



Max Levit Lone Star Regional *Houston*



Monday, February 3, 2025 Bulletin



President's Message

On behalf of Unit 174's Board of Directors, I extend a very warm Texas welcome to our tournament attendees. We are happy to have you participate in the Max Levit Lone Star Regional. We have many exciting bridge events planned for your enjoyment, and we hope that you find the games challenging and competitive.

We are pleased to have the ACBL President Margot Hennings in attendance, so please extend a warm welcome to her when you see her at your table and come to the Meet and Greets she has planned in the breakfast snack area in the main room on Wednesday and Friday.

Be sure to stop by the Hospitality Desk and pick up your Lone Star sticker, your welcome gift, your tournament labels, and your restaurant guide. Many of our area restaurants are looking

forward to greeting you with a discount and a smile!

We have all kinds of special treats in store, and excellent speakers too. February is the month of love, so show your opponents and your partners your love during this special week. I have been working on our named events, and it is amazing how many people have met their special someone over the bridge table.

Welcome to Houston, and
Welcome to the
MAX LEVIT
LONE STAR REGIONAL!

Sarah Springer
Unit 174 President



Today's Events

Dan Morse Charity Fund Pairs	10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.	Double Session
Vicky Castleberry 299er Pairs	10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.	Single Session
Jen & Jimmy Breihan Gold Rush Pairs	10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.	Double Session
Ken McAllister Bracketed Swiss Teams	10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.	Double Session
Evening Side Pairs	7:00 p.m.	Single Session

Speaker 2:00 p.m.

Defend with Me



Gary King

Gary King is a graduate of Texas A & M (A&M) with a degree in mechanical engineering. He is now a full-time bridge teacher and coach. Gary's parents and grandparents played bridge socially and taught him the basics. It was while attending A&M that his interest in bridge really took hold. There was a small student bridge

club, and the core players wanted to grow the number of players, so began Gary's teaching career.

Gary has been teaching bridge players of all levels since 1974. He spends most of his time working with students online to improve their game and favors team of four competitive duplicate play for enjoyment. Gary is a Diamond Life Master, a member of the ACBL Goodwill Committee and the recipient of the 2018 ACBL District 16 Teacher of the Year Award.



Shriners
Children's™

Charitable Donation

A \$1,200 donation will be made to the Shriners Hospitals for Children during the lunch break. Special thanks to all of the Unit 174 members that helped make this donation possible.

At Shriners Children's facilities, approximately 85% of all funds are dedicated to patient care, research and education. The Shriners work hard to make sure gifts are used in the most efficient and effective manner. They are committed to reaching as many children as possible, wherever they may live, and offering them unique, patient-centered, wraparound care. For most of its history, the healthcare system has been known as Shriners Hospitals for Children. These facilities emphasize

outpatient care, and some locations become clinics or outpatient centers. Since opening their first hospital in 1922, the Shriners have been devoted to providing high-quality specialty medical care to the children and families, regardless of their ability to pay or insurance status. After a century, their commitment hasn't changed – only expanded. The Shriners' three-part mission has one goal: to change and improve lives. They do this by caring for patients, conducting research to gain knowledge and develop new treatments, and providing educational opportunities for physicians and other healthcare professionals.

Hospitality

From the Marriott, breakfast assortment and for lunch a Tex-Mex Buffet.



Don't Forget the Great Future Life Master (FLM) Games This Week

Come and Play!

FLM DAY



Tuesday - FEB 4

Saturday - FEB 8

FLM Games:

Tues, Feb 4	0-99 Pairs	10:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m.
Sat, Feb 8	0-99 Pairs	10:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m.

COUPON

*Come to the FLM Table and
get your coupon good for 1
Free Play on FLM Tuesday or
FLM Saturday.
Look for the Red balloons!*

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MAX LEVIT
LONE STAR REGIONAL

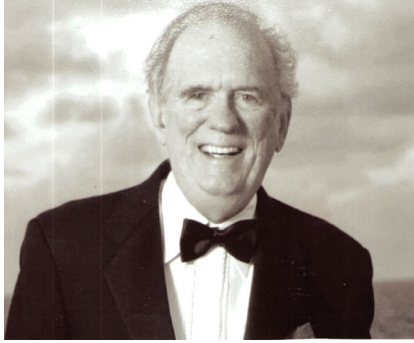
Max Levit was the epitome of kindness, love, and integrity. He lived simply, yet his life was rich with passion and joy. To know Max was to experience a rare warmth – a genuine interest in others that made everyone feel like the most important person in the room. His motto, “work hard, be nice, have fun,” perfectly captured his essence. He approached every aspect of life with this straightforward, yet powerful, philosophy.

One of Max’s greatest joys was playing bridge, a game he learned as a child from his father. His father, with a smile, had told him that bridge was “the most fun you could have with your clothes on.” Max certainly agreed, and his love for the game led him to achieve the esteemed rank of Sapphire Life Master. It wasn’t just the game itself that brought him joy, but the people and the camaraderie that came with it.

Max’s infectious humor, warm heart, and zest for life lit up every room he entered. His presence was a gift, and he left this world as he lived – surrounded by love. Though Max is no longer with us, his spirit will remain in the hearts of everyone who was lucky enough to know him. He will never, ever be forgotten.

CONTRIBUTOR: Barbara Morse

MONDAY'S EVENTS HONOREES



DAN MORSE CHARITY FUND PAIRS

Dan served the membership of the ACBL as District 16 Director on the ACBL Board of Directors. He chaired many ACBL committees and was also a former ACBL President.

In addition, Dan served as president of Unit 174 in 1970 and District 16 president

in 1982 and 1990.

Dan was a world-class bridge player with many national wins to his credit. He won 12 North American Bridge Championships and was also runner up for 10 North

American Bridge Championships.

Dan served as a delegate on the World Bridge Federation Executive Council from 1996-2010 and was president of the federation in 2008.

Internationally known and respected, Dan was a non-playing captain of many world champion teams, most notably the team that won the Bermuda Bowl in 1976 and again in 1987.

CONTRIBUTOR: Barbara Morse



VICKY CASTLEBERRY 299er PAIRS

Vicky Castleberry passed away on February 15, 2022. She was a dynamo of

energy and activity, and she nourished a wide range of close friends.

Vicky was known for her beauty, elegance, outgoing personality and her very strong faith. She started playing bridge when she moved to Houston in 1982.

Vicky loved duplicate bridge and was a Silver Life Master heading towards gold. She enjoyed traveling and playing in many tournaments. Vicky loved the game and was as fierce and fair a competitor as she was a friend.

CONTRIBUTOR: Susan Silvery



**JIMMY & JENNIFER BREIHAN
GOLD RUSH PAIRS**

Jimmy and Jennifer Breihan are an awesome duo: two treasures in our bridge community.

Jimmy is an outstanding pro with numerous students, regular and non-regular. He is a Diamond Life Master with over

7273 masterpoints. Jimmy is a great role model, always amenable at the table, and also is very generous with advice when asked.

Jennifer is a Silver Life Master with over 1400 masterpoints. She is very friendly and at the same time an excellent game director. Jennifer is very organized at setting up games and is a very fair and knowledgeable director.

Both Jennifer and Jimmy are held in high esteem and beloved by all. We thank you both for all you do!

CONTRIBUTORS: Marilyn Leiman, Laura Lee Jones, Patti Mullendorf, Peaches Eads



**KEN McALLISTER
BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS**

Ken passed away on July 12, 2024. He had an interesting 85-year life. Ken grew up in the Pacific Northwest. He was active at church and enjoyed many hobbies including bowling, golf, traveling and of course bridge. He loved talking about

playing against Mr. Jacoby as he referred to him. He earned his Life Master in 1985 and was a Gold Life Master when he passed.

After he was widowed, Ken met Phyllis Kuchta at the Clear Lake Bridge Club (CLBC) and they became life partners for the next 20 years. Ken and Phyllis traveled, played bridge at CLBC and welcomed new bridge players.

Ken had many long-time partners at CLBC and his presence and steady guidance as a mentor is missed. What a player!

CONTRIBUTOR: Clear Lake Bridge Club