



## Unit 174 August 2023 Newsletter



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### **Contributors**

***Sam Khayatt & Jeff Kroll - Entry Management***

### **In Memoriam**

Please visit the Unit 174 [Website](#) to view additional information about the activities in our Unit and at our Clubs.



## President's Message

**Karen  
Nussbaum**

The fact that Bridge is a game is the first clue that it should be fun. Duplicate players play to win - we need those masterpoints! But it is still a game. Many well-known people have been bridge players and they have come up with wonderful quotes. I thought it might be fun to review some.

Warren Buffet was being esoteric when he said:

“The approach and strategies are very similar in that you gather all the information you can and then keep adding to that base of information as things develop. You do whatever the probabilities indicated based on the knowledge that you have at that time, but you are always willing to modify your behavior or your approach as you get new information. In Bridge, you behave in a way that gets the best from your partner. And in business, you behave in the way that gets the best from your managers and your employees.”

But on a lighter note, he also said:

“If I'm playing Bridge and a naked woman walks by, I don't even see her.”

His former long-time partner Bill Gates had a different approach:

“Bridge is the king of all card games. Bridge helps you think. It's a game you can play your entire life and keep getting better and better.”

Alfred Sheinwol is a well-known bridge player who also had a great sense of humor. His most famous comments about bridge are:

“Since the average person's small supply of politeness must last him all his life, he can't afford to waste it on bridge partners. “

“Years ago there were only two acceptable excuses for not leading the suit your partner had opened; having no cards in the suit, and sudden death. “

“Bridge is essentially a social game, but unfortunately it attracts a substantial number of antisocial people. Bridge is a great comfort in your old age. It also helps you get there faster. The real test of a Bridge player isn't in keeping out of trouble, but escaping once he is in! One advantage of bad bidding is that you get practice at playing atrocious contracts.”

I think we can relate to everything he said!

Woody Allen is known for saying:

“Having sex is like playing bridge. If you don't have a good partner you better have a good hand.”

And even George Burns chimed in with:

“Bridge is a game that separates the men from the boys. It also separates husbands and wives.”

And a very wise Florence Broadhurst (don't worry-I've never heard of her either) said:

“Life is like a game of bridge. Only a dummy puts all her cards on the table.”

Hope you are all staying out of the heat and are planning to play in our August 'double' tournament. It will be 4 days and runs from Thursday August 10<sup>th</sup> through Sunday August 13<sup>th</sup>. It is a regular sectional, and a regional for I/N players (a regional means **GOLD** points are awarded!).

And on a final note,

“A bad day at the bridge table is still better than cleaning house!”

Karen Nussbaum  
[Karenenuss@gmail.com](mailto:Karenenuss@gmail.com)



**New Members and Rank  
Advancement**

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## New Members

ACBL notifies us each month about the members new to our Unit and those who transferred into our Unit. Please welcome the following players to our Unit:

**New Members:** Patricia R Cowan, George W Edwards, Terry D Knab, Barbara L Moody, Susan Pinkerton, Ajay C Shah

**Transfers:** We had no members transfer this month.

***Welcome!***

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## Rank Advancements

Listed below are the Unit 174 Masterpoint Milestones reported by ACBL as of July 1, 2023. An explanation of ranks may be found on the [ACBL website](#).

### **Junior Master**

Mrs. Suanna H Debusk, Tamara R Fincher, James P Harris, Lesley Kellet, Larry Lawhorn, Karen Loonam, Steve Vandoorn

### **Club Master**

Veronica L Hines, Glen Petrick

### **Sectional Master**

Rajni Amin, Bob Canobbio, Amy Mannie, Edward P McKee

### **Regional Master**

Antoun Henri, Ms. Pene P Moore

### **NABC Master**

Betty J Friedman, Michael E Hanna, Mr. Robert D Lane

### **Life Master**

Phyllis Louderback, Ms. Sue L McCulley

### **Bronze Life Master**

Phyllis Louderback, Mr. Sadashiv G Pethe

### **Silver Life Master**

Mrs. Catherine B Brown, Mrs. Carol M McCord

### **Sapphire Life Master**

Timucin Erkoc, Mrs. Karen J Nimmons

**!!! Congratulations !!!**

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## Member Profile



**Charles Woody "Woody"**



BY **DEBBIE NASH**

Charles Woody was born in Marlow Oklahoma. It was the closest hospital to his hometown of Rush Springs. Due to his father's work in the oilfield he moved around to many "oil boom" towns in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming. In the 4th grade his family did an out of country move to Argentina for 2 years. His senior year of High School while his mother, father and sisters moved to Europe, he returned to his hometown of Rush Springs and lived with his aunt to finish his schooling.



**Charles Woody**  
"Woody"

After high school, Woody attended Oklahoma State University where he received a BS degree in accounting. It was in an evening trigonometry class his freshman year where he met the love of his life, Twyla. Winning a bet with a friend he began dating her. Woody and Twyla got married in their junior year on April 20, 1968. They have three children Lisa (husband Client Scott, Hayden and Shane, grandsons), Misty (husband Jared Felner , Rachel and Renee, granddaughters) and Gregory (wife Kelly, Avery, granddaughter).

Woody's first job was with Stanfield & O'Dell, CPA's as a junior accountant. From there he took a job in Houston as Tax Manager of a small public Oil and Gas (O&G) company, C&K Petroleum, Inc. Most of his career was as Controller of smaller O&G companies but he also worked in the Telephony, Healthcare, Entertainment and Distribution industries. Woody retired in January 2016.

Woody's love for bridge began 50 years ago. He became a member of both ACBL and Bridge Club of Houston (BCOH) on July 4<sup>th</sup> 2015 at the annual Hot Diggety Dog game. Little did he know that he would be cooking the hot dogs from that point forward. But that's Woody! His kindness and willingness to help wherever needed is one of his many wonderful qualities. Woody is serving a second term on the board of BCOH. He is a past president and now serves as the facility manager. He is also a game director at BCOH and during the pandemic spent numerous hours online directing, all voluntarily so people could play, and BCOH would benefit from his selfless service during a difficult time. Woody loves the game of bridge. He plays four or more times per week. He enjoys the social aspect and meeting/making new friends. When you come to BCOH there is no doubt that you will not get a friendly hello from Woody. He makes everyone feel welcome. Woody became a Life Master in December of 2022.

Woody and Twyla stay active with square dancing two to four nights per week. They are members of four Houston clubs as well are involved at the local and state level. They are members of Klein United Methodist Church. Woody and Twyla continue to travel to various places around the world on their "bucket list" and currently have four cruises booked over the next nine months.

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Debbie Nash is Vice President of the Bridge Club of Houston.



## Unit News

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## Unit 174 Charity Games: Bridging Hearts for a Cause



**Nancy Strohmer**  
**Unit 174 Charity**  
**Chair**

In the spirit of goodwill and giving back to the community, Unit 174 hosted a series of charity games in March.

We would like to extend our appreciation to the following clubs for their unwavering support and enthusiastic participation in the charity games:

- Apple (Houston)
- Apple II (Houston)
- Bridge Academy of West Houston
- Bridge Club of Houston
- Clear Lake Bridge Club
- Kingwood Duplicate Bridge Club
- Lake Conroe Duplicate Bridge Club
- Lone Star Bridge Club (Conroe)
- Pebble Creek Duplicate Bridge Club (College Station)
- Star Duplicate Bridge Club (College Station)

Through their collective efforts, \$1,102 was raised during the Unit 174 charity games. This amount will be combined with the proceeds from other charity games and will be donated to Unit 174's chosen charity, the **Houston Food Bank**.

The Houston Food Bank's noble mission of alleviating hunger and nourishing the less fortunate in our community resonates deeply with the spirit of bridge players. Together, we are bridging hearts and making a positive impact on the lives of those in need.



**Charles Dalton**  
**Unit 174**  
**Board Member**  
**&**  
**Membership**  
**Chair**

## **Unit 174 Membership: You can Help as a Volunteer**

The pandemic caused problems for the membership of ACBL and thus Unit 174. The Board of Directors of Unit 174 needs your help to solve the decrease in attendance at our club games and our tournaments. One means of solving this problem is a more active role from our unit's membership. This message is a *plea for your assistance* as members of Unit 174.

One possible solution to this problem is through the Membership Committee of our unit. The Membership Committee is a volunteer group which has the responsibility to communicate with our new members.

Our board of directors receives a monthly report from ACBL called the In/Out (I/O) Report. The I/O Report lists, among other things, all new and transferring members into our unit. Our board has the responsibility to make sure that the new members of Unit 174 are aware of the opportunities that are available to them as they become active members of our unit.

New members need to know where our clubs are located and when they meet and where and when our tournaments are held. They may also have other questions, such as the availability of bridge lessons or how to find a partner. It is important to recognize these new members and to answer their questions. *We need more volunteers* for the Membership Committee.

Our board of directors is a hard-working group who give numerous hours to make our unit successful. This is an opportunity for you to join the group

and also give back to our unit by volunteering for this service. It is estimated that the time commitment would be about *one hour per month*. Assignments about whom to contact will be made by me, the Membership Chair. Anyone who wants to volunteer or ask more about what it may entail should contact Charles Dalton by emailing [cdinc35@att.net](mailto:cdinc35@att.net)

## Coming Tournaments

Date	City	State	Unit	Category	Type
Aug 5-6	Austin	TX	207	Sectional	I/N
Aug 10-13	Houston	TX	174	Regional	I/N
Aug 10-13	Houston	TX	174	Sectional	Open
Aug 17-19	Beaumont	TX	201	Sectional	I/N
Aug 24-27	Mexico City	DF	173	Sectional	Local
Aug 30- Sep 4	Richardson	TX	176	Regional	Open
Sep 7-10	New <u>Braulfels</u>	TX	172	Regional	I/N
Sep 7-10	New <u>Braulfels</u>	TX	172	Sectional	Open
Sep 13-15	Denton	TX	183	Sectional	I/N
Sep 21-24	Houston	TX	174	Sectional	I/N
Sep 21-24	Austin	TX	207	Sectional	Open
Oct 5-7	Beaumont	TX	201	Sectional	Open
Oct 11-14	San Antonio	TX	172	Sectional	Open
Oct 13-15	Fort Worth	TX	183	Sectional	Open
Oct 16-22	D16	TX	All	Sectional	ROYAL <u>STaC</u>
Oct 27-29	Houston	TX	174	Regional	I/N
Oct 27-29	Houston	TX	174	Sectional	Open
Oct 30- Nov 5	Puerto Vallarta	JA	205	Regional	Open
Nov 6-12	Houston	TX	174	Sectional	<u>STaC</u>
Nov 16-19	Spring [Houston]	TX	174	Sectional	I/N
Dec 4-10	Houston	TX	174	Sectional	<u>STaC</u>

You can find tournament information by clicking [ACBL Tourneys](#).

## I/N NonLife Master Regional & Awesome August Sectional



# Houston Unit 174

## I/N NonLife Master Regional (Gold/Red) &

## Awesome August Sectional (Silver)

### Aug 10th - Aug 13th



### ARABIA SHRINE CENTER

10510 Harwin Dr,  
Houston, TX 77036



\$10 lunches will be available all 4 days

### Stratification

#### Open Pairs

A:3000+ X:750-3000 Y:0-750

#### Gold Rush Pairs

A:750-500 B: 200-500 D:0-200

#### Side Pairs

A:1500-3000 B: 750-1500 D:0-750

#### Bracketed Swiss

Brackets of 7-9 teams



### Playing Schedule

#### Thursday, Friday & Saturday, Aug 10-12

Stratified Open Pairs\* 10 & 2:30

**Gold Rush Pairs\*** 10 & 2:30

*\*Players may play one or both sessions*

Side Game (single session) 10 & 2:30

Bracketed Swiss 10 & 2:30

#### Sunday, Aug 13

Stratified Open Pairs (single session) 10 & TBD

Bracketed Swiss 10 & TBD

**Gold Rush Swiss** 10 & TBD

### Table Fees per Session

All Days: \$15 (\$4 more for lapsed members)

*Table Fees are cashless (credit card only)*

### Be Scent-sitive

*this is a fragrance-free tournament*

*No offensive odors*

### TOWNEPLACE SUITES by Marriott

10610 Westpark Dr, Houston, TX 77042

Call and ask for Anthony Imes to get 15% discount

(713) 893-1638

### Tournament Chairs

Sarah Springer

(281) 904 - 5791

sarahspringerbridge@gmail.com

Siraj Jiwani

idontplayalot174@gmail.com

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### Partnerships

Paddy Fiorino

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paddyfiorino@yahoo.com

### I/N Chair

Maria Turner

(832) 633-9433

jturner102@att.net

### Hospitality/Awards

Hallie Eads

(713) 569-7700

hallieeads@aol.com



### Guest Speakers - 2:00 Thursday, Friday & Saturday

**Thursday:** Joyce Ryan

*Tell Me What I'll Say*

**Friday:** Vinh Tran

*Spiral Raises*

**Saturday:** Gary King

*What Now?*

## 99er Nite Club

**THE 99ER NITE CLUB**

**GREAT PLAY, LESSONS & LOADS OF FUN!**

**And...It's Only for You, New Players!**

District 16 now has a BBO game just for the 0 to 99 player—  
**the "99er Nite Club"!**

**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 Nancy Strohmer at: [nastrohmer@yahoo.com](mailto:nastrohmer@yahoo.com)

## 199er Nite Club



**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 to 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 continue to receive payments for their participating players.

*Clubs must be signed up to participate, just like for the 99er NITE CLUB game.*

*Contact Nancy Strohmmer for details:  
nastrohmmer@yahoo.com*

*New Game in Town*



## Future Life Masters



 **Future Life Masters of Unit 174**  
[www.flm174.org](http://www.flm174.org)

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**Special Club Games**

◆ <b>Aug 20th at BAWH FLM 199ers</b> Arabella Shriners 10510 Harwin, Houston Game at 1:50 PM -> <b>NEW TIME</b> Snacks & Game \$5.00	◆ <b>Aug 26th at BCOH 299ers</b> 4688 Louetta Rd. Spring Potluck Lunch at 11:00/Game at Noon Lunch & Game \$10.00
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 **AWESOME AUGUST SECTIONAL  
AUG 10TH - 13TH  
749ers earn GOLD!!!**

See Unit website for Flyer and plan your games!  
[www.ACBLunit174.org](http://www.ACBLunit174.org)

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**Apple welcoming  
beginning bridge players every day!** 

**Mondays & Fridays at 11:30**  
Traoy Gee Community Center

We invite our Open Players to bring a player with less than 100 MPS and  
**BOTH WILL PLAY FREE! THAT'S RIGHT:**  
**Both Play Free....We hope our regulars bring out our Newer Players!**

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**Regular Club Games**

**Face-to-Face**

**199er Games**

- Clear Lake Bridge Club WEDNESDAYS at 2:00 PM

**299er Games**

- Clear Lake Bridge Club MONDAYS at 2:00 PM
- Bridge Academy of West Houston THURSDAYS at 10:30

**Online at BBO**

- 0-49er FLM Tuesdays at 3:05
- 0-300 CHOOSE HOUSTON Weekdays at 10 AM



## Club Table Counts

Unit 174 has many ACBL-sanctioned clubs so that means many games both Face-to-Face and Online. The following information might be interesting:



<u>Year</u>	<u>Table Count</u>	<u>Number of Clubs in Unit 174</u>
2019	32,137.00	30
2020	30,122.50	50
2021	29,241.50	24
2022	19,285.50	24

The 25 clubs in the unit have played a total of 9719 tables since January 1, 2023. The top six club table counts are:

1. Clear Lake Bridge Club - 2356 tables
2. Bridge Club of Houston - 1514 tables
3. Bridge Academy of West Houston - 1333 tables
4. Lone Star Bridge Club - 800 tables
5. Apple II DBC - 630
6. Apple DBC - 420.5

Where will your club rank by the end of 2023?

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## Club News

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Below please find the information reported by some of the clubs in our unit. Please send your club news to: [unit174news@gmail.com](mailto:unit174news@gmail.com).

Additional information about all of the clubs can be found on the [Unit 174 website](#). Or, click a club name to jump to their website.

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## Apple Clubs

Our games begin at 11:30 am sharp at the Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter Dr. 77042. Please plan to arrive by 11:15. All games at \$3/person.

### **New Clubs' Policy:**

APPLE clubs' (Susan and Brigitte) have agreed to let members of the board play free with a FLM that has less than 50 pts.

*APPLE II has raised the offer:* Any player who pairs up with someone under 100 points plays for *FREE!* Since many of your FLM's didn't take advantage of playing with a board member, the club is offering *FREE* plays to pairs that average less than 200 points! What a DEAL!

For information, please contact:

Monday - Apple - Susan Johnson  
[sisbjohnson@gmail.com](mailto:sisbjohnson@gmail.com) - 281-536-1451

Friday - Apple II - Brigitte Sandifer  
[sandiferdb@gmail.com](mailto:sandiferdb@gmail.com) - 281-494-1464

Results and additional information [here](#).

Only drinks in bottles or covered containers are allowed. No food is allowed at the tables during play. You are welcome to bring food and eat before the game starts.

Apple II will be closed on August 10<sup>th</sup> for the I/N NonLife Master Regional & Awesome August Sectional.

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## Mentor/Mentee

Our monthly Mentor/Mentee game is held on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m.

*August 1<sup>st</sup> - Mentor/Mentee*

If you have not signed up and would like to participate please contact our coordinator Bert Onstott by clicking [here](#).

Mentees must have fewer than 300 masterpoints and Mentors greater than 300 points.

## Future Life Masters and 8 is enough Swiss Teams

Our Future Life Masters and 8 is enough Swiss Team games are held once a month on a Sunday at **1:30 p.m.** Note the **new time!**

*August 20<sup>th</sup> - FLM & 8 is enough Swiss Team*

The stratifications are:

- Level 1** - 0-1000 masterpoints (1)
- Level 2** - 1000-3000 masterpoints (2)
- Level 3** - 3000+ masterpoints (3)

For example one Level 3, two Level 2 and one Level 1 players total 8 as would four Level 2 players. Another example would be three Level 2 and one Level 1 players whose team total is 7 and it is OK to be less than 8.

## Mini-lesson

Before each Wednesday game there is a mini-lesson beginning around 10:00 a.m. taught by Joe Quinn.

## Game Schedule

**Tuesday - Mentor/Mentee**  
**Wednesdays - Invitational**  
**Thursdays - Open & 299'er**  
**10:30 a.m.**  
**Sunday - Future Life Masters & Swiss Teams**  
**1:30 p.m.**  
**Arabia Shriners Center**  
**10510 Harwin Dr.**

- \$5 per person
- Coffee & Snacks are provided
- Jennifer Breihan, Susan Kaplan and Catherine Brown directors

## Game Calendar

Tue – Aug 1	Club Membership	Thu – Aug 17	Charity
Wed – Aug 2	NAP	Sun – Aug 20	Club Membership
Thu – Aug 3	NAP/Club Game	Wed – Aug 23	Club Game
Wed – Aug 9	Club Membership	Thu – Aug 24	Club Game
Wed – Aug 16	Charity Game	Wed – Aug 30	Club Championship
		Thu – Aug 31	NAP/Club Game

## Need a Partner?

Contact Linda or Tom Martinsen at 713-398-4907 [martinsens@comcast.net](mailto:martinsens@comcast.net)  
 or  
 Joyce Ryan at (713) 301-0624 [joyceRyanBridge@gmail.com](mailto:joyceRyanBridge@gmail.com)

Please consult our monthly calendar online: [BCOH Calendar](#).

**BCOH: Online Choose Houston** - Tuesday and Thursday 7:00 p.m.

**Mentor/Mentee Games:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 7:00 p.m. (**Protege should invite and pay for game of mentor.**) Contact Mike Linkins if you have any questions: [mlinkins@swbell.net](mailto:mlinkins@swbell.net).

**\*\*\* Proof of Covid vaccine is no longer required to play at BCOH \*\*\***

**BCOH Open Games (Face-2-Face):**

Monday: 11:55 a.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 10:30 a.m.

**SAVE THE DATES:**

8 is Enough Swiss Teams - at 10:30 a.m. (**Register at the club.**)

**Mentor/Mentee F2F:** August 8<sup>th</sup> and August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Please contact Judy Cupps at [judy\\_n\\_al@yahoo.com](mailto:judy_n_al@yahoo.com) by phone 713-320-5592 for August 8<sup>th</sup> and Bob Zeigler@713-829-6928 for August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Also contact them with any questions.

**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. 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.**

**August 18<sup>th</sup> - PIZZA FRIDAY** Open game at 10:30 a.m. Enjoy a free pizza lunch.

**September 21-24** - 499er Tournament. Check website for details.

**\*\*\*\*1:00 p.m. Saturday game every weekend\*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*\*Please note the time change.\*\*\*\***

**August 5, 19** - Open game at 1:00 p.m.

**August 26** - 299r and Open games at 1:00 p.m. "Colored points will be awarded." This will be potluck day. Bring a favorite dish or dessert to share! Lunch will be at 12:00 noon. Both games to follow at 1:00 p.m.

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## CHOOSE HOUSTON BASIC SCHEDULE - BBO ONLINE GAMES

Online Games for all levels every day! These dates will change if the ACBL has approved special games online so please check the Bridge Club of Houston and Clear Lake Bridge Club for updates.

Playing online? CHOOSE HOUSTON!

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9:00 AM						Monthly, usually second Sat; hand review after the game → <b>FLM 0-20</b>	<a href="http://flm174.org">flm174.org</a>
10:00 AM							
10:10 AM							
11:50 AM							
12:00 PM							
3:00 PM							
3:05 PM	<b>FLM 0-50</b>						
	↓ First and third Mondays only. Visit <a href="http://www.bridgewebs.com/bcoh">www.bridgewebs.com/bcoh</a> for details						
7:00 PM	<b>Mentor</b>	<b>Open</b>		<b>Open</b>			

Check the club and FLM websites for the most up-to-date information.

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## Clear Lake Bridge Club

### Weekly Game Schedule:

Open Games: Monday - Friday at 10:00 a.m., Thursday at 2:00 p.m. and Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

0-299 Games: Monday at 2:00 p.m.

0-199 Games: Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.

0-749 Games: Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Swiss Teams: Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

Third Sunday is Eight is Enough. The B players' upper limit is 2000 - 2500 masterpoints.

Game table fee is \$6.00 for members, \$7.00 for guests.

### Bridge Labs (Supervised Play):

Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.

Bridge Lab table fee is \$8.00.

Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> is the Mentor/Mentee Game at 2:00 p.m. This game is reserved for members only. For more information and to submit a contact form, visit the [CLBC Mentor/Mentee site](#).

The club will be closed August 10<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> for the I/N NonLife Master Regional & Awesome August Sectional.

### **The Longest Day Proceeds Update:**

*Clear Lake Bridge Club donated \$7,020 directly to the Alzheimer's Association.*

On Wednesday, June 21, the club had 17 tables in our morning game and 12 tables in our afternoon game; all proceeds were donated to the Alzheimer's Association. We also had bidders for four games to be played at a later date.

This was truly a group effort by so many, including, but not limited to:

- Our Stars and their bidders who raised \$2295.
- Our game day players who filled 29 tables, generating entry fees of \$1,160.
- Paula Wissman, who waived her director's fees.
- Sandi Mills, our event photographer.
- Cindy Cox, who distributed our event information to the club.
- Barb Sweeney and Darlyn Dusek, who coordinated the catering.
- Clear Lake Bridge Club, which provided breakfast and lunch.
- Committee members Evvie Gilbert, Nancy Guthrie and Edna Rice.
- Our wonderful members, who made additional contributions totaling \$3,565.
- Last but not least, Tomi Porterfield who led and coordinated the entire event!

After deducting the \$135.00 for the ACBL table fees (which are also donated to the Alzheimer's Association), CLBC members, stars and guests raised \$6,885.00 which exceeded the previous year's total by \$185.00.

Thanks again to every member of CLBC!

### **Dave Glandorf News Flash!**

Dave is pleased to announce his new [website](#) which has everything about all of his class offerings. Check it out!

Bobbie Moutz  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
281-546-9199  
[natcolem@comcast.net](mailto:natcolem@comcast.net)

P.S.

For more information, please visit our [website](#).



## CYPRESS NORTHWEST DBC & KATY DBC

**Cypress NW DBC** meets at the Richard and Meg Weekley Community Center, 8440 Greenhouse Rd, Cypress, TX, and games are played every Tuesday and Thursday starting at 11:30, with sign-up beginning at 11:00.

Coffee, tea, and snacks are provided. Games are \$3.

**Katy DBC** meets every Wednesday. Sign-in starts at 11:00, and the game begins at 11:30. The club meets at the Steve Radack Community Center - 18650 Clay Road, Houston, Texas 77084.

Coffee, tea, and snacks are provided. Regular games are \$3.

For more information, contact Jim Warren at **832/851-4745** or [jwarren760@gmail.com](mailto:jwarren760@gmail.com) or visit our [website](#).

### **CLUB OWNER RETIRING - BRIDGE CLUBS FOR SALE**

Cypress Northwest DBC  
Meets Tuesday and Thursday at Weekley Community Center

Katy DBC  
Meets Wednesday at Radack Community Center

Will sell both or separately.  
If interested please contact  
Jim Warren  
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## Fort Bend Duplicate Bridge Club

### **Open Game Mondays in Greatwood**

Please Arrive by 9:45 a.m. to start at 10:00 a.m.  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
7225 Greadwood Parkway  
Sugar Land, TX 77479

The club is open on Monday Holidays.  
Entries for regular and upgraded games are \$6.00.

### **Open Games Tuesday**

Arabia Shrine Center  
10510 Harwin Dr.  
Houston, TX 77036  
Please arrive by 10:15 a.m. Games starts at 10:30 a.m.  
Entries are normally \$5.00.

### **FOR ALL GAME AND LOCATIONS:**

- We use Bridge Mate II Bridge pads.
- At least 36 upgraded games are held each year.
- Hand records are available after every game.
- Our players are a nice balance of friendly A, B and C players.
- Coffee and substantive snacks are provided.
- All games are fully sanctioned by the ACBL.
- Results available immediately.

**CALLING AHEAD WILL FACILITATE STARTING GAMES ON TIME.  
CONTACT:**

John Eric Watson  
[ewat2004@aol.com](mailto:ewat2004@aol.com)



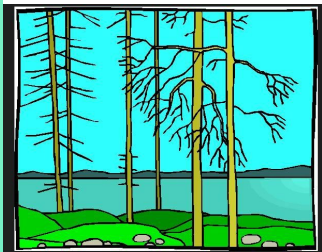
## KINGWOOD DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

### **Kingwood Duplicate Bridge Club has added a second game on Thursday starting September 8!**

Both games (Wednesday and Thursday) start at 10:00 am at the Kingwood Community Center, 4102 Rustic Woods Drive, Kingwood, TX 77345. Entries are still \$2 and \$3 for upgraded games.

On Thursday morning, Bill Riley will be giving a short 20-30 minute presentation on various topics, conventions, etc., starting at 9:20 AM. A schedule of topics will be published shortly. Coffee is available.

For information, contact any of the following:  
Jim Simmons at (281)913-0441 or [jrsimmons2102@gmail.com](mailto:jrsimmons2102@gmail.com).  
Bill Riley at (832)289-3833 or [ichibanbill@yahoo.com](mailto:ichibanbill@yahoo.com).  
Kingwood Community Center Phone: (281)348-2570  
Or Visit our [website](#).



## LAKE CONROE DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

### **August 2023**

Our Bridge Club is a very welcoming and friendly Club. We have players from all levels, so all duplicate players will feel comfortable. We would like to invite you and your bridge friends to join us every Friday.

We begin playing at 10:30 a.m. The game fee is \$5.00. We always offer snacks, sweet and savory, and coffee and iced tea. Please bring your lunch as we have microwaves for heating and refrigerators for keeping your food cold.

Our games are played in the Fellowship Room at April Sound Church, located at 67 1/2 April Wind Dr. S, Montgomery. There is easy access from Hwy 105 into the church parking lot.

Game days:  
August 4 - Unit Club Championship  
August 11 - North American Pairs  
August 18 - North American Pairs  
August 25 - Junior Fund

No Partner?? No worries! Call Gerry Earnest, 936-447-6958, and she will do her best to find you a partner.

**The road construction on Hwy 105 has finally become bearable. However, there might still be some delays. I really appreciate all of you hanging in there with us to play on Friday through all that mess. You are very appreciated. We invite you to join us on Friday's at LCDBC and look forward to seeing all of you at the table.**

Penny Grassedonio  
Club Manager  
832-361-4577  
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[website](#)

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## LONE STAR BRIDGE CLUB

Lone Star Bridge Club (LSBC) in Conroe, Texas, plays at St Paul Global Methodist Church, 1100 Semands Drive, Conroe; the church is located within easy access from Interstate 45. Directions to our game may be found on our [website](#).

Weekly OPEN games are Mondays at 11:45 a.m. and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. All games are stratified.

We provide Coffee, bottled water, and only individually wrapped snacks.

Our games are **always** \$5.00.

Due to the St Paul Methodist's Church hosting a Vacation Bible School August 1- 4, *several changes were made to our August calendar*. On Thursday, August 3, our regular game will be at Pedro's restaurant, 2101 W. Davis Street, in Conroe. The doors will open at 10:00 a.m. and the game will begin at 10:30 a.m. Due to limited space, we will be asking for players to sign up ahead of time.

The next set of Intermediate Bridge lessons scheduled to begin on August 1<sup>st</sup>, have again had to be rescheduled. The lessons will start on Tuesday, August 29. Classes will be from 10:00 a.m. - Noon, followed by supervised play. The cost is \$5.00 per lesson, or \$25.00 for all six if paid at the first class date. For more information, please contact the instructor, Linda Sutton at 936-443-3600, or by email - [lindasutton212@gmail.com](mailto:lindasutton212@gmail.com). Class dates are consecutive Tuesdays August 29<sup>th</sup>, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> (September 19<sup>th</sup> is designated for the monthly Mentee/Mentor game.)

Our Mentee/Mentor game is the third Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. The next scheduled date is August 15<sup>th</sup>. Please contact our new coordinator Anita Rothfuss if you would like to play as a Mentor or a Mentee. Mentees will pay a \$5 entry fee and Mentors play for free. All games award ACBL masterpoints. A sign-up list to play is also available at the club. You can reach Anita at 936-537-5039 or by email at: [larryandanita@gmail.com](mailto:larryandanita@gmail.com)

Please join us for FREE Pizza on the second Thursday of every month.

If you would like to play and need a partner, please contact our partnership chairperson, Sandra Maalouf, at 936-597-8756 or [smaalouf@icloud.com](mailto:smaalouf@icloud.com).

For more information, contact Linda Sutton, Club Manager at [lindasutton212@gmail.com](mailto:lindasutton212@gmail.com).

Please visit our website by clicking [here](#).

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## PEBBLE CREEK DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Face-to-face games are held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. For further information, please contact Richard Duble at 979-324-8421 or [richard.duble@yahoo.com](mailto:richard.duble@yahoo.com) or visit our [website](#).

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## SPRING BRANCH DUPLICATE CLUB

Games are now on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 11:00 a.m.

Location: Trini Mendenhall Sosa Community Center, 1414 Wirt Road, Houston, Texas. Located in the northeast corner of the intersection of Wirt Road and Westview in the Spring Branch area.

Regular games are \$1/person. Totally non-profit in accordance with County rules.

Manager & Director  
Judith Hoffing  
713-467-5805  
[hoffing2007@comcast.net](mailto:hoffing2007@comcast.net)  
[website](#)



## STAR DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Games are on Mondays and Fridays at 9:30 am and are **now \$5** per person.

You must have a partner.

For more info, contact Richard Duble at 979-324-8421 or [richard.duble@yahoo.com](mailto:richard.duble@yahoo.com) or visit our [website](#).



## Contributors



## Entry Management

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**N Robot**  
 ♠ KQ94  
 ♥ 105  
 ♦ 3  
 ♣ QJ10764

**WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH**  
 Pass 2♣ 1♥ 1NT  
 Pass 4♠ Pass 2♠  
 Pass Pass Pass

**W Robot**  
 ♠ 73  
 ♥ 63  
 ♦ J109754  
 ♣ K93

**E Robot**  
 ♠ A108  
 ♥ KJ942  
 ♦ KQ6  
 ♣ 85

**S texashen**  
 ♠ J652  
 ♥ AQ87  
 ♦ A82  
 ♣ A2

4♠ South  
 NS: 0  
 EW: 0

	W	N	E	S	
			1♥	1N	1N: 15-18 and a heart stop
	P	2♣*	P	2♠**	
	P	4♠			

\* Stayman

\*\* Four+ Spades

4♠ is a bit aggressive with only 8 HCP, but the club suit is likely to be a good source of tricks opposite the notrump overcall.

West leads the ♥6, to the ♥5, ♥K and ♥A.

South must pull trump before setting up the club suit. Because the spade suit contains the only entries to the club suit (unless the ♣K is singleton), the high spades must be preserved. South begins the trump suit by leading the ♠J. East ducks the spade and South continues with a low spade to the king. East wins the second spade trick with the ♠A and returns a heart. South wins the ♥Q, leaving this position:

**N Robot**  
 ♠ Q9  
 ♥  
 ♦ 3  
 ♣ QJ10764

**WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH**  
 Pass 2♣ 1♥ 1NT  
 Pass 4♠ Pass 2♠  
 Pass Pass Pass

**W Robot**  
 ♠  
 ♥  
 ♦ J109754  
 ♣ K93

**E Robot**  
 ♠ 10  
 ♥ 942  
 ♦ KQ6  
 ♣ 85

**S texashen**  
 ♠ 65  
 ♥ 87  
 ♦ A82  
 ♣ A2

4♠ South  
 NS: 3  
 EW: 1

Before working on clubs, South draws the last trump. South does not want risk a club ruff. Pulling the last trump leaves only one entry to the clubs, the ♠9.

10 D	N Robot	WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
	♠9 ♥ ♦3 ♣QJ10764	Pass 2♣ Pass 1♥ 1NT Pass 4♠ Pass 2♠ Pass
	W Robot	E Robot
♠ ♥ ♦J10974 ♣K93	♦5 ♠Q ♠10 ♠5	♠ ♥942 ♦KQ6 ♣85
4♠ South NS: 4 EW: 1	S texashen	
	♠6 ♥87 ♦A82 ♣A2	

South plays a low club to the ♣A and then leads the ♣2. West wins the ♣K, and South can claim. South can win whatever West returns. If West returns a diamond, South will win the ♦A and get to dummy with the carefully-preserved spade to run the clubs.

If South foolishly leads the ♣Q from dummy, and lets it run, West should duck. Now the contract cannot be made. The next club from dummy would be won by the ♣A. The ♠9 is still an entry to the long clubs, but the clubs will not run because the ♣K is still out.

Timing is everything. South must force the ♣K while the ♠9 is still in dummy.

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Sam Khayatt and Jeff Kroll are frequent contributors to the Unit 174 Monthly Newsletter, co-authors of the ACBL Bulletin Notes since 2015 as well as a former co-editors of this Newsletter for 3 1/2 years. Sam is also the District 16 Intermediate / Newcomer Coordinator. Both Sam and Jeff teach bridge.

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## In Memoriam

Tom Romz

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## From the Editor



Thank you to all of the people who contribute to the Newsletter. It takes a team of fellow bridge players to bring this information to you. Unit 174 runs on volunteers' energy.

*If you are interested in volunteering for Unit 174 events and activities, please contact Karen Nussbaum, Unit 174 Board President - [Karenenuss@gmail.com](mailto:Karenenuss@gmail.com).*

If you would like to have your club information or an article of interest

published, or if you have a bridge accomplishment for which you are proud and would like to share in the Unit 174 Newsletter, please send your name, phone, email, and subject title to [unit174news@gmail.com](mailto:unit174news@gmail.com).

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