

**UNIT 174
EVENTS & CLASSES
January - 2018**



Dear Member-

Happy New Year. Unit 174 has a lot in store for January.

In addition to featuring our Lone Star Regional which is quickly approaching, we welcome 2 additional club's information into this issue, and many new course offerings.

For additional events, updates and news throughout the month remember to check out your Unit 174 website regularly:

www.acblunit174.org.

May your 2018 be filled with all things wonderful in life and in bridge!

Lauri Laufman, Editor

UNIT EVENTS

- INK THIS INTO YOUR NEW YEAR! -

2018 LONE STAR REGIONAL

January 29 - February 4, 2018

Marriott Houston Westchase

SPECIAL GAMES & EVENTS - DOOR PRIZES - GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES

Introducing: Joyce Ryan's 0-5 Masterpoint Game

Wednesday Jan 31 10:00 and 2:30pm - play one or both sessions

Joyce will be your director so it's going to be fun!

(Spread the word, partner guaranteed if needed!)

Fabulous Speaker Line-Up

*Mon, Jan 29: Gary King * Tues, Jan 30: Janice Seamon-Molson*

*Wed, Jan 31: Mike Passell * Thurs, Feb 1: Carolyn Fox*

*Fri, Feb 2: Shawn Quinn * Sat, Feb 3: Sylvia Shi & Daniel Korbel*

BIG TEXAN LEASE-LAIRD CHAMPIONSHIP PAIR GAME

Featuring RAMPED UP POINTS and CASH PRIZES!!

\$1000 for 1st place and \$500 for 2nd place pairs!

"Meet the President" - Thursday, Feb 1
Reception for ACBL President Jay Whipple

Teacher Appreciation Day - Friday, Feb 2
District 16 Teacher of the Year - Announced!
Hot dogs and cake will be served

Prior to the Tournament:

Club Director's Course - Jan 27- 29

This course prepares candidates for directing club and bridge cruise games.

Course: Fri-Sat 12-9pm, Exam: Sun 9am - Registration Fee: \$50

Contact: Bill Riley ichibanbill@yahoo.com [832-289-3833](tel:832-289-3833)

To View LSR Flyer and Schedule: [Click Here](#)

Grand National Teams (GNT)

GNT Unit Qualifying Games for Flights B and C

BCoH at noon - January 27, February 24
Clear Lake at 1pm - January 14, February 18
WBA at 6 pm - January 7, January 28, February 11

Although these team games may be open, only teams with B (0-2500), and C (0-500 Non-Life Masters) players can qualify during the unit qualifiers.

Flight A teams (0-6000) will qualify at the district level during the Election Sectional

AT THE CLUBS

--- AROUND THE UNIT ---

Please help us welcome both La Grange and Lone Star (Conroe) Bridge Clubs into our Unit Section this month

BRIDGE CLUB OF HOUSTON (BCOH)

Opportunity for New Players
Bridge+ game @ 10:30am Every Tuesday
Sanctioned Game--\$5 Table Fee - 0-20 Masterpoints
30-minute lesson by Julie Halperin, Certified Teacher @ 9:45am

Monday, January 1st - NEW YEAR'S DAY PARTY
Pot Luck Meal @ 11am, Game @ 11:55am
Reservations are Required

Thursday, January 4th - Daytime Mentor/Mentee Game

Sunday, January 7th - Mini Bridge

Monday, January 15th - Nighttime Mentor/Mentee Game

**Saturday, January 20th - Membership Meeting
11:45am Election of BCOH Board Members
12:00 noon Open Pairs Game**

Thursday, January 25 - Swiss Team 8 is Enough

Saturday, January 27 - GNT Qualifying Game

February 15th thru 18th - 299r Tournament (See Flyer)

CLEAR LAKE BRIDGE CLUB

The Clear Lake Bridge Club has regular bridge games every day.

During the week there are beginner games on Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 am, and on Monday and Wednesday at 2:00 pm.

Regular games are Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:00 am, Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm, and on Thursday Afternoon at 2:00 pm.

Weekend games are on Saturday at 1:00 pm, and there is a team game on Sunday at 1:00 pm.

Sunday, January 14 - GNT Qualifying Game 1pm

FORT BEND COUNTY DUPLICATE BRIDGE

(Formerly Sugar Land Duplicate Bridge Club)

Bridge Pads Coming in 2018

Junior Fund January 2018

**Mondays 10:15am - Open game - Rosenberg Civic Center
3825 Hwy 36 South, Rosenberg, TX 77471
Free coffee, lite snacks provided**

**Tuesdays 9am- Open game - First Colony Community Center
3232 Austin Parkway, Sugar Land, TX 77479**

Thursdays - Classes on Defense 11am in Richmond

Please call or email in advance for games and classes.
ALL games through 2018 are \$6 per person for members of ACBL.

Hand records are provided at the end of every game.

Questions? Contact Eric Watson
Owner, Manager Director and Teacher
ewat2004@aol.com [832-287-9107](tel:832-287-9107)

LA GRANGE BRIDGE CLUB

Frisch Auf Valley Country Club, 575 Country Club Drive
La Grange, TX 78945

Games are held 1st and 3rd Wednesday - 1:00 pm

Contacts for further information/reservations:
Darlene Gilmore - dcgilmore01@gmail.com - [\(512\) 304-8727](tel:512-304-8727)

Carol Helms - cphelms@cvctx.com or

LONE STAR BRIDGE CLUB (LSBC)

Lone Star Bridge Club will hold games at the St. Paul
United Methodist Church, 1100 W. Semands Street,
Conroe, Texas 77301.

Regular games will start on January 15, 2018

Two Games Weekly: [Mondays at 11:55 am](#) and [Thursdays at 10:30am](#)

Free Lesson by DLM Jeff Kroll every Thursday at 9:30 AM

Closed during week of LSR (Houston Regional)

Grand Opening Celebration - [February 19](#)

For information/reservations, please contact:
Mary McDonald - maryemcdonald22@yahoo.com - [936-890-8593](tel:936-890-8593)

Jody Henry - jody1614@gmail.com - [936-355-1243](tel:936-355-1243)

SOUTHWEST DBC (JCC)

[Tuesday January 16](#) - Games return to
MERFISH YOUTH CENTER, 9000 S Rice Blvd
which has now been completely refurbished

Cost is \$3.00 for all games except STAC.
Games are on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, at 10:30am.

We will be [closed Jan 29-Feb 4](#) during the Lone Star
Regional.

WESTSIDE BRIDGE ACADEMY (WBA)

GNT Qualifier Dates: Jan 7, Jan 28, Feb 11 at 6:00pm

These games award half red and half black points at FULL sectional rating. *Although these team games are open to all, only teams with B (0-2500), and C (0-500 Non-Life Masters) players can qualify during these games.*

WBA will be **closed Jan 29th-Feb 4th** during the Houston Regional.

Tuesday January 9 - Inter-club championship - 10:30am

Wednesday January 27 - Kathy Hughes Gold Life Master Party 7pm Congratulations Kathy! Come out and help her celebrate.

WBA **Mentor-Mentee** games for **January** are on Wednesday morning the **10th** at 10:30am and Tuesday evening the **23rd** at 7pm.
Pair entry \$15

WBA's **8 is Enough** team game will be held on Friday **January 19**.

Contact Jimmy at **[713-412-4678](tel:713-412-4678)** or **jimmybreihan@comcast.net** to let him know if you plan on attending or need help getting a team together.

WBA has supervised play available on Tuesdays at 2:15pm with Terry Currie and Tom Jahnke and Thursdays at 10:30am with Kay Johnson.

For WBA's full schedule, please visit:
www.westsidebridgeacademy.com

CLASSES

BRIDGE CLUB OF HOUSTON

Julie Halperin

2/1 Game Force: Wednesdays **Feb 7, 14, 21, 28, March 7**
2:15- 4:15pm

This 5-week course covers the transition from Standard American to 2/1 Game Force

Cost: \$75 plus Audrey Grant text

For more information and to pre-register:

brdgplyr2011@hotmail.com **[936-890-1956](tel:936-890-1956)** or **[713-857-8004](tel:713-857-8004)**

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Barbara Phillips

Beginning Bridge Lessons Saturday mornings 9:00-11:30 am. [January 20, 27, Feb 10,17, 24, March 3,10, 17, April 7, 14](#)

Cost of 8 week class: \$175 includes two books (providing 8 student minimum)

For more information and to pre-register: Contact BCOH

CLEAR LAKE BRIDGE CLUB

Dave Glandorf

Bridge 100BL: Every Sunday and Tuesday, 2-5pm (Not Jan 2)
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.

Bridge 100PB: Mondays 2-5pm, [Jan 8 - Apr 16](#) (not Jan 29 or Apr 9)

Tuition - \$175, Materials - \$21

This 13-week practice play course involves 8 set-up practice deals each week.

Bridge 100B: Mondays 6:45-9:45pm, [Jan 8 - Apr 16](#) (not Jan 29 or Apr 9)

Tuition - \$175, Materials - \$35

This 13-week beginner course is an introduction to Bridge with emphasis on card play.

Bridge 101A: Wednesdays 2-5pm, [Jan 10 - Apr 18](#) (not Jan 31 or Apr 11)

Tuition - \$175, Materials - \$35

This 13-week beginner course is the first in a series of two courses covering the basics of bidding.

Bridge 100PA: Thursdays 9am-12pm, [Jan 11-Apr 19](#) (not Feb 1 or Apr 12)

Tuition - \$175, Materials - \$21

This 13-week practice play course involves 8 set-up practice deals each week.

Bridge 101B: Thursdays 2-5pm, [Jan 11-Apr 19](#) (not Feb 1 or Apr 12)

Tuition - \$175, Materials - \$33

This 13-week beginner course is the second in a series of two courses covering the basics of bidding.

Contact Dave Glandorf for more information:

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

Patricia Harley

Bridge Intermediate: Thursdays 6-9pm, [Jan 4 - Mar 1](#) (not Feb 1)

Tuition - \$65, Materials - \$12

This 8-week class covers competitive bidding, strong opening bids and slam bidding.

Contact Patricia Harley for more information:

mjpatriciaharley@yahoo.com [281-326-2972](tel:281-326-2972)

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

Mondays 1-4pm Ongoing supervised play session with Joyce Ryan, Vic Sitton, Maureen Wittels, and Ann Harvey
This is the perfect class for those who already play bridge, but would like a little help sharpening their skills.
Fee: \$10 per class

Tuesdays [January 2, 9, 16, 23](#) 10am - 12pm

Improving Your Judgment: Opening the Bidding

Opening bids at the first and second seat using additional guidelines; opening the bidding in the third and fourth seats with borderline hands. Responding to bids in the third and fourth chairs. Obstructive opening bids using guidelines of 500; improving your judgment on obstructive bids. Strong opening bids with balanced and unbalanced hands.

Tuesdays 1pm - 3pm

Play of the Hand

The class will focus on play techniques including counting losers/winners, promotion, long-suit development, finesses, trump management, managing entries and more. We will review basic bidding including opening bids of no trump, major suits and minor suits as well introducing overcalls and take out doubles. You will play 8 hands each session practicing play techniques.

To enroll go to smartinsepiscopal.org and click on the magnifying glass upper right. Follow prompts.

Questions: jryan9620@sbcglobal.net [713-301-0624](tel:713-301-0624)

WESTSIDE BRIDGE ACADEMY (WBA)

Web link with more info about each course offering: [Click Here](#)

Terry Currie

Beginning Bridge: Mondays [Jan 8, 15, 22, 29, Feb 7, 12, 19, 26](#) 2-4pm

Beginning Bridge: Mondays [Mar 12, 19, 26, Apr 2, 9, 16, 23,](#)

30 2-4pm

This is a comprehensive class that explains the fundamentals in terms everyone can understand! When you finish this class, you will have all the knowledge you need to play in your social group or in beginning duplicate games!

Defense: Wednesdays **Jan 10,17, 24, Feb 7, 14, 21, 28, March 7** 2-4pm

This course covers techniques for defeating contracts and guidelines for handling specific situations on defense such as opening leads, second hand play, & third hand play. Also covered defensive signals, developing defensive tricks, interfering with declarer and negative doubles.

Play of the Hand: Thursdays **Jan 11, 18, 25, Feb 8, 15, 22, Mar 1** 2-4pm

Lessons covered include planning the play, developing tricks via promotion & length, the simple finesse, ruffing and discarding losers, managing entries and trump suits, loser on loser plays, playing a cross ruff, preemptive bidding and the Jacoby transfer.

Fee: \$150 for each of the above courses

Pre-registration required so materials can be prepared.

To register: tcurrie1@comcast.net

Gary King

Learn to Play Bridge: Saturdays **Feb 10,17,24, Mar 3,10,17,24,31** 10-noon

Never played before? Played years ago but desire to get back to the game? Just started playing but have never taken any formal instruction?

Fee: \$150 for the 8-week course includes all class materials

Card Play Technique: Wednesdays **Feb 7,14,21,28,Mar 7,14,21,28** 7-9pm

Whether you are declarer or on defense, the proper handling of the cards is critical to success. Learn how top players think about a bridge hand and how to play the cards to get the maximum tricks possible.

Not for the novice player. You will need to have had some time at the table to get the most out of this class. **NO PARTNER IS NECESSARY!**

Fee: \$200 for the 8-week course includes all class materials

Supervised Group Study: Saturdays **April 7, 14, 21, 28** 10am-noon

Great class to take with a regular partner, but not required. This is a test first and then analyze class. You will bid and play a hand and then we will dissect it as a group.

Fee: \$100 per person

Doubles, Doubles, Doubles: Saturdays **May 26, June 2, 16, 23**
10am-noon

The double and redouble bids are under utilized by the majority of players. There are many conventional uses, but there are also many natural uses. This class will explore all of these including balancing doubles, penalty doubles, slam doubles, maximal doubles, and card-showing doubles

Fee: \$100 which includes all class materials

Pre-registration is required for each of the above courses.
For further information and to pre-register:
houstonbridge@gmail.com

Betty Starzec

Card Combinations Workshop: Saturday **January 13** 9:30-1:00

Learn the technically best percentage plays to win the most tricks possible as declarer and to use judgment on when to vary from the best technical play. Learn how to prepare for when suits do NOT break favorably, when to lead an honor and when to not squander an honor.

Learn the proper defense to score as many defensive tricks as you can.

Fee: \$55 including materials

Registration Required, Limited Class Size

To register: Lstarzec@comcast.net or [281-343-8687](tel:281-343-8687)

"Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right."

— Oprah Winfrey

