio	75.5%	Patricia Robinson & Margie Brown Wichita Falls – Suite 16	70.83%
Alan Copeland & Jimmy Justice Fort Worth – Steve's Thurs Bridge	75%	Norma Lunsford & Jean Roach Canton – Van Zandt County DBC	70.83%
Gloria Rowland & Sandy O'Bannon Athens – Dottie Prikle's DBC	75%	Kay Davidson & Dorene Dulaney Lubbock – LLano Estacado Bridge	70.54%
Mary Bartley & Nancy Green Tyler – Rose City DBC	74.31%	Mauricio Smid - Frida Cassab Mexico City – Club CDMX 257063	70.37%
Larry Brough & Karen Bell Pittsburg – Pittsburg DBC	74%	Stephen Kornegay & Nancy Kornegay Arlington – Arlington DBC	70.37%
Jack Dean & Jeanette Dean Houston – Clear Lake Bridge Club	73.96%	Susan Ford & Norma Lunsford Canton – Van Zandt County DBC	70.37%
Bill Ream & Billy Leeper Fort Worth – Friday DBC	73.69%	Melba Lee & Ellen Hollis Nacogdoches – Nacogdoches DBC	70.31%
Robbie Butts & Will Anthony Lubbock – LLano Estacado Bridge	72.92%	Tomie Johnson & David Hertzog Wichita Falls – Wichita Falls Bridge Club	70.14%
Anne Halsell & Margaret Kirkland Wichita Falls – Wichita Falls Bridge Club	72.62%		
Pat Cassidy & Melody Gann Arlington – Arlington DBC	72.32%		
Jane Larimore & Jacque Montgomery Fort Worth – Steve's Tues Bridge	71.90%		
Charles & Susan Ford Canton – Van Zandt County DBC	71.88%		
Billy Leeper & Mary Jane Orock Fort Worth – Steve's Thurs Bridge	71.50%		
William Chan & George Morey Arlington – Arlington DBC	71.48%		
Stephen Kornegay & Nancy Kornegay Arlington – Arlington DBC	71.48%		
Liz Jacobson & Charles Ford Tyler – Rose City DBC	71.06%		
Mike Graham & Nelda Avent Longview – Longview Duplicate Club	71%		

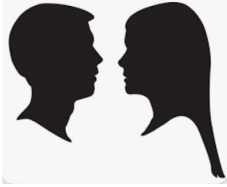
Reporting D16 70% + Games

The D16 70% + Club recognizes members who have scored 70% or higher scores in one of the district's club masterpoint game that is open or non-restricted. (For example, masterpoint-restricted games or country club games restricted by membership do not qualify. Nor do cruise games, sectional or regional games.) At least four tables with at least 16 boards must be in play.

70% + Games must be reported to the Scorecard. These results are not automatically picked up from club files. The club director, manager or any player may send an email to: D16-ScorecardEditor@d16acbl.org with the subject: **D16 70% + Club.**

Be sure to include the club's name and location. Games will be reported on a first come, first served basis as space is available.





Member Profiles

Meet HP Goel

Unit 176 McKinney

By Nancy Connors



HP Goel

Talk show hostess Oprah Winfrey often commented that, “Everyone has a story.” That is certainly the case with HP Goel. Read on.

HP is a relative newcomer to the McKinney Duplicate Bridge Club (MDBC). He was born in “a

backward village of India with no roads, no electricity or running water.” His parents had no formal education and a few months before HP’s birth, his father migrated to the big city of Calcutta looking for job opportunities. It wasn’t an easy transition for his father who spent his first night sleeping on the railway platform because he had nowhere to go. A thief stole his sandals and meager belongings while he slept, causing him to travel into the city the next morning with no shoes, no belongings, and no money.

Despite that rough start, he eventually found work and was able to send for his family. He did very well for himself and was fond of narrating the story of how he arrived barefoot and penniless in the big city. Today that family remains close and numbers over 60 individuals. It is probably from his father’s work ethic and drive that HP has been so successful himself.

HP is the second and oldest son in a family of eight children. His father wanted him to have the education and opportunities he himself never had. Therefore, HP was enrolled in an English medium school even though he spoke no English at the time. Regardless of that handicap, he slowly picked up the language and excelled in studies, graduating with a commerce major and doing post graduate work in business management from a premier college institution. It was during this

period that HP first learned bridge but was unable to pursue that interest for many years.

Over the next few years HP worked “as a stock-broker making millions in the stock market, losing billions, and going broke,” he confesses. He decided it was time for a career adjustment and turned to teaching where he prepared students for college entrance exams (like our SAT) and then taught finance subjects to business management scholars at the post graduate level. He continued a career in education for several decades.

HP wed in 1976 and is still happily married to his wife Manju today. They have two sons who majored in engineering at premier institutions in India. Both sons immigrated to the U.S. and did post graduate business management programs, settling in the Dallas area. Once HP retired, he and Manju came to Texas to be close to their sons and families providing them with three grandchildren. It was here in North Texas that HP was able to pick up bridge again two years ago. He found his way to the MDBC where he plays twice a week and has quickly improved and extended his knowledge of the game. He got his Ace of Clubs (0-5 masterpoints) within a year and played on a Swiss Teams at the Dallas Regional in 2022 where they won 1st place on two consecutive days!

HP and his partners continue to do well at MDBC and often finish 1st or 2nd in the standings. He also loves brain exercises like Sudoku, Wordle, riddles, and puzzles. He is a fun and warm person who has a life motto of “If you can’t help anyone, at least don’t hurt anyone.” HP is a reminder to all of us as to what can be achieved in life with enough drive and dedication to succeed. His father would be very proud.

Nancy Connors, Plano, is secretary of the McKinney Duplicate Bridge Club.

Who is Dave Glandorf?

Unit 174 Houston

By Evvie Gilbert



Dave Glandorf

Dave Glandorf of Houston and Education Director for the Clear Lake Bridge Club (CLBC) of Unit 174, was born in Dubuque, Iowa. His family moved to Williamsburg, Iowa where he was raised. He graduated from high school in Williamsburg and attended Iowa

State University. He decided to study aerospace engineering because of Sputnik although he can't remember going outside to watch it fly over like many were doing in 1957. During the spring of his sophomore year at Iowa State in 1960, he began having qualms about his choice to study aerospace engineering and was trying to decide if he should do a double major in both aerospace and electrical engineering or get his bachelor's in aerospace engineering and do a master's in electrical engineering.

In the end, he decided to double major. This decision added an additional year to his undergraduate degree; but he stuck to it. Dave mentioned as an aside that he found the electrical engineering program a little easier. (Although he asked that I not mention that.) But in true Dave Glandorf style he said the reason it was probably easier was because he was ahead of his peers because he had more mathematics when starting the program. He likened this to how so many of his bridge students always mention to him how much easier a bridge class is when taking it the second time. I happen to be one of those students who share that sentiment.

After completion of his double major, Dave felt like he still didn't know enough so he did a master's in aerospace engineering and then decided to do a Ph.D. as well. I asked him to give me the title of his dissertation knowing that it would probably be over the heads of many, but he complied: *Optimal Fixed-Time Orbital Transfer with a Radial Constraint*. I'll bet some of our members might have a clue; it is definitely over my head.

Dave decided that rather than go into teaching, it would be better to work a few years and he was courted by several companies. He decided to work for Lockheed (now Lockheed Martin) at the Johnson Space Center in the Clear Lake Area of Greater Houston. He wanted to be closer to the action. He married his wife, Becky, while still an undergraduate and Dave, Becky and their daughter made the move to Clear Lake in 1967.

A real job felt almost luxurious after living on graduate student stipends. Dave and some of his work friends could afford to dine out during lunch. He said "There were about three restaurants on Bay Area Boulevard." After a couple of months that got old, so everyone started brown bagging and a lunch time bridge game was started. He mentioned that he first played rubber bridge in the spring of 1959 at his fraternity house. Later over one of the undergraduate holidays, a friend took him to a duplicate game at a country club.

The lunch time bridge games ran Monday-Friday although not everyone played every day. Initially, it started with one table and eventually grew to two. They even started playing Swiss Teams games. No one had any duplicate boards but they rigged it all up with rubber bands and slips of paper.

This group didn't just play. Following the play, they discussed the hands to try to learn from each deal. Dave started to emerge as the "Bridge Guru." At some point, he reached out to Lockheed management and got permission to use the offices after hours and he started teaching Contract Bridge classes which were free.

One Saturday, he and Becky went to Alameda Mall which was the closest shopping mall to Clear Lake. Clear Lake didn't have any bookstores back then so while Becky shopped, Dave went to B. Dalton Bookseller and was browsing. He saw a section with chess books so wondered if there were any bridge books. He discovered Alfred Sheinwold's *5 Weeks to Winning Bridge*. Dave said he remembered reading in the forward it says something like, "This book will do you no good if you take it home and put it on the bookshelf." Well, three years later, Dave took the book from his bookshelf and his five weeks turned into about five months of study.

A work colleague and fellow bridge player knew of a duplicate game in the Clear Lake Area. Dave joined ACBL on October 1, 1984. He and his colleague started playing sanctioned duplicate bridge at a club in Seabrook owned by Lorna Walser. Unfortunately, Dave's colleague moved away that Christmas. In the late 1980s, Ed Allen started the CLBC. Ed retired in the late 1990s and gave the club to the members. In 2002, Dave and fellow member George Weiland started team teaching free classes at CLBC. Both were certified ACBL teachers.

Dave has been teaching bridge for 22 years. Many of the CLBC A players started out as his students. To date, he has taught 805 students and that doesn't include all the students influenced during his many mini classes at Unit 174 tournaments over the years. Many of the members of the CLBC attribute the club's success to him and believe his dedication to the game of duplicate bridge is the lifeblood of the club.

Among Dave's beginning students, five have gone on to become members of the Unit 174 Board of Directors. Three have served as the unit's presidents.

One of his proudest awards was the year he and one other were awarded the Unit 174 Goodwill Awards. He was one of the first recipients of the award. He has been awarded the District 16 Teacher of the Year and the ATBA Teacher of the Year awards. Dave served as the District 16 Teacher of the Year Committee chair and has also been a member of that committee as well.

He still plays with his longtime partner, JD Frick. That partnership has been ongoing for 30 years.

Dave and Becky have been married for 61 years. They have two daughters, 12 grandchildren and two great grandchildren with the third due this June.

Evvie Gilbert is a member of the Clear Lake Bridge Club, former student of Dave Glandorf and the Scorecard editor.

Calling All District 16 Artists

D16 doesn't have a logo. As you probably know the district is located in most of Texas and all of Mexico.

Wanna' win a free day at a D16 Tournament? Enter our contest to find who can design the best D16 logo. Watch for details while the terms of the competition are being fomalized.



Contributors

Robert Morris Grand Life Master (Surpassing 25,000 MPS)

Unit 174 Houston

Submission By Lauri Laufman, Poem By Chat GPT

*In the realm of Bridge,
Bob Morris, a Taurus,
rules supreme.
Showing kindness and skill,
he conquers the dream.
A Grand Life Master, some 25,000,
some platinum, some gold,
his opponents in awe,
can barely behold.*

*Eddie, his partner with skill so true,
together, they conquer, a formidable two.
Across the table, they sit, and they plot,
each card a decision, the surest of shot.
Hubby and hubby, a duo, so rare,
in bridge, they're epic, and none can compare.*

*In the world of cards,
BOB MORRIS stands tall,
teaching and winning,
a kind legend admired by all.*



Bob Morris, Betty Starzec & Eddie Wold



Lauri Laufman is District 16 Membership chair, I/N Newsletter editor, and previous Unit 174 president and board member.

Friendly Bridge Club Solar Eclipse Report

Unit 176 Plano

By Valarie Remmers

Thirty-six players congregated in Plano's Friendly Bridge Club parking lot to look up and see what they could see. The path of totality for the April 8 eclipse cut across District 16's bridge playing communities. In Plano totality was expected at 1:41 p.m. With a bridge game starting at 10:30 a.m. the timing was almost perfect. We played 24 boards instead of the usual 27 and headed out to the parking lot to view the eclipse. At the start of the game, the weather was a bit questionable with a dense cloud cover. As the morning progressed, the clouds thinned and as the moon started to cover up a portion of the sun, the skies cleared. The players could see the sky darkening through the windows as they finished up their last rounds.

When they finished their bridge game, they quickly went outside to their waiting lawn chairs with their eclipse glasses on, and saw the moon finish its path blocking out the sun, until there was just a corona ring.

A hush fell over the parking lot, as even the birds stopped singing. Less than four minutes later we let out our collective breaths as the light returned and the birds resumed their singing. What a wondrous sight to behold. Perhaps a bridge cruise off the coast of Egypt for the 2027 eclipse?



Cloudless Totality
Eclipse photos by Jim Plant



Clouded Totality with
Solar Prominence at Bottom of Photo



Jean Scott, Patty Stille, Bob Butterfield
(Foreground)



The Rest of the Eclipse Viewing Bridge Crowd

Friendly Bridge Club loves to celebrate celestial events as well as other special events as a community so we will be holding "The Longest Day" Alzheimer's Fundraiser on Friday, June 21 at our Plano location.

Valarie Remmers is co-owner of the Friendly Bridge Club.



Unit 172 - San Antonio

By Ellen Hessel

A total of 120 tables were in play at our Roxanna Tom April Sectional. Lots of snacks and goodies were put out daily and the Saturday teams game lunch was catered by Maggiano's Little Italy. Many congratulations to the overall tournament winners: Patty and Greg Hinze.



Roxana Tom Sectional Overall MP Winners
Patty & Greg Hinze 30.44 MPs

There will be a unit game held on May 11 at the at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, which is located at 1416 N Loop 1602 E. It will be a one session teams game with the usual delicious array of treats. A fun filled challenging afternoon for all awaits us at the low cost of \$5.00 (such a deal) so get your teams together and join us!

It was really nice to see unit 172 members, including a coalition from the Hill Country Bridge Club in New Braunfels who racked up quite a bit of gold participating in the events at the Spring North American Bridge Championships in Louisville, Kentucky in March.



Left: Mary Rita de Hoyos, Ann Kuehler, Linda Lawrence & Paula Warren
Right: Hazel Medellin, Barbara Morgan, Catherine McGaffic & Cindy Cummins

With that gold, Hazel Medellin became one of our unit's newest Life Masters! You go, girls!



Hazel Medellin
New Life Master
24.87 Gold MPs in Louisville

Rumor has it that there will be a new club opening very soon (maybe already) in Kerrville. The pandemic caused the closure of the previous club, like so many others. We're delighted to hear about this and will provide more details as they become available. As we endeavor to promote F2F bridge, we all should be encouraged to think of at least one person that you haven't seen around for a while at your local club and reach out to them and find out what it would take to bring them back into the fold. It takes a village.



Unit 174 - Houston

By Jack LaVigne

The Future Life Masters (FLM) of Unit 174 is a

board sponsored program with the mission to support and develop the newest players (0-99 masterpoints) in Greater Houston Bridge. FLM is a resource center featuring information about classes, games and tournaments with a freestanding [website](#).



FLM encourages all bridge players to welcome newcomers to this wonderful game. When our pros, experts, and luminaries greet and demonstrate the cordiality of our community we all benefit. Our beginners are then eager to be back at the table — and maybe study those bridge books.

FLM is hosting a Central Houston game for 99ers on Sunday, May 19 sponsored by the Unit 174 board. Game fee is \$5.00 and includes bridge snacks and door prizes. You do not need a partner.

Everyone plays.

Game time: 1:30 p.m.
Arabia Shriners Center
10510 Harwin Drive
Houston, Texas 77036

Entry at the side door with the
red balloons.



News from Unit 174 Clubs

[Apple Duplicate Bridge Clubs](#)

Weekly Game Schedule

Open games are held on Monday and Friday at 11:30 a.m. at the Tracy Gee Community Center, 3598 Westcenter.

299er Games

299er games are held on last Monday of the month.

[Bridge Academy of West Houston](#)

Two parties were held to celebrate masterpoint milestones.

Ruby Life Master Party

On Wednesday, April 3, Linda Drake and Kathy Pflueger hosted a party to celebrate B Haznedar's achieving the rank of Ruby Life Master.

For the past few years, B has been a member of the Bridge Academy, where she has gained renown for her exceptional culinary skills.

Grand Life Master Surpassing 25,000 MPs Party



B Haznedar
New Ruby Life Master

On Wednesday, April 10 everyone enjoyed the party hosted by Jane Armstrong, Marsha Bernstein, Hallie (Peaches) Eads, P Steve Reichel and Betty Starzec to celebrate Bob Morris, Grand Life Master, achieving 25,000 MPs.



Bob Morris
New Grand Life Master,
Eddie Wold & Betty Starzec

The Longest Day

Players may donate online. The club game is on June 19. In addition, an auction will be held for players to purchase a game with an expert that can be played any mutually agreed time. The money will be donated to the Alzheimer's Association.

Mentor/Mentee

Mentor/Mentee games are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. The next games are scheduled for Tuesday, May 7 and June 4. If you have not yet signed up, you can register online by clicking [here](#). Mentees must have fewer than 300 masterpoints.

Eight is Enough Swiss Teams & Future Life Masters Pairs

The Eight is Enough Swiss Teams and Future Life Masters Pairs are held once a month on Sundays at 1:30 p.m. The upcoming games are May 19 and June 30.

Weekly Game Schedule

The Bridge Academy of West Houston has a combined Open and 0-299er Pairs every Wednesday and an Invitational Pairs every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. The games are held at the Arabia Shriners.

Club Championships, Grass Roots and D16 STaC games are scheduled for May and June.

[Bridge Club of Houston](#)

Tuesday Tidbits

Build a solid foundation with Julie Halperin, Diamond Life Master and ACBL Teacher, and enjoy a free lesson from 9:30-10:10 a.m. The game to follow begins at 10:30 a.m. We will set up partnerships for those who need it. Text Julie at 713 857-8004 with questions or concerns. Lessons are open to all.

Mentor/Mentee F2F

Mentor/Mentee games are held the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 10:30 a.m. Sign up at club or contact Judy Cupps at judy_n_al@yahoo.com or by phone 713 320-5592 or Bob Zeigler 713 829-6928 with any questions.

BBO Mentor/Mentee Games

BBO Mentor/Mentee games are held the first and third Mondays at 7:00 p.m. (The Mentee should invite and pay for the mentor). Contact Mike Linkins at minkins@swbell.net if you have any questions.

Eight is Enough Swiss Teams Games

Swiss Teams games are held the first and third Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Register at the club, check the website calendar for more information.

Saturday F2F 299er and Open Game

(Every weekend at 1:00 p.m.)

Saturday F2F 299er and open game are held every weekend with putlucks and points each week. Check the [website](#) for more information.

Memorial Day Hot Diggity Dog

Happening on May 27. Food will be served at 11:00 a.m. Please bring side dishes. The Open and 299er Pairs games start at 11:55 a.m.

[Clear Lake Bridge Club](#)

Previously...

We are proud to say that 33 of our members won a place in the Unit 174 Mini-McKenney or Ace of Clubs or both for 2023. They

placed in the top 10 for their rank in Unit 174. They were recognized at the Unit 174 Election Sectional in April, 2024.

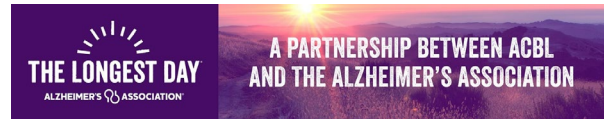
Congratulations!

Clear Lake Bridge Club (CLBC) celebrated St. Patrick's Day during Swiss Teams Sunday, March 17. Irish Soda Bread with Irish Butter, Sausage and Cabbage, as well as cake with Bailey's Irish Cream in the



2024. Lunch and cake will be served.

Congratulations to all who will be honored. Judith Redmond is the emcee of this event.



The Longest Day games will be held on Wednesday, June 19 at 10:00 a.m. and at 2:00 p.m. You are encouraged to bid to play in either or both sessions with one of our Stars. You are also welcome to play with your favorite partner if you prefer not to bid on a Star.

Entry fees are \$10.00 per person per session. The entire amount will be donated to the Alzheimer's Association. Additional contributions are also greatly appreciated.

In 2023 the Clear Lake Bridge Club members, through The Longest Day events, donated \$6,600 to the Alzheimer's Association, placing us in the top 30 participating clubs in the ACBL. Let's top that in 2024! See you on June 19.

Edna Rice is 2024 CLBC The Longest Day chair and team captain.

Clear Lake Bridge Club is located at 16614 Sea Lark Road, Houston 77059. Phone number is 281 480-1911. CLBC offers bridge games every day of the week.

Weekly Game Schedule

Open Games are held Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m., and Thursday and Saturday afternoons at 1:00 p.m.

I/N Games are offered four days per week as follows:

749er Games are on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. and Thursday at 1:00 p.m.

299er Games are on Monday at 2:00 p.m.

199er Games are on Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.

Swiss Teams Games are on Sunday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. On the second Sunday of the month the game is an Eight is Enough Swiss Teams.

Mentor/Mentee Open Games are on the third Wednesday. In June the game will be held on the fourth Wednesday because of The Longest Day activities. This game is restricted to CLBC members only due to expenses since it includes lunch for all participants.

Game Fees

Our game fees are \$6.00 for members (\$7.00 for guests). If you are a frequent guest, it is probably a good idea to become a member because our annual

Clear Lake Bridge Club

St Patrick's Day 2024



Sandi Mills, Claudia Parr, Rose Cleveland

Claudia Parr cooks up a feast!



Bridge Lab celebrating St Paddy's Day at the Club!



batter made our bellies full. Fun was had with green beads and green bowler hats and shamrocks on our shirts!

Upcoming...

On May 15 between the open game and the Mentor/Mentee game, the club will have an advancement party for all the members who have achieved ACBL milestones from September 2023 through March

dues are only \$25.00 / year.

Come see us and play some bridge!

[Fort Bend Bridge Club](#)

Fort Bend Duplicate Bridge has a game on Tuesdays at:

Arabia Shriners Center
10510 Harwin Drive
Houston

Please arrive by 10:15 a.m. as the game starts at 10:30 a.m. We offer:

- Bridge Mate II Scoring
- At Least 36 Upgraded Games a Year
- Hand Records after Every Game
- A Nice Balance of Friendly A, B, & C Players
- Coffee and Substantive Snacks
- Fully Sanctioned ACBL Game
- Results Available Immediately
- Fully Qualified and Experienced Directors

Due to rent expense entries are \$7.00.

Please call 832-287-9170) or email (ewat2004@aol.com) John Eric Watson in advance so we can start on time.



Unit 176 - Dallas

By Bill Driscoll

The Dallas Winter Sectional was held February 21-24. We had a total of 390 ½ tables of play over the four days, including 248 tables of Swiss Teams, and 142 ½ tables of Pairs (52 ½ 749er and 90 Open Pairs). This count was an increase of 14 ½ tables over the sectional last fall. Thanks to all who came out to play and made it a great success. Kudos to Mary Lynn Genovesi and Rosalind Smith for again keeping our many hungry bridge players provided with great snacks during the tournament. Many thanks to Chuck Eastin and his crew for getting the bridge equipment set up for the tournament and cleared out afterward. Bob Holliday did a great job helping players get lined up with partners and teammates at the partnership desk. We appreciate all the help others provided to ensure the tournament went smoothly. Good work everyone!

[Click here for DWS results.](#)

Our March 10 unit game had 26 tables, 20 in the Open Pairs and six in the 749er Pairs. Thanks to all who came out to play and to Milt Neher for organizing another well-attended game. Congratulations to Nancy Fellman and Elaine Wood for winning the

Open Pairs and to Louise Shanley and Gari Martin for winning the 749er Pairs.

[Click here for the Open Results](#), and [Click here for the 749er Results](#).

The Dallas Spring Sectional was April 17-20 at the Lovers Lane United Methodist Church. The Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs awards for 2023 were presented on Saturday between sessions. Box lunches were also provided on Saturday.

The GNT District 16 Finals are again split between Houston and Dallas. The Championship & B flights were held in Houston on April 6-7. The A & C Flights will be held in Dallas on May 25-26 in conjunction with the Dallas Memorial Day Sectional. You can see the GNT flyer on page 8 of this issue.

The Dallas Memorial Day Sectional will be May 22-26 at the Holiday Inn Dallas – Richardson, 1655 N Central Expwy, Richardson, 75080. Events for the five days are Stratified Open Pairs, Stratified 499er Pairs, and Open Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 session). Sessions start at 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Check out the flyer on page 34.

You can stay at the Holiday Inn. A limited number of rooms are available for \$99 per night with a free Breakfast Buffet. [Click here to reserve today.](#)

Other 2024 Unit 176 Tournaments

May 22-26 Memorial Day Sectional
May 25-26 GNT District 16 Finals Flights A & C
August 26 Labor Day Regional Online
August 27-September 1 Labor Day Regional
November 6-9 Fall Sectional
November 6-9 Fall I/N Regional

More details about events are available on the [Unit 176 Website](#). Also check out the Intermediate/Newcomer's Corner on the site featuring opportunities for our newer players. Please join us at any of the Dallas area bridge clubs, [Unit 176 Bridge Clubs and Games](#).



Unit 183 - Fort Western

By John Robbins

Unit 183 is looking ahead to tournaments over the next two months. The Fort Western DFW Regional will run for a full week at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at DFW Airport. Play will kick off at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, May 13 with teams and pairs games and conclude with morning and afternoon Swiss Teams competition

on Sunday, May 19. Tournament Chair Randy Eads (eadswr@icloud.com) is looking for more caddies to expedite play.

Denton Bridge Studio's Summer Sectional will start Thursday morning, June 6 with morning and afternoon Stratified Open Pairs, which the club will offer again Friday and Saturday. Pre registration is requested via email to dentonbridgestudio@gmail.com

Arlington Bridge Club will continue to hold games in its current location on Fielder for another two years, having extended the lease during its recent annual meeting. The Fort Worth Bridge Studio is working to finalize a move to a new location this summer. Discussions regarding cost and the configuration of existing spaces are ongoing with the managers of several locations, most of which are in the general area of the current Fort Worth Studio location on Camp Bowie. A search committee of Cynthia Benton, Steve Shirey, Steve Bennett, Jacque Montgomery and John Robins will make site recommendations to the board of directors.

The Fort Western Awards Day is just around the corner. On May 4 the unit will honor special achievements including new Life Masters along with Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs winners. The awards will be presented, and food provided at the Fort Worth Bridge Studio at 12:30 p.m. followed by a unit rated game.

Unit 183 continues to have F2F games at multiple locations around the area. In addition to regular games at the Denton, Fort Worth and Arlington clubs, weekly games are held in Burleson, Coppell, Flower Mound, Granbury, Lewisville and Mansfield.

The [Unit 183 website](#) has details.

Flower Mound Club recently became one of the first to sign up for The Longest Day charity game this June to support Alzheimer's research.



Unit 201 - Sabine Neches

By Florence Ferguson

Loretta Gary was surrounded by family and friends at a wonderful party celebrating her achievement of Gold Life Master. As you know that's 2,500 points! The theme of the party was "The Roaring Twenties" hosted by Val Townley-Smith with help from other bridge friends. Most came in costume, but you can tell that Loretta



Loretta Gary
New Gold Life Master & Best Costume Winner

took the prize for the best one. Loretta has been playing bridge at the Unit 201 studio for many years. We all know that achievement is well deserved.

We have two members who are listed as point winners in the annual Life Master's competitions. John Smalley earned 254 points in the Helen Shanbron Ace of Clubs competition, 5000 to 7500, category. Another of our high scorers was Elouise Young, winning 98 points in the Mini-McKenney 100-200 category. Congratulations John and Elouise. You continue to keep us on our toes!

We lost our board president E.W. Sweeney. Please see the In Memoriam section for our tribute to E.W.

It's not too early to mark your calendars for our 499er tournament, August 15-17! Check the flyer on page 33 for details. Those of you who have participated before know that we roll out the red carpet for our attendees serving coffee, soda, snacks, and lunch. Tournament chairs are Ruth Hancock, rhancock@gt.rr.com, and Flo Ferguson, ffergie@gt.rr.com Partnership chair is Lucille Armintor, larmintor@gt.rr.com



Unit 204 - Fort Concho

By Neal Pearlman

Congratulations to all the people who earned points during the March 2024 District 16 Royal STaC week. On Tuesday afternoon, Prissy Griffis and Troy Harvey placed 2nd in C with 43 tables across District 16 with 61%. Outstanding. In the D16 nine table afternoon side game Brenda Chapman and Sharon Haney had 68% for 1st. In the Wednesday eight table afternoon side game Nancy Greer and Dale Harris had 61% for 1st. Jo Smith and Carl McGill with 66% were 3rd and

Vicky Fisher and Peggy Jackson with 65% were 4th for the Friday afternoon D16 game.

On April 8 the Monday game at the Sue Barber Bridge Center took a break to watch the moon do a partial preempt between the sun and our blue marble home.



Troy Harvey

I want to introduce Troy Harvey as the new senior correspondent for Unit 204. He will make his first Scorecard appearance in the July/August edition. In my 2011 M/A start I dusted off my Daily Planet press pass and I plan to issue one to Troy. Troy is a great member of our Unit 204 community, and his style will serve us all well. Welcome, Troy.

Unit 204 has been fortunate because of the recent increases in the number of players appearing in person. We are also grateful that the negative slide in membership during COVID has started to see an upward turn around. A return to a lively room of bridge enthusiasts is appreciated by all.

Reminder of days and times of San Angelo games and related phone numbers for anyone who considers a day trip are:

- Sue Barber Bridge Center Game Schedule

Start Time	Game Days
1:30 p.m.	Monday, Tuesday, Friday & second Saturday of the Month

619 North Locust
 San Angelo, Texas 76901
 Director: Marifrances Watson 325-277-9959
 Club Manager: Suzanne Dorris 325-656-2547.



2. Shamrock and Wednesday Bridge Clubs Game Schedule

Start Time	Game Days
1:00 p.m.	Tuesday and Wednesday
1609 Country Club Road	
San Angelo, Texas 76904	
Owner/Director: Sue Henry 325-656-0473	
Director: Julie Moorman 325-245-9036	

I want to thank all the players local and D16 wide who have helped me be a better reporter. The bits and pieces that were offered or answered helped tremendously. Hope to see you soon at tournaments.



Unit 207 - Texas Capital Bridge

By Barbara Clements

Unit 207 is entering the hot season in Texas with a cool set of bridge opportunities and new leaders. Three new members were elected to the Unit 207 Board. They are Raymond Borrego, Earnestine Broyles, Austin and Stuart Litwin, Round Rock.

The Bridge Center of Austin hosted an Eclipse Watching Party that was attended by many folks. Apparently, they had a great view during a break in the game. We hope the rest of our Central Texas games had equally good views.

We have a couple of big events where we'd love to see a big turnout: May 2-5 is the Bridge Center of Austin's Spring Sectional, and our Unit 207 Firecracker Regional is scheduled for July 1-5 at the Doubletree by Hilton where we have been before. Information about both these tournaments (and all unit games) is available on the [Unit 207 website](#).

In the meantime, our members have been busy amassing masterpoints. Winners from the Spring Mardi Gras Sectional, held February 29-March 3, are pictured in this issue of the Scorecard.

Other big winners, as reported in the March Bridge Bulletin, include:

- Barry Crane 500
 69th – Finn Kolesnik, Austin
 372nd – Jerry Barrett, Austin
 380th – Sam Dinkin, Austin

Reisinger Board-A-Match Teams, Atlanta Fall NABC
 8th – Finn Kolesnik, Austin and his team

We had many milestones reported in the Bridge Bulletin and this issue. Check out the masterpoint milestones section of this issue. Unit 207 is proud of all these winners and all our players. Hope y'all will come join us for a game or more.



Unit 209 - Great Permian Basin

By Ann Parish

Happy Spring! Midland and Odessa players, want to see your name in print? Read on. This column names winners in February, March, and April games. Are you a winner?

Valentine Party February 15, 7 tables

North/South

1st A and B: K C Evans and Sandy Hill
 2nd A: Jimmie Jensen and Charlie Grimes
 3rd A & 2nd B: Nancy Harris and Mary K Burkholder

East/West

1st A,B,C: Mark Beckstrom and John Seymour
 2nd A,B,C: Mark Knox and Mary Truex
 3rd A,B,C: Troy Martin and Diane Martin

St. Patrick's Day Party, March 14, 8 tables

North/South

1st A: Dianne Anderson and Marlene Blumentritt
 2nd A: Ann Servatius and Kay Sewell
 3rd A: Charlie Grimes and Travis Woodward
 4th A & 1st B: Nancy Harris and Mary K Burkholder

East/West

1st A,B,C: George Kieke and Paul Newbury
 2nd A,B,C: Diane Martin and Troy Martin
 3rd A,B,C: Bernard Niven and Mary Anne Blair
 4th A,B,C: Gwin Jamerson and Kelly Jamerson
 Players who got into the **GREEN** spirit:



D16 ROYAL STaC Games, March 25 through 31
 Tuesday afternoon 3/26: Mark Beckstrom and Dale Linton were 1st in the club with 5.5 tables.

Tuesday evening 3/26: Paula Baggett and Doug Jeffery were 1st in the club and the district with 10 tables.

Wednesday evening 3/27: KC Evans and Scott Vaughan were 1st in the club and the district with 9.5 tables.

Thursday evening 3/28: Don Sparks and Gwyn Sparks were 1st in the club and the district with 8 tables.

Friday afternoon 3/29: Paula Baggett and Kiki Powers were 1st in the club and the district with 48.5 tables

Saturday afternoon 3/30: Debbie Conly and KC Evans were 1st in the club and 4th in the district with 63.5 tables

Sunday afternoon 3/31: Paula Baggett and Deborah Brookins were 1st in the club and 1st in the district with 4.5 tables

Easter Party, April 11, 8 tables

Midland is hosting the Tall City sectional tournament in June. Since many of the players in our Thursday night game have never played in a Swiss Teams game, director Belle Harris made this game a "practice" Swiss Teams game, so players could see how partnerships and scoring worked. Only one Life Master played on each team. The winners were:

1st Kay Sewell, Ann Servatius, Dorothy Baird, and Dorothy Blair

2nd Debra Jones, Mark Beckstrom, Cliff Hair, and George Kieke

3rd Belle Harris, Paula Bayley, Linda Leps, Lonnie Yee

In April, Travis Woodward, KC Evans, and Sarah Wright were recognized in the ACBL Bridge Bulletin as winners in their respective Ace of Clubs categories.

Congratulations, ladies!

We're all looking forward to the Midland tournament on June 7-9!



Unit 225 - East Texas

By Deb Pascoe

Pittsburg Adds Four New Players [Pittsburg DBC](#)

During March, Linda Harrison held weekly Learning Tables for four new students to reinforce topics they had covered and learn new material. The new players are Frank and Linda Morton, Angie Dickinson and Jo Ann Johnson. All four participating on a regular basis in Pittsburg DBC's weekly games on Tuesday or Friday.

[Rose City DBC](#)

Nina Worthington celebrated her 95th birthday and Silver Life Master with longtime partner Rathnam at party at Rose City DBC.



Nina Worthington
&
Shreedhara Rathnam

Pro-Am Game held on Saturday, April 13

The April unit game was unique. To make up the pairs, Director Mike Graham paired amateurs with less than 700 points with advanced players. On a related note, 44% of Unit 225 players are Life Masters. Twelve pairs made up the field.

A light lunch was served prior to the game.

When winners were announced, there was less than 1 full point between the 1st and 3rd place pairs. Players reported that they had a great time and enjoyed the format.

[Sheila Bell DBC](#)

Texarkana Welcomes Two New Directors

Gail Cogbill and Dena Hill have earned their Director Certification. Congratulations to both. And this is a good time to say a big THANK YOU to all who take on this voluntary role. They provide an essential role that keeps our games and unit going.

Make sure to check out the [Unit 225 website](#) for more details about our clubs and their game schedules.



Unit 233 - Central Texas

By George & Pam Holmes

Unit 233 clubs continue along in Waco and Temple holding their scheduled games with 3-5 tables. We enjoy the camaraderie and continue to search for new players to enlarge the attendance.

The District 16 Royal STaC game attracted eight tables on the afternoon of Monday, March 25 because some of the Temple area players made the trip to Waco for the game. We had three successful pairs that were able to share in the pigmented points pool. Andrew "Raby" Smalley and Gerald Nelson earned 5.22 total MPs; Tom Corlett and Patti Santini earned 1.69 MPs; and Pam and George Holmes earned 3.69 MPs.

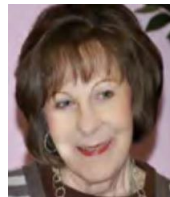
Just like in a Mitchell movement, we all get older and the cards get smaller.



Everyone STaCing up those Pigmented Points

Lynn Sykes and Susan LaFountain are still going through tough rehabilitation and hoping to return to the bridge table in the future – sooner than later would be good. Hope their recovery is speedy.

We hope everyone had a blessed Easter Season and great eclipse experience.



Unit 353 - Wichita Falls

By Marsha May

Unit 353 participated in two of the District 16 (D16) Royal STaC games. On Tuesday, March 26 Marsha May and Nancy Purcell won 1st place in District 16 for Flights A & B with a 69% game earning 9.75 MPs. Other winners on Tuesday were Tomie Johnson and David Hertzog (1.41 MPs), Faye Morrison and Lois Roberson (.99 MP), Anne Halsell and



Marsha May & Nancy Purcell
First Tuesday D16 Royal STaC
69% - 9.75 MPs



Jan Papesh & Cathy Zinn
First Saturday D16 Royal STaC
Small Games - A, B & C
57% - 3.19 MPs

Margaret Kirkland (.99 MP), David Dodson and Dana Clay (.85 MP) and Amy Conley and Martha Harvey (.59MP). On Saturday, March 31 Cathy Zinn and Jan Papesh won 1st place in the D16 Small Games for Flights A, B & C with a 57% game earning 3.19 MPs. Other winners on Saturday were Faye Morrison and Suzanne Sosa (1.05 MPs).

A small ceremony announcing the Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs Awards was held before the Tuesday game on March 12. The following won

both Awards: David Dodson (5-20), Jan Papesh (20-50), Carolyn Bell (50-100), Jody Elgin (100-200), Marsha May (300-500), Nell Lister (500-1000), Nancy Purcell (1000-1500), Margaret Kirkland (1500-2500), David Hertzog (2500-3500) and Anne Halsell (3500-5000).

Congratulations to all our winners.

Four of our players went to the Oklahoma City Regional in April. We hope they had Good Luck.



Intermediate/Newcomer Resources

Games & Classes for Newer Players - Come Join us!

Zoom Spanish Lecture Series - Third Saturday of every month at 12:30 p.m.
Zoom Intermediate Lecture Series - Fourth Saturday of every month at 12:30 p.m.

0-50 Masterpoint Game: Every Monday at 4:00 p.m.

District 16 is offering to all 0-50 masterpoint players a 12-board game on BBO for \$3.00 every Monday at 4:00. You can ask a partner to play, or sign in at the partnership desk and pick up a new partner.

Practice, practice, practice. Your experiences at the table can be your best teacher. A director and assistants will be on hand to offer guidance during the game.

For more information email Beginner20Bridge@gmail.com

0-99 Masterpoint Game: Every day at 6:00 p.m. (CT)

The 99er Nite Club! games are offered seven days a week at 6:00. If you are a 99er, ask your club if they are participating. Your club must "opt in."

Eddie Kantar Humor

A lady is playing in her first duplicate game hears an opponent say: "Alert." The lady says: "I am alert."

I'm giving them a class on counting losers. I start out by saying: "This will be a class on counting losers."

A voice from the back of the class: "Where were you when I needed you 30 years ago?"

Your play was much better tonight, and so were your excuses.



Bridge Center of Austin

0 – 50 SECTIONAL STRATIFIED PAIRS

MAY 10TH-11TH
Friday & Saturday, 1:30 pm

Entry Fee: \$10 per session
(\$4 additional per session for unpaid ACBL members)

♥ Free Coffee & Snacks ♦

♠ Strat A: 20 – 50

♥ Strat B: 10 – 20

♣ Strat C: 0 – 10

Strats may be adjusted at
Director's discretion

♠ *This is a fragrance-free tournament* ♣

Chair:

Sharon Hoger
512-384-4600
skhoger@att.net

Partnerships:

Pat Berry
ppatberry@aol.com

Bridge Center of Austin

6700 Middle Fiskville Road



Jacoby Transfer for Intermediate/Newcomers

By Ken Monzingo

Jacoby Transfer is a bidding tool that enables the opening notrump bidder to be the declarer in responder's long suit (five or more). This is accomplished by the responder bidding the suit ranked below their long suit, requiring opener to bid the desired suit. Thus, the "transfer" is complete.

Example: As responder to a 1NT opening bid you hold: ♠Kx ♥Jxxxx ♦xx ♣Jxxx.

In this hand the responder wants the contract to be 2♥ – the response that would be made without the Jacoby Transfer tool available. With Jacoby Transfer available the auction proceeds:

Opener		Responder	
1NT	- Pass	- 2♦*	- Pass
2♥**			

* Jacoby Transfer

** Forced, completing the transfer

In this auction the response of 2♦ is the Jacoby Transfer forcing partner to bid 2♥, a bid responder would have made without the transfer tool available. Advantages: the transfer sequence allows the strong hand to be declarer, and to receive the opening lead into its protected honors. The transfer also allows responder holding stronger hands the tools invite or bid games and slams. Those are described below.

When do you use Jacoby Transfer?

1. Holding a five card major suit and 0-7 points, you "transfer" to that major suit, then pass.
2. With 8-9 points, transfer and bid 2NT. This bid is invitational with a five-card major suit. Opener can bid three of the suit with three or more and a minimum hand, or bid four of the suit with three or more of the suit and a maximum hand. With only two of the suit opener should pass 2NT holding a minimum hand, and bid 3NT with a maximum hand.
3. With 10-14 points, again, transfer first, and then bid 3NT. This shows values for game and a five card major suit. Partner will now play 3NT or bid four of your major if holding at least three of your major suit.

Tip: A Jacoby Transfer guarantees a five card suit, so any subsequent raise of that transferred suit by the responder promises a sixth, or even seventh, card.

Jacoby Transfer with a six card major suit

1. With 0-7 points, transfer to your long suit and pass since game is not likely unless partner jumps in your major and you have a full 7 points.

2. With 8-9 points, transfer to your long suit and raise to three of that major (bid 3♥ or 3♠) to invite to game in case opener has a maximum hand.

3. With 10-14 points, transfer to your long suit and raise to game in that major (4♥ or 4♠).

Three sequences in which the Jacoby Transfer may be used

1. Responding to a partner's 1NT opening of 15-17.
2. Responding to partner's 1NT overcall of 15-18.
3. Responding to opener's 2NT of 20-21, or after a stronger 2♣ - Pass - 2NT sequence.

Examples: Using Jacoby Transfer in Power Auctions

Opener		Responder	
2NT	- Pass	- 3♦ or 3♥	= Jacoby Transfers
		but	
2♣	- Pass	- 2♦	= No four card major

What about 6 card minor suits?

When responding to notrump openings holding long minor suits the general rule is to allow partner to play in notrump. However, more sophisticated systems such as Four Suit Transfers are available but they require detailed discussion and agreement with a partner in advance to prevent inevitable train wrecks and bottom scores. But I recommend them.

Good News & Bad

With any convention you use, you give something up. By using 2♦ and 2♥ to "transfer" you lose the ability to ever bid 2♦ or 2♥ naturally after partner opens or overcalls notrump, just as using Stayman prevents you from ever bidding 2♣ to play. The good is much better than the bad in reaching the best final contract.

When using Jacoby Transfers it's very important to discuss in detail what each subsequent bid means and how to respond to it. When did Noah build the Ark? Before the flood ... *before the flood.*

Next Lesson: Opening Suit Bid Evaluation.

Ken Monzingo, Unit 183, is D16 Publications Committee chair, past D16 first vice president, and past president of ACBL.



499^{er} Sectional

June 20th – 23rd, 2024

4688 Louetta Rd, Spring, TX | 281-651-6550 | thebridgeclub@sbcglobal.net
 Web Page: <https://www.bridgewebs.com/bcoh/>

<p style="text-align: center;">Need a Partner?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Contact Phyllis Dillard</p> <p style="text-align: center;">832-428-8764 phyllisdillard@sbcglobal.net</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>We will also have an Ambassador each day!</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Event Schedule</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Thursday thru Saturday June 20th - 22nd</i></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 5%;">♠</td> <td style="width: 75%;">499er Pairs</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: right;">10am</td> </tr> <tr> <td>♠</td> <td>499er Pairs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2pm</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sunday, June 23rd</i></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 5%;">♠</td> <td style="width: 75%;">499er Swiss Team</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: right;">1:30pm</td> </tr> </table>	♠	499er Pairs	10am	♠	499er Pairs	2pm	♠	499er Swiss Team	1:30pm
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<p style="text-align: center;">Stratification*</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A (300 to 499) B (100-300) C (0-100)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>* Strats may be modified by director</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Hand Review</p> <p>On Sunday, June 23rd, from 12:30 to 1:15pm, Thomas Rush will answer your questions on tournament hands.</p>									
<p style="text-align: center;">Entry Fees</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Cash Only)</i></p> <p>ACBL Current Member \$10 per session per player. Lapsed Member \$14 per session per player. Non ACBL Member MUST get ACBL number. 120 day guest membership available on ACBL Website</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Notes</p> <p>BCOH is a fragrance free facility.</p> <p>Life Masters with less than 500 points may play</p>									
<p style="text-align: center;">Lunch / Snacks</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Cash Only)</i></p> <p>Lunch available for \$7 on Thurs., Fri., and Sat. if ordered by 10am. No Sunday meal. Free snacks and drinks all days.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tournament Chairs</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Charles & Twyla Woody woody@okwoody.com 832-443-4412</p>									

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& LOADS OF FUN!**
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District 16 now has a BBO game just for the 0 to 99 players
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When: 6pm, 7 days a week
Where: Your Online Club*

Perks:

- ✓ **More Masterpoints** (cross club scoring)
- ✓ **Mini-Lessons** by Lynn Berg at 5:30 pm

*Check to make sure your club is participating. If your club has questions they should contact Janice Rush at:
janice_hardcastle@hotmail.com



199ER NITE CLUB

Ready to Graduate from the 0 to 99 Game?


D16's 199er NITE CLUB GAME ON BBO IS YOUR NEXT STEP!

7 DAYS A WEEK AT 6:05 PM CST

- ✓ Recent graduates of the 0 to 99 group can play in a game with players of the same ability.
- ✓ Work during the day? Graduates continue go grow skills at a time that's "worker friendly".
- ✓ Safe environment where no sharks are allowed, because the game is limited to 199 mpts.
- ✓ Clubs benefit too and cointue to receive payments for their participating players.

Clubs must be signed up to participate, just like for the 99er NITE CLUB game.
Contact Janice Rush for details:
janice_hardcastle@hotmail.com

New Game in Town



**99er
Future Life
Masters** **ALL ARE
WELCOME**


On BBO

**TUESDAYS
3:05**

"Houston U174 FLM 99er"

Virtual Club game based in Houston...meet other D16 players online...you will see us at area Regionals & Sectionals!

Contact:
Mary Ellen Vail
MEVAIL48@gmail.com





Beaumont Local
Sectional for
499ers/Non-Life Masters
August 15-17, 2024
(Will follow ACBL COVID Guidelines)
Local Director Ed Rasmussen



Tournament Location

Beaumont Bridge Studio
950 North Street, Beaumont, TX 77701
409-838-2447

Lodging Options

- Marriott Courtyard 409-840-5750 (6 mi)
- MCM Elegante 409-842-3600 (6 mi)
- Holiday Inn Express 409-892-3600 (6 mi)
- Fairfield Inn 409-840-5751 (6 mi)

Entry Fees

Sessions: \$11 per person per session
Note: \$15 per session for unpaid ACBL member

Stratification and Awards

A (300-500) B (100-300) C (0-100)

Prizes for event winners and section tops.
Stratification's are based on pair average

Schedule of Events

Thursday, August 15

Stratified 499er Pairs (Single session).....9:30
Stratified 499er Pairs (Single session).....1:30

Friday, August 16

Stratified 499er Pairs (Single session).....9:30
Stratified 499er Pairs (Single session).....1:30

Saturday, August 17

Stratified 499er Pairs (Single session).....9:30
Stratified 499er Pairs (Single session).....1:30

Tournament Chairs

- Ruth Hancock** 409-883-0263
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Partnership Chair

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Note: This is a “fragrance-free” tournament.

Rev: Dec 16 2023

Unit 201 cordially invites you to attend our 499er/NLM sectional.
As always, entry fees includes coffee, snacks and lunch.
No Smoking in Playing areas.
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In Memoriam

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Carol K. Banks, Houston William R. Blackstone, Fairview * Robert F. Curl, Houston * Mrs. Flo Curry, Midland * Mrs. Sue Cutler, Fort Worth Helen Davis, Odessa * Dorene Drum, Denton * Mrs. Elizabeth L. Ghrist, Houston Ricky Haikin, Houston * Mrs. Mary K. Hoger, Fort Worth Joseph J. Kazmar, Orange Gregory Keys, Midland * Bill Kiehnhoff, Sugar Land * Carolyn F. Labouliere, Seabrook * Lew N. Levy, Houston | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> John R. Marlow, Midland * Marilyn G. Matthews, Midland Mrs. Ruth W. McKee, Arlington Carol Montague, Houston * Helen J. Nelson, Grand Prairie * Joseph P. Pepe, Austin * Larry W. Peterson, Houston * Mrs. Winifred S. Simon, Fort Worth * Penny Snow, Corpus Christi * John B. Taylor, Friendswood * Robert G. Trimble, Fort Worth * Mrs. Marcella L. Thomas, Houston John S. Wickham, Arlington |
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- *Life Master

Lou Fowler 1943 | 2024

By Chris Curran



Lou Fowler of Houston was a lovely woman both inside and out. Lou was always nice to people whether she knew them or not. I was lucky to meet her in 2017 at one of the Unit 174 tournaments. At the end of the play for the day, I asked her to join me for a drink and we've been together since.

Lou loved to travel (she has been to all seven continents), play bridge and dine out. We did everything together. I loved being with her, always. She had great taste, especially in clothes and jewelry. I was very proud to be with her, she will be greatly missed. God threw away the mold when He created Lou.

E.W. Sweeney 1949 | 2024

By Florence Ferguson



March the 17 we lost our Unit 201 (Sabine Neches) Board President, E.W. Sweeney. He was dedicated to our bridge community as well as being there was there for almost every game. He will be remembered for his smile, positive attitude and, of course, the peppermints he always had handy to share. E.W. did many things behind the scenes, never seeking recognition for his help. Throughout his life he was a proud member of the Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star. He was serving as president of his lodge at the time of his passing. He and his wife, Alta, were avid square dancers, winning many awards, locally and statewide. Many will picture him sitting in a chair at the director's table in the studio where he smiled and greeted the day's players. That will always be E.W.'s chair.



Dallas Memorial Day Sectional

May 22-26, 2024

Holiday Inn Dallas-Richardson

1655 N Central Expwy

Richardson, TX 75080

Wednesday, May 22

Stratified Open and 499er Pairs (Single Sessions)

10:00 am & 2:30 pm

Open Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)

10:00 am & 2:30 pm

Thursday, May 23

Stratified Open and 499er Pairs (Single Sessions)

10:00 am & 2:30 pm

Open Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)

10:00 am & 2:30 pm

Friday, May 24

Stratified Open and 499er Pairs (Single Sessions)

10:00 am & 2:30 pm

Open Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)

10:00 am & 2:30 pm

Saturday, May 25

Stratified Open and 499er Pairs (Single Sessions)

10:00 am & 2:30 pm

Open Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)

10:00 am & 2:30 pm

Sunday, May 26

Stratified Open and 499er Pairs (Single Sessions)

10:00 am & 2:30 pm

Open Bracketed Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)

10:00 am & 2:30 pm

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Saturday and Sunday.
See the ACBL website for more details.

Stratifications:

Open Pairs: A: 4000+, B: 1500-4000,

C: 0-1500 (By average masterpoints.)

499er Events: A:300-500, B:200-299,

C: 0-199 (By average masterpoints.)

NOTE: Stratifications may be adjusted
by director.

Entry Fees: ACBL members \$14 per session;

Unpaid Members: \$18. For non-members a

120 day free guest membership is available.

Tournament Chairperson: Bill Higgins

whiggins@sbcglobal.net

Partnerships: Truett Cates

(email: PartnershipU176@gmail.com)

Director in Charge: Kevin Perkins

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♥ Dallas Winter Sectional Winners ♦
Unit 176

Wednesday, February 21 - Saturday, February 24 - Pairs



Wed AM-749er A
John Redfern
George Ray



Wed PM-749er A
Debrah Chockley
Mary Huck



Wed AM-Open B
Darrel VanDyke
Carolyn Henderson



Wed PM-Open A
Burton Shepard
Norm Beck



Thurs AM-749er A
Susan Henchal
Gina Doorn



Thurs AM-Open B
Catherine Tucker
Dorsey Shaw



Thurs PM-749er B
Jim Porter
Eldon Joersz



Thurs PM-Open A
Bob Friz
Michael Hout



Thurs PM-Open B
D Lane Mueller
Margaret Cooley



Friday AM-749er A
Susan Henchal
Gina Doorn



Friday AM-749er B
Bonnie Keene
Stephanie Strom



Friday PM-749er A
Jason Glaser
Bob Frisch



Friday AM-Open A
Bob Friz
Eric Diamond



Friday AM-Open B
Nancy Fellman
Jennifer Rao



Friday PM-Open A
Steve Sinclair
Mike Murphy



Sat AM-749er A Tie
Debrah Chockley
Judy Duval



Sat AM-749er A Tie
Francey Parnell
Marilee Schmelzer



Sat AM-Open A
Gerry McKim
Michael Hout



Sat AM-Open B
Darrick Chee
Ivan Uys

♥ Dallas Winter Sectional Winners ♦
Unit 176

Wednesday, February 21 - Saturday, February 24 - Bracketed Swiss Teams



Wed-Brkt 1
 Steve Kornegay
 Mark Bumgardner
 Nancy Kornegay
 Sherry Bumgardner



Wed-Brkt 2
 Rosalee Hacker
 Lynn Trigg
 Jan Mogged
 Chuck Mogged



Wed-Brkt 3
 Lucy Buchanan
 Glenda Cooper
 Gail Wingfield
 Janet Meyer



Thurs-Brkt 1
 Martha Young
 Jay Gibson
 Jerry Derby
 Gerry McKim



Thurs-Brkt 2
 Brian Gelles
 Walter Netschi
 Janet Gelles
 Charlotte Tunnell



Thurs-Brkt 3
 Judy Thompson
 Connie Scott
 Jo Ellen Wade
 Mary Huck



Thurs-Brkt 4
 Doris Sivernell
 Hanuman Goel
 Larry Mayo
 Robert Neal



Friday-Brkt 1
 Tiger King
 Donna Gerard
 Bill Gerard
 Jianbo Chen



Friday-Brkt 2
 Jerry Frankel
 Carol Murray
 Carol Casey
 Mary Lynn Genovesi



Friday-Brkt 3
 Bob Clark
 Alma Farley
 Linda Jimmerson
 Betty Wheeler



Friday-Brkt 4
 Susan Moss
 Lucy Buchanan
 Mark Meiches
 Stuart Litwin

♥ **Dallas Winter Sectional Winners** ♦
Unit 176



Sat-Brkt 1
 Ari Sippola
 Suresh Agrawal
 Bob Wilkin
 Pawel Hanus



Sat-Brkt 2
 Kate Hopkins
 Steve Birnbaum
 Bob Butterfield
 Jane Kirby



Sat-Brkt 3
 Noelene Hardy
 Jeff Karpeles
 Valarie Remmers
 Dale Remmers



Sat-Brkt 4
 Patty Degenhardt
 Jyoti Boppana
 Al Joersz
 Walter Netschi

**New
 Life Master**



Cheryl Paul, Unit 176 Plano

**New Silver
 Life Master**



Carol Murray, Unit 176 Dallas

2024 Bridge Center of Austin Spring Sectional

May 2—5

6700 Middle Fiskville Road
Austin, TX 78752

Schedule

Thursday, May 2nd - Saturday, May 4th

Swiss Teams, single session

10am, 2:30pm

Stratified Open Pairs, single session

10am, 2:30pm

Stratified 299er Pairs, single session

10am, 2:30pm

Sunday, May 5th

Strati-flighted A/X and BCD Swiss Teams

10am and TBD

Meal served between morning and afternoon sessions on Sunday.

Stratifications

(Pairs and team games based on average MPs.)

Open Pairs

A: 2000+, B: 750-2000, C: 0-750

299er Pairs

A: 200-300, B: 100-200, C: 0-100

Sunday Swiss Teams

A: 2500+, X: 0-2500, B: 500-2000,

C: 300-500, D: 0-300

(Director has discretion on A/X MP break.)

Note: To play in B/C/D, no team member can have over 2000 points.

Basic Chart for 299ers and B/C/D Sunday Swiss
Open Chart for all other events

Entry Fees: \$14/session

(\$4 additional per session for unpaid ACBL members)

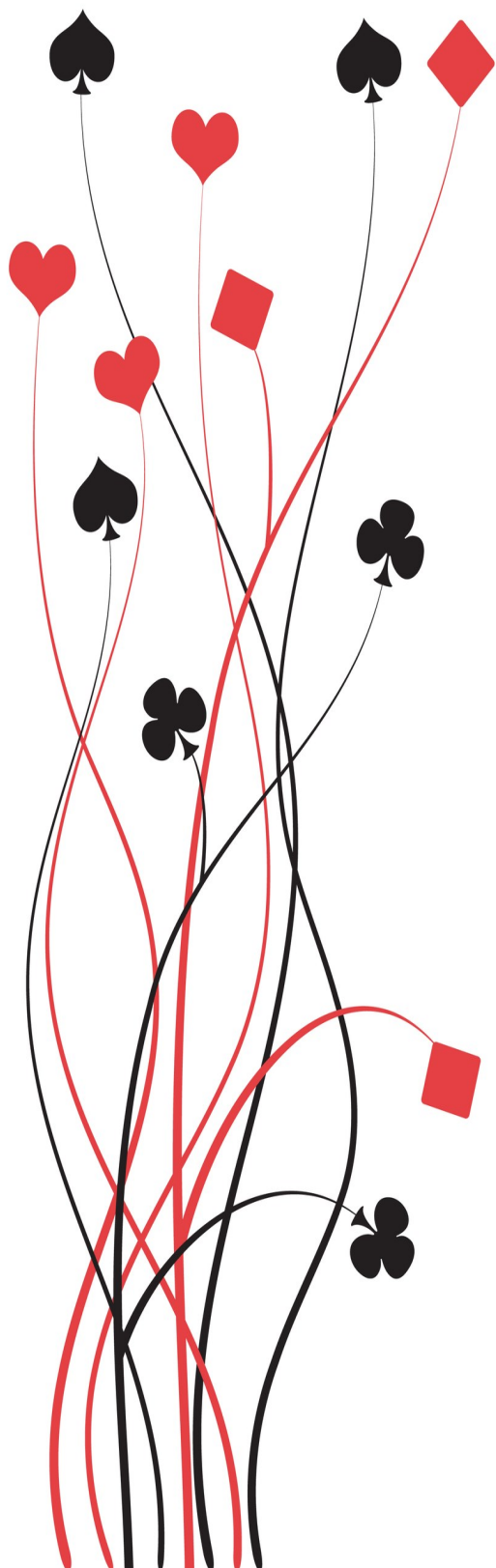
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Chair: Rachell Jackson, rachellann.tx@gmail.com

Director in Charge: Scott Humphrey, scott.humphrey@acbl.org

Need a partner? Send a request to Earnestine Broyles,
laughdoc7@aol.com

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♥ **Austin BCA Mardi Gras Sectional Winners** ♦
Unit 207

Thursday, February 29 - Saturday, March 2 - Open Pairs



Thursday PM - A
 Beth Tobias,
 Paul Tobias



Friday PM - A
 Sharon Hoger,
 Mark Craig



Saturday PM - A
 Anita Albert,
 Brett Leach (np)

Thursday, February 29 & Saturday March 1 - Sunday, March 3 - Swiss Teams Games



Thursday PM - A
 Dave Swarhout,
 Donna Swarhout,
 Virgil Massey,
 Charlene Sands



Saturday - PM A
 Kaylan Venkat,
 Rebecca Brown,
 Kim Brinkman,
 Jerry Barrett



Sunday PM AX - X
 Ron Kunkel,
 Rebecca Brown,
 James Moody,
 George Watkins (np)



Sunday PM BCD-B&C
 Sue Angle,
 Cindy McCauley,
 Brenda McIndoo,
 Terry Mack

♥ **Denton Bridge Studio Local Sectional Winners** ♦
Unit 183

Thursday, February 29 - Saturday, March 2 - Open Pairs



Thursday AM - B
 Peter Clive,
 Diana Clive



Thursday PM - C
 Peter Clive,
 Diana Clive



Friday AM - A
 Michael Murphy,
 Steven Sinclair



Friday PM - A
 Mark Zeitlin,
 Charles Wobbeking



Saturday AM - A
 Stephen Kornegay,
 Nancy Kornegay



Saturday AM - B
 Lane Mueller,
 Margaret Cooley



Saturday PM - A
 Ellen Dutcher,
 John Fee



June 6-8, 2024

Denton Bridge Studio

D16 – Unit 183

Local Sectional

80% Silver 20% Black

<u>Thursday</u> June 6, 2024		
9:30 AM	Stratified Open Pairs	\$12/Person/Session Cash or check only Lunch offered \$6/day
1:30 PM	Stratified Open Pairs	
<u>Friday</u> June 7, 2024		
9:30 AM	Stratified Open Pairs	<u>Open Stratifications</u> Flight A Open Flight B 300-1500 Flight C 0-300
1:30 PM	Stratified Open Pairs	
<u>Saturday</u> June 8, 2024		
9:30 AM	Stratified Open Pairs	
1:30 PM	Stratified Open Pairs	

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Pre-register by sending an email to dentonbridgestudio@gmail.com with your partner's name.

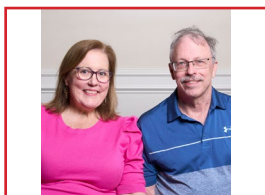
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Denton, TX 76205
dentonbridgestudio@gmail.com
940-205-7300



The director reserves the right to change the stratifications, if needed for equity.

♥ Election Sectional Winners ♦
Unit 174

Friday, April 5 - Sunday, April 7 - Pairs



Friday - A
Shawn Quinn,
Joe Quinn



Friday PM - 0-299 A
Marci Keller,
Ronda Kelly



Saturday - A
Clif Rice,
Mark Howard

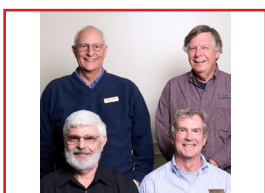


Sunday - A
Susan Hanna,
Michael Hanna

Friday, April 5 - Sunday, April 7 - Swiss Teams Games



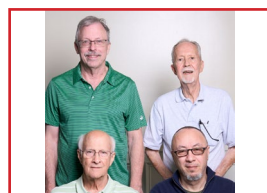
Friday - Bracket 2
Kyo Chen,
Courtney Coffman,
Hua Chen,
Steven Bell



Friday-Bracket 4
Mark Incerto,
Paul Shack,
William Churchman,
Scott Koehler



Friday - Bracket 5
Gwendolyn Atchison,
Michael Atchison,
Pam Beck,
Susan Angle



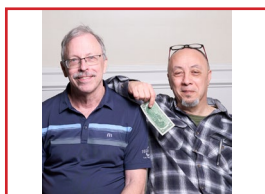
Saturday - Bracket 1
Joe Quinn,
Tom Sneed,
Jack LaVigne,
Timucin Erkoc



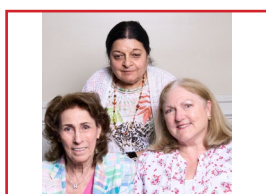
Saturday - Bracket 3
George Nelson,
Karen Winston,
Carol Jewett,
Mary Cris Emmons



Saturday - Bracket 4
Michael McKown,
Beverley Linskey,
Linwood Olson,
Betty Westbrook



Sunday - Bracket 1
Joe Quinn,
Timucin Erkoc,
Eddie Bass (np),
Tom Breed (np)



Sunday - Bracket 2
Daksha Adhia,
Carol Jewett,
Mary Cris Emmons,
Sharon Arnold (np)



Sunday - Bracket 3
Aruna Sane,
Donna Hrachovy,
Sarah Springer,
Martin Hrachovy



Sunday - GNT - B
Weijun Zhu,
Hao Deng,
Mark Pan,
Hua Chen,
Kyo Chen,
Jessie Lee

♥ Roxana Tom Sectional Winners ♦
Unit 172

Wednesday, April 10 - Friday, April 12 - Open Pairs



Wednesday AM - A
Patty Hinze,
Greg Hinze



Wednesday AM - B
Victor Press,
Sandra Press



Wednesday AM - C
Connie Conley,
David Conley



Wednesday PM - A
Patty Hinze,
Greg Hinze



Wednesday PM - B
Beth Gail,
Bob Otis



Wednesday PM - C
Gloria Harkey,
Beverly Flannery (np)



Thursday AM - A
Daniel Jackson,
Rosemary Kelley



Thursday AM - B
John Hilbig,
Jo Neesvig



Thursday AM - C
Elaine Van Buren,
Jeanne Binovi



Thursday PM - A
David Morris,
Ed Rawlinson



Thursday PM - B
Jeanne Dawley,
Carol Ramberg



Thursday PM - C
Rebecca Evans,
Jana Barnard



Friday AM - A
Rosemary Kelley,
Bill McCarty



Friday AM - B
Larry Levin,
Yesh Singh



Friday AM - C
Elizabeth Bartek,
Karen Henderson



Friday PM - A
Patty Hinze,
Greg Hinze



Friday PM - B
Cindy Cummins,
Ann Kuehler



Friday PM - C
Lew Spurlock,
Dick Powell

Saturday, April 13 - Stratified Swiss Teams



Saturday - A
Ira Hessel,
Ellen Hessel,
Patty Hinze,
Greg Hinze



Saturday - C
Pete Voges,
Bradley Etnyre,
Moshe Draznin,
Greta Etnyre

Puerto Vallarta Regional



November 4 thru November 10, 2024

Website:
www.pvregional.com

Monday, November 4

Miguel Reygadas Pairs (Eve Side 1st of 6 sessions)		7:30pm
Vallarta KO Teams—1		7:30pm

Tuesday, November 5

Morning Side Game Series (1st of 5 sessions)		9:30am	1:30pm	7:30pm
Choice Pairs (any 2 of 3 sessions)	9:30am	1:30pm	7:30pm	
Vallarta KO Teams—2, 3		1:30pm	7:30pm	
Afternoon Side Game Series (1st of 5 sessions)			1:30pm	7:30pm
Stratified Swiss Teams (2 sessions)		1:30pm	7:30pm	
Evening Side Game Series (2nd of 6 sessions)			7:30pm	

Wednesday, November 6

Morning Side Game Series (2nd of 5 sessions)		9:30am	1:30pm	7:30pm
Choice Pairs (any 2 of 3 sessions)	9:30am	1:30pm	7:30pm	
Afternoon Side Game Series (2nd of 5 sessions)			1:30pm	7:30pm
Acapulco KO (Soloway) —1 & 2		1:30pm	7:30pm	
Evening Side Game Series (3rd of 6 sessions)			7:30pm	
Wednesday Single Session Swiss			7:30pm	

Thursday, November 7

Morning Side Game Series (3rd of 5 sessions)		9:30am	1:30pm	7:30pm
Choice Pairs (any 2 of 3 sessions)	9:30am	1:30pm	7:30pm	
Afternoon Side Game Series (3rd of 5 sessions)			1:30pm	7:30pm
Acapulco KO (Soloway)—3 & 4		1:30pm	7:30pm	
Stratified Swiss Teams (2 sessions)		1:30pm	7:30pm	
Evening Side Game Series (4th of 6 sessions)			7:30pm	

Friday, November 8

Morning Side Game Series (4th of 5 sessions)		9:30am	1:30pm	7:30pm
Choice Pairs (any 2 of 3 sessions)	9:30am	1:30pm	7:30pm	
Afternoon Side Game Series (4th of 5 sessions)			1:30pm	7:30pm
Cancun KO (Soloway)—1 & 2		1:30pm	7:30pm	
Evening Side Game Series (5th of 6 sessions)			7:30pm	
Friday Single Session Swiss			7:30pm	

Saturday, November 9

Morning Side Game Series (5th of 5 sessions)		9:30am	1:30pm	7:30pm
Choice Pairs (any 2 of 3 sessions)	9:30am	1:30pm	7:30pm	
Afternoon Side Game Series (5th of 5 sessions)			1:30pm	7:30pm
Cancun KO (Soloway)—3 & 4		1:30pm	7:30pm	
Stratified Swiss Teams (2 sessions)		1:30pm	7:30pm	
Evening Side Game Series (6th of 6 sessions)			7:30pm	

Sunday, November 10

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams (lunch between sessions)		10:00am and TBD
Fast Open Pairs (2 sessions, lunch not included)		10:00am and 1:00pm

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Stratifications:

Choice/Open Pairs: A: 3000+ B: 1000-3000 C: 0-1000

Side Games: A: 2500+ B: 750-2500 C: 0-750

Stratified/Single Session Swiss:

A: 3000+ B: 1000-3000 C: 0-1000

Stratiflighted Swiss:

A: 6000+, X: 4000-6000, Y: 0-4000

B: 1250-3000, C: 750-1250, D: 0-750

(B/C/D plays separately; no player over 3000)

By Average Master Points

Entries per Session: USD \$15 ACBL Members
USD \$19 Unpaid ACBL Members
USD \$7.50 Junior Members

Sunday Swiss (2 Sessions): USD \$34 per Person
USD \$42 per Person Unpaid ACBL Members

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