



NEWSLETTER

March 2017



Events and News

President's Message

Election Sectional April 7-9

Important changes to the voting process are contained in the proposed Bylaw Amendments that will be voted on at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 9. Please read them, as well as the Board Meeting Minutes, which are posted at the Unit 174 Web site, www.acblunit174.org. This is your unit, so make your voice and vote count.

MiniBridge continues to be successful, and we will have another session on Saturday night at the Sectional. Bring your friends and family members for Fun, Fun, Fun!

If you have questions, suggestions, or comments please contact any board member; we are here to serve you.

See you at the tables!

Bill Riley, Unit 174 President

Bill Riley, ichibanbill@gmail.com

Here's the February report from ACBL:

Each month the ACBL sends each unit the new members and rank advancements for their Unit. On this list, some have titles, some have middle initials, etc., We will publish them as they are reported to us by the ACBL

NEW MEMBERS

Kent L. Baxter, Bob Blanton, Sherian Bloomer, Barbara Craven, Patricia Dempsey, Shirley Laws, Gergory May, Henrietta Sasser, Cheddi Thomas, Jury Thorn, and Lorean Toliver have joined Unit 174. Please welcome these new members of our Unit as you meet them at the tables.

Congratulations to these new Masterpoint Milestone Makers:

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

Ms. Pauline S. Aaron, Mrs. Saundra Cook, Mr. Thomas Cook, Mrs. Joy Cowan, Mr. Wayne Edmonson, Ms. Bette J. Foshee, Mary V. French, Jeanne M. Kokes, Mr. Mark Levy, Fred W. Slayden, Mrs. Sue D. Taylor, and Joseph Tse.

NEW CLUB MASTERS

Gregory Andrews, Paul Andrews, Debra R. Bray, Mike Carswell, Mr. Richard T. Denham, Mr. William L. Forkner, Mr. Lindsay Herbert, Ms. Sandra J. Judson, Scott Koehler, Anne M. Miraglia, Tina J. Spera, Marjory M. Westmoreland, and Gigi White

NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS

Pushpa A. Bharani, Ms. Sherry A. Deal, Mr. Ian W. Fetterley, Weston O. Fraizer, George Frondorf, William M. Petersen, Mr. Larry E. Wadler, Mr. Arvis G. Williams, Mrs. Robyn G. Williams, Ms. Karen Winston, Peggy A. Woods, and Mrs. Cissy Wortham.

NEW REGIONAL MASTERS

Susan S. Banks, Mrs. Marsha Doyle, Ms. Patricia A. Kay, Mr. Wolfie Kotzen, Bonnie A. Loudin, Madhu Moza, Mr. Syed R. Naqvi, Ms. Kathryn M. Nettles, Diane W. O'Neill, June K. Poplack, and Ronald J. Randleman.

NEW NABC MASTER

Mrs. Cynthia A. Bell, Donald W. Bell, Alok Bhargava, Mrs. Elaine L. Brill, Ms. Anne L. Davis, Mr. Robert N. Foote, Jim G. Goodale, Mrs. Nancy T. Guthrie, Yoli A. Herrmann, Frank L. Mitchum, Julialee O'Shea, Karen P. Parker, Ms. Janet C. Pickell, Sybil L. Stephens, and Mrs. Maureen L. Weiss.

NEW ADVANCED NABC MASTER

Mrs. Jeanette M. Dean, Mr. John (Jack) H. Dean Jr., Carol H. Jewett, Mrs. Suzanne B. Noerager, and Odis W. Nolte.

NEW LIFE MASTER

Shyam Bhatia, Linda Brodie, Dr. Ned Earle, Mrs. Lynn D. Gamblin, Bill F. Joplin, Indu Khera, Mr. Gene C. Levy, Gayle S. Longmire, Cheryl L. Mathias, Mrs. Geri Noel, Mr. James N. Stech, Mrs. Tish Stephenson, and Pamela E. Whitney.

NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTER

(318 in Unit 174)

Susan Barker, Shyam Bhatia, Mr. Gene C. Levy, Pamela E. Whitney, and Lisa Zummo.

NEW SILVER LIFE MASTER

(181 in Unit 174)

Mrs. Judy Brown, Courtney Coffman, Ms. Donna Frederick, Sheila J. Harrison, Bill F. Joplin, and Lesly Van Dame.

NEW RUBY LIFE MASTER

(169 in Unit 174)

Suvabrata Biswas, Mrs. Chloe Ella Fackenthall, Mr. Nandlal Khatri, Mrs. Puddin' Krueger, Mr. James P. Ochsner, and Mrs. Joan I. Torrance.

NEW GOLD LIFE MASTER

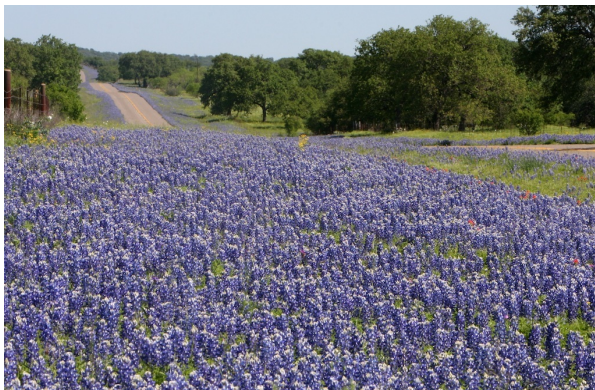
(100 in Unit 174)

Jere J. Hines and Mrs. Linda A. Sutton.

NEW SAPPHIRE LIFE MASTER

(45 in Unit 174)

Dr. Richard L. Duble.



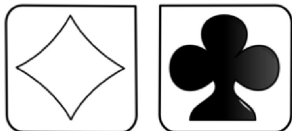
TEXAS BLUEBONNETS

Doesn't it just warm your heart to be driving along and come to a field of beautiful, Texas bluebonnets? All the Texas wildflowers are amazing each year at this time, but that bluebonnet

All things good to know are difficult to learn.



FEEDBACK & FODDER



Unit 174 News and Club News

Grand National Teams Qualifying Events

Unit 174 Qualifier for *District 16, AllFlights* will be played on Saturday and Sunday at the Marriott Westchase in conjunction with the Unit 174 Election Sectional. One winner

from each flight will advance to the finals in Toronto at the Summer Nationals. *Good luck, one and all!*

Election Sectional

Our "Election Sectional" is **April 7-9** at the Houston Marriott Westchase, bridge rate **\$89+ and cutoff date March 17**. All sessions are at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.; NO night sessions. The Unit 174 **Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday**, the new board members will be announced, and the voting on the proposed Bylaw Amendments will take place. If you haven't already voted online, you will be able to cast your votes for board members during the hour before each session on Friday and Saturday, and an hour before the Sunday morning session.

The Board has responded with just what the members said they want: Only TWO sessions per day, 10 and 2:30. And there will also be a hospitality session in Suite 1070. Join the Board members on Friday after the 2:30 session for free coffee, treats, and pizza! Great hospitality and great fellowship, as the Board renews this event after a few years' absence. And be sure to attend the Speakers' events for your bridge education: Friday at 2 p.m. **Julie Halperin** will talk about Takeout Doubles, and Saturday at 2 p.m. **Gary King's** topic will be Matchpoint Success. Don't miss 'em!

News from Clubs

Every month we have a newsletter about Classes being held at various clubs in our unit. Be sure to check them out and make sure to check all the Websites of our Unit 174 clubs (links at www.acblunit174.org) for 2017 bridge classes and other learning opportunities. This is a terrific way to strengthen our unit as we build on our own individual and partnership strengths.

Gerry Earnest reports that Lake Conroe Duplicate Club will host a Swiss Teams event on March 31 at 10:30, with a lunch snack provided. Call her at 936-447-6958, or email her at gerryearnest@gmail.com.

BCOH is honoring **Chuck Michalski** with a Gold Life Master Party on Monday 4/10, meal at 11 and game at 11:55 a.m.

Final Thoughts

More About Our Great People in Unit 174!

First, a Mea Culpa. **Meng-Chr Tsai** (“Mike”) pointed out that I had made a couple of errors in translation when I interviewed him. “I didn’t say bridge was *easy*,” he told me. He meant that it was easy for him to make the change from Precision he had played in Taiwan to Two Over One here. He also said that good players here DO play by their instincts. So now I will wait for him to tell me I got the correction wrong! But just talk to Mike yourself. He’s very friendly and loves talking about bridge. :-)
–Ed.

Tom Rush and **Wes Peirce** won the Flight B NAP, and Tom is going to get us some details about how they did it. We have been seeing their names on winners’ lists everywhere lately, so they have found some magic in their partnership! I see that **Tom Rush** and his partner from California have won 12.33 Platinum Points after Round 3 in the Rockwell Mixed Pairs at the nationals underway now in Kansas City! Way to go!

We have several Unit 174 members toiling away in Kansas City at the Spring Nationals, so we are well represented. **Joe Quinn** and **Shawn Quinn** appear on the leaderboard at 25th after Round 3 in the Rockwell Mixed Pairs event. **Geoff Booth** and **Robert Sandfield** finished 7th in the Lebhar Open Pairs for 33.33 Platinum, and I also see that **Dan Morse** and his Dallas partner won 26.95 Platinum in the Lebhar Pairs, and it looks like as of this writing, **Dan Morse’s** team is still in the running for the Vanderbilt!. **Eddie Wold’s** team won First Place in the Daylight Swiss event. Wahoo! Looks like Eddie’s tally through Wednesday is about 60 MPs. Keep making us proud, everybody! That tournament ends Sunday, 3/19.

Betty Starzec has been named to the newly reorganized ACBL Educational Foundation Board. Betty is one of those members who constantly give back to our game and its future, and we are very proud of her and her accomplishments.

You’ve probably already seen it somewhere, but **Ed Groner** just passed 15,000 Masterpoints! What an accomplishment. He was surprised with a big party at Tracy Gee to honor the milestone accomplishment. We are really proud of you, Ed.

Love it when prayers are answered! **May Hakki** is back from her trip to Syria, safe and sound. Welcome her back when you see her at the tables.

Many thanks to **Carol Winograd** for taking over as Webmaster. (Her sons are computer whizzes!) More thanks to **Jeff Parker** for filling in with that duty while he was working full time. We appreciate everything you did for us.

Wasn't it great to get the *Bulletin* in the mail and see **Eddie Wold** on the cover?

And here's just another little tidbit from the Spring Nationals in Kansas City: **Bill Gates** was on the Winning Team in the 0-10,000 MP tough category.

For the April, and all other newsletters, please send your news, ideas, articles, comments, and suggestions, to carolwilson@earthlink.net, or leave a message at 281-642-4050 or 281-600-6000x2.

That's all for now! Let us hear from you.

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