

**UNIT 174  
EVENTS & CLASSES  
September - 2017**



**Unit 174 Member,**

**At the time of this writing, we have heard of several clubs, teachers and unit members that have been affected by Hurricane Harvey. So, as we move into September, please check to insure the game or class you are interested in attending is indeed happening.**

**Your Unit 174 board and volunteers will do their best to keep up with openings and closures on our Unit website. That said, to see "most" of what is going on in the bridge community, please go to: [www.acblunit174.org](http://www.acblunit174.org).**

**Hope to see you soon at the bridge table!!!**

**Lauri Laufman, Editor**

**EVENTS**

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**OCTOBER SECTIONAL**

**Friday, October 27 - Sunday, October 29**

**Special Location, Special Start Times:**

**Hilton Hotel Houston North**

**12400 Greenspoint Drive, Houston, TX 77060**

**866-577-1154 (\$92 per night - until Oct 11)**

**ALL days...Morning Session @ 10:30am**

**Fri-Sat Afternoon Session @ 3:30pm**

**Sunday 10:30am and TBA**

**(Lunch Served on Sunday)**

**Casino Party - Saturday Evening (7-10pm)**

**\$5 "Buy In" Includes: Casino Cash and "Light" Dinner  
Cash Bar Available**

**Great Speakers (3pm)**

**Fri: Daniel Jackson: "Free Stuff"**

**Sat: Gary King: "Inferences in Bridge"**

More info: <http://www.acblunit174.org/Flyers/OctSect2017.pdf>

## **NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS**

**\*Those that qualified on the club level can play on the Unit Level\***

**Unit Qualifiers will be held at BCoH**

**Flight B - Saturday October 14**

**Flights A & C - Sunday October 15**

**Entry Fee \$40/pair (Lunch not provided)**

Further info: [http://www.acblunit174.org/Flyers/NAP\\_2018.pdf](http://www.acblunit174.org/Flyers/NAP_2018.pdf)

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!**

*As a couple of clubs were affected by Hurricane Harvey, please check our unit website (home page) or the club in question.*

### **BRIDGE CLUB OF HOUSTON (BCOH)**

**Opportunity for New Players**

**Bridge+ game @ 10am Every Tuesday**

**Sanctioned Game--\$5 Table Fee - 0-20 Masterpoints**

**30-minute lesson by Julie Halperin, Certified Teacher @ 9:15am**

**September 4 - Hot Diggity Dog Day**

**Hot Dogs @11 am--Bring Sides**

**Game@11:55am (Reservations Required)**

**September 7-10 - 299r Tournament**

**Thursday - Saturday - Pairs 10:00 and 2:00**

**Sunday - Swiss Teams (One Session) 1:00**

**More info:**

[http://www.acblunit174.org/Flyers/BCOH\\_299r\\_September\\_2017.pdf](http://www.acblunit174.org/Flyers/BCOH_299r_September_2017.pdf)

**September 14 - Daytime Mentor/Mentee Game**

**September 18- Nighttime Mentor/Mentee Game**

**September 28 - Swiss Team "8 is Enough"**

**October 9 - Beverley's 80th Birthday Party, Meal at 11am, Game at 11:55am. Reservation required.**

**October 14-15 - NAP Unit Qualifying**

**October 16-22 - STAC Week**

### **CLEAR LAKE BRIDGE CLUB**

**September 16 - Open House 10 am - 1:30 pm**

**Drop by for snacks, play a few hands of mini-bridge---no experience necessary, talk with instructors or experienced players, find out differences between "party bridge" and duplicate bridge, learn about classes and opportunities to practice in our community, or stay to watch a duplicate game at 1PM or later. All are welcome. No charge.**

## ***FORT BEND COUNTY DUPLICATE BRIDGE***

*(Formerly Sugar Land Duplicate Bridge Club)*

Open game Mondays 10:30am (except holidays)- Rosenberg  
Civic Center  
3825 Hwy 36 South, Rosenberg, TX 77471

Open game Tuesdays 9am--First Colony Community Center  
3232 Austin Parkway, Sugar Land Texas 77479  
**September 12** - Club Championship Tuesday

CLASSES on Defense from the ACBL Bridge Series  
Begin 11AM in Richmond, TX the first Thursday after Labor  
Day  
Supervised Bridge during the summer.

*Please call or email in advance for games and classes.*

ALL games through 2017 are \$5 per person for members of  
ACBL.

Hand records are provided at the end of every game.

Eric Watson, Owner/Director  
[ewat2004@aol.com](mailto:ewat2004@aol.com) 832-287-9107  
ACBL Certified Club Director since 2009  
ACBL Teacher Accreditation Program (TAP) 2013

## ***KINGWOOD DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB***

All games are International Fund in September.

**Sept 6, 13, 20, 27** - International Fund Game

## ***SOUTHWEST DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB (MERFISH)***

*\*Check unit website for update and/or location change\**

## ***SPRING BRANCH DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB (SOSA)***

**September 14** - 25th Anniversary Party - 11:30AM  
Come Celebrate! Sandwiches, cake and soda will be  
provided

by Club Manager, Judith Hoffing.  
Chips, dips and any other food is appreciated.

## ***WESTSIDE BRIDGE ACADEMY (WBA)***

*Westside is diligently working on re-opening at time of*

*posting.*

*Please check WBA or our unit website for updates.*

*Starting in September, WBA is making the following changes:*

The Saturday game is moving from 1:00pm to 2:00pm.

We will offer a 299er game at 2:00pm.

We are adding a fast pairs game on Saturdays at 10:00am.

At 5 minutes per board, the game should finish in about 2 hours and 15 minutes, leaving plenty of time for lunch and play at 2:00pm.

The 299er game on Tuesdays and the 0-20 game on Sundays have been cancelled due to lack of attendance.

Prior to the Sunday evening Swiss game, WBA will provide Firehouse Subs, Chips, and Cookies around 5pm. Snacks and side dishes are always welcome. The entry fee will be \$10.

**September 4: WBA Labor Day Party**  
*(Cancelled)*

**September 17:** WBA will host a free mini bridge party at 1:00pm!!

If you have any family, friends or kids who might be interested in learning about bridge this is a great way to get them introduced to the game we all love!! Come on out and help make it a great success!!

WBA **Mentor-Mentee** games for **September** are on Wednesday morning the **13th** at 10:30am and Tuesday evening the **26nd** at 7pm.  
Pair entry \$15

**September 21-24: 499er Tournament**

Thursday - Friday - Pairs - 10:30 and 3:00

Saturday - Pairs - 10:00 and 2:00

Sunday - Swiss Teams - 10:00 and TBA

More info: [http://westsidebridgeacademy.com/Flyers/499r\\_Flyer.pdf](http://westsidebridgeacademy.com/Flyers/499r_Flyer.pdf)

WBA's **8 is Enough** team game will be held on Friday, **September 15**, so get your teams together and come out and play! Call Jimmy at 713-412-4678 or email him at [jimmybreihan@comcast.net](mailto:jimmybreihan@comcast.net) and let him know if you plan on attending or if you need help getting a team together.

WBA has supervised play available on Tuesdays from 2pm-4:30pm by Terry Currie and Tom Jahnke and Thursdays starting at 10:30am by Kay Johnson.

WBA has a 0-20 game Wednesday evenings at 7pm with a free mini lecture about 20 minutes before game time.

For WBA's full schedule, please visit:  
[www.westsidebridgeacademy.com](http://www.westsidebridgeacademy.com).

## CLASSES

### ***BRIDGE CLUB OF HOUSTON***

**Julie Halpern**, Gold Life Master and ACBL Accredited Teacher

#### **Beginning Bridge**

Saturday mornings 9-11

12 Lessons: **Sept 9, 16, 23, Oct 7,21,28 Nov 4, 11, 18, 25, Dec 2, 9**

Cost- \$150 plus texts (Bridge Basics 1,2,and 3 by Audrey Grant)

Pre-register with Julie: [brdgplyr2011@hotmail.com](mailto:brdgplyr2011@hotmail.com)  
936-890-1956 or cell 713-857-8004

**Barbara Phillips**, Sapphire Life Master & Club Director

"Fourth Monday" with Barbara Phillips

**Sept 25, 9-11:30**

This month's topics include: "What is an End Play? How do I get an opponent to lead a helpful suit for me?"

### ***CLEAR LAKE BRIDGE CLUB***

**Dave Glandorf**, 2016 ACBL District 16 Teacher of the Year

**Bridge 100BL:** Every Sunday and Tuesday 2:00 - 5:00

Fee - \$8 per session. No advance registration needed.

These are informal "Bridge Lab" courses. They are pay-as-you-go practice courses in a monitored rubber bridge type of environment. Students may ask questions of a monitor during or after the bidding or play.

Register by **September 2** to receive a \$25 tuition discount on the following three courses.

**Bridge 110:** Wednesdays 2:00 - 5:00, **Sep 13 - Nov 29, (not Nov 8 or 22)**

Tuition - \$150, Materials - \$20

This is a 10-week class on the 2/1 Game Force approach to bidding.

**Bridge 130:** Mondays 2:00 - 5:00, **Sep 11 - Oct 2**

Tuition - \$75, Materials - \$10

This is a 4-week short course on defensive card play.

**Bridge 130:** Mondays 6:45 - 9:45pm, **Sep 11 - Oct 2**

Tuition - \$75, Materials - \$10

This is a 4-week short course on defensive card play (different time).

Contact Dave Glandorf for more information:

drglandorf@sbcglobal.net 281-488-6318 (home) or 713-628-0030 (cell)

Also: 2013 ABTA Master Point Press Teacher of the Year, ABTA Master Teacher

**Patricia Harley**, ACBL Accredited Teacher

Courses to be taught primarily by Pat:

*For the Friendswood ISD as part of their adult education program:*

**Beginning Bridge BB01** Th 6:30-9 pm **Sept 21 - Nov 16**

Learn the basics of contract bridge—bidding, play of the hand and scoring. This 8-week course is designed for beginners and those who have not played bridge for years. A relaxed and fun way to learn bridge by playing with cards on the table not blackboards and lectures. Topics include opening bid and responses; planning the play; and the two most popular conventions—Stayman and Jacoby Transfers. You will be purchasing 2 books in the Audrey Grant's Bridge Basics series for (\$14 total) in addition to the cost of the class. No class on November 9

**Bridge Intermediate BI02** M 10 am-12:30 pm **Sept 18 - Nov 13**

Learn intermediate topics of contract bridge—competitive bidding and slam bidding. This 8-week course is designed for players with some experience. Topics include Weak-2 bids, preemptive bidding, overcalls, doubles, strong opening bids, and the two popular slam bidding conventions—Blackwood and Gerber. You will be purchasing a book in the Audrey Grant's Bridge Basics series for (\$7) in addition to the cost of the class. No class on November 6

**Bridge Supervised Play BS01** W 6:30-9 pm **Sept 20 - Nov 15**

A mini-lesson (15 to 20 minutes) is followed by supervised play. You play a minimum of eight hands each week, with ample time for analysis and discussion. There will be a focus on planning and counting. An optional Bridge at a Glance booklet is available for \$5.

T Boyd will assist with this class. No class on November 8



Contact Pat Harley for more information:  
[mjpatriciaharley@yahoo.com](mailto:mjpatriciaharley@yahoo.com) 281-326-2972

*At the Clear Lake Bridge Club - a series of 4 "Saturday Specials":*

### **Open House**

Saturday, **Sept 16** 10 am to 1:30 pm.

Drop by for snacks, play a few hands of mini-bridge---no experience necessary, talk with instructors or experienced players, find out differences between "party bridge" and duplicate bridge, learn about classes and opportunities to practice in our community, or stay to watch a duplicate game at 1PM or later.

All are welcome. No charge.

### **Learn Modern Notrump Bidding.**

Saturday, **Sept 30** 10 am to 2:00pm

Includes the Stayman Convention and Jacoby Transfers. This is the perfect class for "party bridge" players wanting to make the transition to duplicate bridge.

Cost \$15 per person or \$25 for two. Materials included.

### **Getting to Game**

Saturday, **Oct 14** 10 am to 2:00pm

The class covers methods to help you get to makeable major suit games. We will cover a variety major suit raises including simple raise, limit raise, weak freak raises, Jacoby 2 NT.

Cost \$15 per person or \$25 for two.

### **Some Slam Bidding Methods**

Saturday, **Oct 14** 10 am to 2:00pm

The class covers methods to help you get to makeable slams --- and keep you out of non-makeable slams. Covers Blackwood, Gerber and control showing bids.

Cost \$15 per person or \$25 for two.

## **GARY KING**

Ever considered private instruction? Interested in improving your game? Consider private lessons for your group of four. He can meet at your house and work on the topics that are the most important to you. Great for two partnerships. Gary can work with groups of 3, 4 or even 5 people. He now has daytime slots available. Send Gary an email and the details can be discussed at [houstonbridge@gmail.com](mailto:houstonbridge@gmail.com).

**ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL BRIDGE SCHOOL**  
(Corner of Woodway at Sage)

### **Competitive Bidding**

Tuesdays 10-12 am **Sept 12, 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, (off 17), 24**  
Competitive bidding covers the information needed when both partnerships are bidding during the auction. Players want to get to the best contract but also want to make it difficult for the opponents to reach their best spot. This class introduces innovative methods of hand valuation and the bids that experts use in competitive situations. Preemptive bids at the 2 and 3 level and responses, take out doubles and advances, and overcalls and advances are taught.

### **Beginning Bridge**

Tuesdays 1-3 pm **Sept 12, 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, (off 17), 24**  
Never played bridge before? Did you play bridge 20 or 30 years ago and want to learn modern methods of bidding and hand evaluation? This is the class for you! Have friends who would like to learn the game? Please let them know!

Classes taught by ABTA's Teacher of the Year finalist, Joyce Ryan assisted by Ann Harvey. Please contact Joyce Ryan at [jryan9620@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jryan9620@sbcglobal.net) / 713-977-3360.

## ***SUGAR LAND DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB***

Supervised play every Thursday (in Richmond) will be offered until Labor Day, using pre-dealt hands from the ACBL Series. Bridge classes will resume after Labor Day beginning on Thursday, **September 7**..."Defense" from the ACBL Series. Suggested donation \$5 per class. 11am--bring a sandwich / light snacks provided.

For exact location & more information, contact:  
Eric Watson, Owner/Director/Teacher  
Sugar Land Duplicate Bridge Club  
[ewat2004@aol.com](mailto:ewat2004@aol.com) / 832-287-9107

## ***WESTSIDE BRIDGE ACADEMY (WBA)***

### **Shawn Quinn**

#### **Supercharge your 2/1 game!**

Class is held Thursday mornings from 9:30-10:15, just before the morning game.

Each class is independent--you can come for one or all. No reservations required. You will learn plenty; it will be well worth the time and money!

The cost is \$15/class.

### **Gary King**

#### **Conventions in Depth**

Saturday Mornings 10-12 4 Lessons: **Sept 30, Oct 7, 14, 21**  
A class series designed for those trying to add the popular conventions to their bidding arsenal. Learn to play them correctly from the start!

\$100 per person



Pre-registration re

@gmail.com

**Tom Jahnke**




**Advanced Beginner**

**r - Leads and**

**Signals**

Thursday, **Sept 7** 1-4 pm

"After your side has lost the auction, the contest is only half over. Now you have the opportunity to defeat the contract through good defense.  This can happen on about half of all deals." - ACBL

Ever wonder how those A players figure out how to do this? There are methods and strategies you can learn!

Class prerequisites: 6 month playing experience, 10+ duplicate sessions, beginner class completion

To register, email Tom Jahnke at [tomtom211@yahoo.com](mailto:tomtom211@yahoo.com)

*We cannot change the cards we are dealt, just how we play the hand.*

*- Randy Pausch*