



American Contract
Bridge League

NEWSLETTER

May 2017



Events and News

President's Message

Nearly Summer Sectional June 9-11, Houston Marriott Westchase

We are hoping to set another record for this tournament! The entry fees are *still* \$10 for Friday and Saturday, with \$15 on Sunday to defray expenses for the lunch we provide. Our fees for play are about the lowest in District 16, and maybe in all of Texas! Cutoff for the hotel's \$89 rate is May 18. We are continuing the very popular schedule requested by the majority of our members, with games at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., and nothing scheduled for the nights. Two-Session Pairs and Bracketed Swiss competitions will be held every day. Again, coffee will be provided, but the Board is investigating the possibility of avoiding this financial loss for future sectionals. All suggestions are welcome! And Get Ready for these great speakers: Friday at 2:30, **David Dyer** will speak on "Finessing: The Rule of 12"; Saturday at 2:30, **Dave Glandorf's** topic will be "Fourth Suit Forcing." Mark your calendars so you don't forget these excellent mini-seminars.

On Saturday, June 24, we are planning for the "Longest Day" Rubber Bridge and Mini-Bridge event, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Memorial City Mall near the skating rink. This is in support of ACBL's annual fundraiser for The Alzheimer's Association, recipient of all of the proceeds. Donations are tax deductible. Sign up for Rubber Bridge with Carol Winograd, clwinograd@gmail.com.

The Unit 174 Board voted to continue the subsidies for the Unit 174 members on the winning teams competing at the NABC Summer Nationals Grand National Teams event in Toronto. Toronto is expensive, the team players will be there for six days, and costs are high. Congratulations to **Eddie Wold, Jimmy Breihan, Mike Doyle, Tony Haddad, and Daniel Jackson!** We know you will make us proud.

Ken Hudson was elected to the office of Vice President of the Board, a well deserved recognition of a hard-working guy!

Get your teams and pairs together for the June “Nearly Summer” Sectional; mark your calendars for the “Awesome August” Sectional on *Thursday*, August 10, through Sunday, August 13; and above all, HAVE FUN playing bridge!

If at any time you have questions, suggestions, comments (or even complaints), please contact any board member; we are here to serve you, and we want to hear from you.

Now we prepare for the June Sectional. See you at the tables!

Bill Riley, Unit 174 President

Bill Riley, ichibanbill@gmail.com

Here’s the May 1 report from ACBL for April 2017:

Each month the ACBL sends us the new members and rank advancements for our Unit. Here is the list from the May 1 report.

NEW MEMBERS

Suzann L. Breed, Frank T. Buzzard, Stephen D. Carns, Jack C. Easter, Steven Gordon, Donald M. Graubart, Archie D. Gregory, Jeff S. Little, Jo Schauf, Michael S. Wei, Darrell R. Westcott, and Yanmin Zhao 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 MASTER

Mary Bowman, Kay M. Dildy, Janet J. Hill, Barbara Hodges, Jane L. Parker, Karen Pitts, David Senior, Rupa Shah, Corbin N. Shouse, and Barbara D. Sweeney.

NEW CLUB MASTER

Anil K. Bharani, Jennifer J. Boaz, Linda B. Crum, Mary K. Gaedcke, Michael Graham, and Meg Gross.

NEW SECTIONAL MASTER

Daryl L. Dunn, Lerma Lanni, and Jeanie Murray.

NEW REGIONAL MASTER

Ronnie T Martin and Rogie A Peyton.

NEW ADVANCED NABC MASTER

Sheryl Thomas.

NEW LIFE MASTER

(124 in Unit 174)

Evan S. Marti.

NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTER

(319 in Unit 174)

Ron Brown, Barry A. Morgan, and Meng-Chr Tsai.

NEW SILVER LIFE MASTER

(178 in Unit 174)

Mike Goldberg, Dale Grady, and G. Thomas Rush.

NEW RUBY LIFE MASTER

(170 in Unit 174)

Margaret V. Hanneman.

NEW GOLD LIFE MASTER

(99 in Unit 174)

George G. Wieland.

NEW SAPPHIRE LIFE MASTER

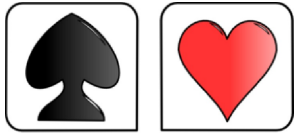
(46 in Unit 174)

Bobbi J. Kauffman and Paul Stereff.

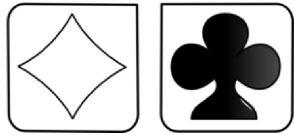
**ARE YOU READY FOR
SUMMER?**

*Watch out for those
Texas Mosquitoes!*





Quotable: *It's not what you are called but what you answer to that matters.*



FEEDBACK & FODDER

Unit 174 News and Club News

News from Clubs

499er Tournament at Westside Bridge Academy May 18-21, for SILVER MPs. Games are at 10:30a and 3p on Thursday and Friday; 9a and 1p on Saturday, and 10a on Sunday. Entry fees \$11 per person per session. Strats are A 200-500; B 50-200; and C 0-50. Anyone with less than 500 MPs (including LMs) can play!

On **Wed., June 21**, **Westside Bridge Academy** will support "The Longest Day" with special events. WBA has 3 sessions scheduled: Open Pairs Games at 9 and 1:30, and Swiss Teams at 6:30 p.m. \$8 of each \$10 entry fee will be donated to the Alzheimer's Association. Lunch will be provided between the morning and afternoon sessions for a voluntary donation. They also have a special raffle going, along with opportunities to play with an expert, naming rights, and an Expert Panel, again with all proceeds to The Alzheimer's Association. Check out the details at the Club.

Bridge Club of Houston is also supporting "The Longest Day" on June 21 at 11:55 with an Upgraded Club Championship game to benefit the charity. BCoH is hard at work planning for its "Hot Diggety Dog Day" festivities on Monday, May 29, for Memorial Day, and on July 4 for Independence Day. At each of these special holiday events, they will be holding drawings for prizes offered by Support Team Bridge Inc. to help raise travel funds for our GNT entry, so come on out!

Barbara Phillips, a Sapphire Life Master and Club Director, has lots of bridge classes scheduled in the near future, and reservations may be sent by email to bwp281@aol.com. "Fourth Seat Bidding" on May 22, 9 to 11:30 a.m., \$10, at the Club and "Two Over One in a Nutshell" series at 10 to 12:30 on 6/13, 6/20, 6/27, 7/11, and 7/18, at her home, \$75 includes materials, and reservations are required.

Joyce Ryan, a finalist in ABTA's Teacher of the Year competition, assisted by **Ann Harvey**, will lead two series at **St. Martin's Episcopal Bridge School**, and you won't want to miss them: (1) "Improving Judgment Opening the Bidding" on Tuesdays, 6/6, 6/13, 6/20, and 6/27, from 10a to 12n; and (2) "Popular Conventions" on the same Tuesdays, 6/6, 6/13, 6/20, and 6/27, from 1p to 3:30p. Each four-week course is \$80, or \$25 per class, both with handouts included.

And at **Westside Bridge Academy**, you have these upcoming opportunities to improve your game: (1) World Champion **Shawn Quinn** holds independent classes on Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m., just before the scheduled game, on "Supercharge Your 2/1 Game." Only \$15 per class. Any of you who have heard Shawn teach know that she is well prepared and each 45-minute session packs in a lot o' learnin'! (2) **Tom Jahnke** is continuing his 8-week series for those who have never played before or learned long ago and need to refresh. The course began on 4/27, on Thursday afternoons from 2 to 4 p.m. Five sessions remain, so contact Tom to see if you can get in on this great series covering fundamentals. (tomtomj211@yahoo.com).

Gary King has daytime slots available for private instruction or private lessons for your group of 3, 4, or 5. Email him for details, houstonbridge@gmail.com.

At **Sugar Land DBC**, **Eric Watson** conducts Supervised Play every Thursday until Labor Day at the Richmond club with pre-dealt hands from the ACBL series, and classes will resume on Thursday, September 7, on "Defense." Suggested donation is \$5 per class, and all begin at 11 a.m. Feel free to bring your own sandwich, and light snacks will be provided. Contact Eric at ewat2004@aol.com or (832) 287-9107. At the Colony Bend Conference Center, Open Pairs games are held on Tuesday mornings, 9 a.m., and all games are \$5 per entry.

And there's even more! Every month Unit 174 has a newsletter about classes and learning opportunities available at the great, active Unit 174 clubs. 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. Their calendars will also have news of all scheduled events.

Final Thoughts

It's that time again: StaC Week (Sectional Tournaments at Clubs) will be held right after the "Nearly Summer" Sectional. StaC Week begins on June 12 and continues through June 17. So while you're winning all those Silver MPs at the tournament (when the clubs are closed), just stay in that winning groove, and get more at the sanctioned clubs the following week! Don't think the "StaC Hands" are goofy; they're no different from the ones at the tournament. Get those Silver MPs!

For the June, 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. I would LOVE to hear from you!

That's all for now! Keep on biddin'!

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