

UNIT 174 EVENTS & CLASSES SEPTEMBER 2021



Welcome to this month's Events and Classes Newsletter.

With the closing of WBA this past week, Joyce Ryan has relocated to St John the Divine on River Oaks at Westheimer for her supervised bridge game (Mondays 1-4pm) and upcoming bridge classes.

When playing duplicate bridge on BBO and to ensure our Unit members can continue to "keep it local", CLBC has added new games (including afternoon options). To view all virtual games now being offered within our Unit, [click here](#).

BCOH is holding a 499er Sectional the weekend of September 30 at their club. See below for more information.

A big thank you goes out to Gerry Earnest, who for the past 17 years has managed Lake Conroe Duplicate Bridge Club, and to Penny Grassedonio, who takes over as club manager today.

Additional updates, news, and events are posted on our Unit 174 website regularly.

Lauri Laufman and Ann Sinclair, Editors

acblunit174.org

UPCOMING SECTIONALS

BCOH 499er FALL SECTIONAL

Thursday September 30 - Sunday, October 3
Bridge Club of Houston (BCOH)

Pair Games Thurs-Sat: 10:00 and 2:00pm

Swiss Team Games Sun: 10:00 and 2:00pm

To view the flyer, [click here](#)

OCTOBER SECTIONAL

Friday-Sunday, October 15-17, 2021

Arabia Shrine Center

10500 Harwin Drive, Houston 77036

Flyer with playing schedule, speaker info and special events will be posted on our [Unit Website](#) when available in mid-September.

Per ACBL District 16 Policy: "No one shall be permitted to play in any tournament unless that person has provided proof of vaccination against the Covid-19 virus. There are NO exceptions."

ACBL EVENTS AT OUR VIRTUAL CLUBS

LABOR DAY EVENT

September 5-6

All Virtual Club Games will award Double Black Points

INTERNATIONAL FUND WEEKEND

September 11-12

All Virtual Club Games will award Double Black Points

SILVER LININGS WEEK

September 20 - 26

All Virtual Club Games will award Double Points in Silver

Choose Houston! and support your local virtual clubs as your schedule allows when playing online.

For other upcoming 2021 ACBL Online Events: [Click Here](#)

AUSTIN FALL NABC

NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

aka **AUSTIN FALL NABC**

November 25 - December 5, 2021

at the JW Marriott Austin

110 East 2nd, Austin, TX 78701

Weblink for ALL Information - [click here](#)

Host Hotels: JW Marriott Austin and Austin Marriott

Special Attendee Rate - \$179 +tax

Reservation Link - [click here](#)

Printable Game Schedule - [click here](#)

ESPECIALLY FOR OUR NEWCOMERS

For Players with 0-20 MP

Unit 174 FLM Apollo - Tuesdays at 3:05pm (on BBO)

Questions: Mary Ellen at Apollo@flm174.com 678-910-6402

BCOH 0-20 Assisted Play - Tuesdays at 10:30am (at BCOH)

**Beginning Tuesday, September 14*

Free lesson at 9:30am prior to the game by Julie Halperin

For more info, contact Julie at 713-857-8004

For Players with 0-50 MP

District 16 - Mondays at 4:00pm (on BBO)

Questions: Kim at Beginner20Bridge@gmail.com

"Choose Houston!" 49er FLM Gemini - Thursdays at 9:55am (on BBO)

For Players with 0-99 MP

99ers Nite Club East - Nightly at 6:00pm (on BBO)

Sponsored by District 16

To learn more about our FLM Playing Groups, [click here](#)

ONLINE AND AT THE CLUBS

Club game schedules along with their policies regarding masking and vaccinations tend to change.

Please contact clubs directly for updates.

APPLE DBC

Tracy Gee Community Ctr., 3599 Westcenter Dr., Houston
77042

Website: appledbcs.com

Proof of COVID vaccination is required, masks optional.

Day	Time	Game Type	At Apple/On BBO
Monday	11:30	Open Pairs	At Apple
Wednesday	3:00	Open Pairs	On BBO
Friday	11:30	Open Pairs	At Apple

BRIDGE CLUB OF HOUSTON (BCOH)

4688 Louetta Road, Spring, 77388

Website: bridgeclubofhouston.org

Proof of COVID vaccination is required.

Opportunity for New Players - Every Tuesday (beginning Sept 14)

Bridge Lesson @ 9:30 + Game @ 10:30am

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

Free Lesson by Julie Halperin @ 9:30- 10:15am

Day	Time	Game Type	At BCOH/On BBO
Monday	9:50	199er Pairs	On BBO
	10:20	Open Pairs	On BBO
	11:55	Open Pairs	At BCOH
	11:55	199er Pairs	At BCOH
Tuesday	9:55	299er Pairs	On BBO
	10:20	Open Pairs	On BBO
	10:30	0-20 Newcomer Pairs (lesson prior)	At BCOH
	10:30	Open Pairs	At BCOH
	19:00	Open Pairs	On BBO
Wednesday	9:50	199er Pairs	On BBO
	10:20	Open Pairs	On BBO
	10:30	Open Pairs	At BCOH
	10:30	199r Pairs	At BCOH
Thursday	9:55	99er Pairs	On BBO
	10:20	Open Pairs	On BBO
	7:00	Open Pairs (hand review after)	On BBO
Friday	9:50	199er Pairs	On BBO
	10:20	Open Pairs	On BBO
	10:30	Open Pairs	At BCOH

Saturday	Noon	Open Pairs	On BBO
	7:00	Open Pairs	On BBO
Sunday	11:50	199er Pairs	On BBO
	Noon	Open Pairs	On BBO

Online I/N substitute program still in place. To volunteer, please contact Mike Linkins at minkins@swbell.net

Special Game Opportunities:

**"8 is Enough" Swiss Team Game
Tuesday, September 28th at 10:30am
To register, sign up at club or call 281-651-6550**

**Mentor/Mentee Games
1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:00pm
Contact Roxie Walker for reservations:
[713-203-5877](tel:713-203-5877) or roxie_w@hotmail.com**

CLEAR LAKE BRIDGE CLUB
16614 Sea Lark Rd., Houston 77062
Website: clearlakebridgeclub.org

Proof of COVID vaccination is required, masks optional.

Clear Lake Bridge Club has temporarily closed due to the spike in Covid-19 cases. Stay tuned for news of when Clear Lake Bridge Club plans to reopen by checking their club website.

As of September 1, here is the Virtual Club schedule.

Day	Time	Game Type	On BBO
Monday	9:55	299er Pairs	On BBO
	10:00	Open Pairs	On BBO
	3:00	749er Pairs	On BBO
	3:05	Open Pairs	On BBO
Tuesday	9:50	199er Pairs	On BBO
	10:00	Open Pairs	On BBO
	2:45	199er Pairs	On BBO
	3:00	749er Pairs	On BBO
	3:05	Open Pairs	On BBO
Wednesday	9:55	299er Pairs	On BBO
	10:00	Open Pairs	On BBO
	3:00	749er Pairs	On BBO
Thursday	9:50	199er Pairs	On BBO
	9:55	49er Pairs (FLM Gemini)	On BBO
	10:15	Open Pairs	On BBO

	2:45	299er Pairs	On BBO
	3:00	749er Pairs	On BBO
	3:05	Open Pairs	On BBO
Friday	9:55	299er Pairs	On BBO
	10:00	Open Pairs	On BBO
	3:00	749er Pairs	On BBO
	3:05	Open Pairs	On BBO

Follows is their tentative club schedule once re-opened:

Day	Time	Game Type	At CLBC
Monday	10:00	Open Pairs	At CLBC
	14:00	199er Pairs	At CLBC
Tuesday	10:00	Open Pairs	At CLBC
	10:00	499er Pairs	At CLBC
Wednesday	10:00	Open Pairs	At CLBC
	2:00	199er Pairs	At CLBC
Thursday	10:00	Open Pairs	At CLBC
	10:00	499er Pairs	At CLBC
Friday	10:00	Open Pairs	At CLBC
Saturday	1:00	Open Pairs	At CLBC
Sunday	1:00	Swiss Teams	At CLBC

Please check website for the most up-to-date information

Regular Game Fee: \$5.00

Questions or more info:

Katie Gardner at klgardner@aol.com or [225-620-4828](tel:225-620-4828)

COMMUNITY DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Baytown Community Center, 2407 Market St., Baytown

Weekly Game - Tuesdays at 10:00am

Game Fee: \$1

For further info, contact Mike Floyd

[281-424-8274](tel:281-424-8274) or mikefloyd@academicplanet.com

CYPRESS NORTHWEST DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Weekley Community Center, 8440 Greenhouse Road,
Cypress

Website: www.bridgewebs.com/cypressnw

Proof of COVID vaccination is required.

Weekly Games: Tuesdays and Thursdays at Noon

Need a partner? Contact Darrell at darrellway@yahoo.com

Questions: Jim Warren, Club Manager
jwarren760@gmail.com (832) 851-4745

For further details about club, location and more, [click here](#).

FORT BEND DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Clyde & Nancy Jacks Conf. Ctr., 3232 Austin Pkwy, Sugar Land

Proof of COVID vaccination is required, masks are required.

You are encouraged to call ahead.

Weekly Game: Tuesdays at 9:00am
Cost: \$5.00 per person

Coffee and light snacks provided

For more info, contact: Eric Watson
ewat2004@aol.com (832) 287-9107

KATY DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Radack Community Ctr., 18650 Clay Rd. Houston 77084

Proof of COVID vaccination is required.

Weekly Game: Wednesdays at Noon

Questions: Jim Warren, Club Manager
jwarren760@gmail.com (832) 287-9107

KINGWOOD DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Kingwood Community Ctr., 4102 Rustic Woods Drive 77345

Weekly Game: Wednesdays at 9:30am

LAKE CONROE DUPLICATE BRIDGE

April Sound Church, 67 1/2 April Wind S,
Montgomery 77356

Proof of COVID vaccination is required, masks are optional.

Coffee and tea provided, bring your own lunch

Weekly Game: Fridays at 10:30am
No reservations necessary

Game fee is \$8

For further info, contact Penny Grasedonio at
czthdaypjg@gmail.com

LONE STAR BRIDGE CLUB

St. Paul United Methodist Church
1100 W. Semands St., Conroe 77301
Website: lonestarbridgeclub.org

Proof of COVID vaccination is required, masks are optional.

Come check out the new carpeting and parking lot!

Free Lesson at 11:00am on Monday, Sept. 6
Presented by Jeff Kroll on Hand Evaluation
(see Classes section for more info)

Weekly Games:

Mondays at Noon and Thursdays at 10:30am
Game Fee \$5

If you need a partner, contact Sandra Maalouf
[\(936\) 597-8756](tel:9365978756) or smaalouf@icloud.com

For further info, contact Linda Sutton, Club Manager, at
lindasutton212@gmail.com

PEBBLE CREEK DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Pebble Creek Country Club, 4500 Pebble Creek
Pkwy, College Station

Weekly Games: Wednesdays at 9:30am

For more info, contact Richard Duble at
richard.duble@yahoo.com

SPRING BRANCH DUPLICATE BRIDGE (SOSA)

Trini Mendenhall Sosa Community Ctr., 1414 Wirt Road

Proof of COVID vaccination is required, masks are optional

Weekly Games: Mondays and Thursdays at 12:15pm

For more info, contact Judith Hoffing at [\(713\) 467-5805](tel:7134675805)

STAR DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Pebble Creek Country Club, 4500 Pebble Creek
Pkwy., College Station

**Weekly Games: Mondays and Fridays at 9:30am
Game Fee: \$7 per person**

For more info, contact Richard Duble at [\(979\) 324-8421](tel:9793248421)

CLASSES

DISTRICT 16

**FREE Zoom Lectures
In September...**

Zoom Beginner Lecture Series

Saturday, September 4 at 12:30pm

Sandy Potts - When to Open 1 No Trump

Zoom link: [Click Here](#)

Zoom log-in info: Meeting ID: [869 0948](#)

[4613](#) Passcode:187262

Zoom Intermediate Lecture Series

Saturday, September 11 at 12:30pm

Darrel VanDyke - 'Special' Doubles - Both Responsive and Support

Zoom link: [Click here](#)

Zoom log-in info: Meeting ID: [868 9719](#)

[9844](#) Passcode: 411934

For further information on the series, [Click Here](#)

**To access prior Lecture Series presentations and notes,
[Click Here](#)**

To access prior Director's Corner presentations, [Click Here](#)

BRIDGE CLUB OF HOUSTON

Julie Halperin

2/1 Game Force

Wednesdays 2:30-4:30 pm, October 6 - November 10

Fee: \$75 plus cost of text, *Audrey Grant's 2/1 game Force*

To register, please call or text Julie Halperin at 713-857-8004

CLEAR LAKE BRIDGE CLUB

Dave Glandorf

Bridge 100BL (Bridge Lab)

Every Sunday and Tuesday, 2:00pm to 5:00pm.

Fee: \$8 per session. No advance registration required.

**CLBC has temporarily closed due to Delta Variant spike in Covid-19 cases, so please check before going*

CYPRESS NORTHWEST DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Jeanne Phelps - Houston School of Bridge

*These classes will be held online via Zoom and Shark Bridge on Saturdays.

Beginning Bridge III - Play of the Hand

Saturdays 9:00am-12:00pm, September 4-25

Class 9 - The Plan, Card Distribution, Basic Skills

Class 10 - Taking Tricks

Class 11 - Establishing Long Suits

Class 12 - Trumping and Cross-Ruffing

Course Fee: \$40.00

Beginning Bridge IV - Defense

Saturdays 9:00am-12:00pm, October 1-22

Class 13 - Defensive Carding and Opening Leads

Class 14 - Attitude

Class 15 - Suit Preference

Class 16 - Count

Course Fee: \$40.00

For the flyer with class details and benefits of joining: [Click here](#)

For more information: Contact Jeanne at [713-933-8455](tel:713-933-8455) or houstonschoolofbridge@gmail.com

LONE STAR BRIDGE CLUB

Jeff Kroll

Hand Evaluation

Monday, September 6 at 11:00am

Jeff will present on the topic of hand evaluation aimed at all levels of players prior to the LSBC game at noon.

Determining which high cards are under/over valued, when to count for length/shortness and how the bidding affects your hand value are a few of the topics to be covered.

Class Fee: Free

PLAY BRIDGE WITH JOYCE

St John the Divine, 2450 River Oaks Blvd., at Westheimer

Joyce Ryan

Assisted Play with Joyce Ryan

Mondays from 1:00-4:00pm

Come for the Bridge in the Scout Room and stay for the pound cake!

Fee: \$10 per session

Competitive Bidding (Bridge Basics 2)

Tuesdays, 10:00am-12:00pm, September 14 - October 19

This six-week class will help students learn how to best compete for the contract. Topics will include hand valuation, preemptive bids, take out doubles and advances, and overcalls.

Flyer: [Click here](#)

Class Fee: \$150 for six weeks course (\$10 for textbook)

Beginning Bridge (Bridge Basics 1)

Tuesdays, 1:00-3:00pm, September 14 - October 19

This six-week class will teach you the fundamentals of the game. You will be prepared to play with friends or in beginner duplicate games.

Flyer: [Click here](#)

Class Fee: \$150 for six weeks course (\$10 for textbook)

For more info, contact Joyce at joyceryanbridge@gmail.com or [713 301-0624](tel:7133010624)

PLAY BRIDGE WITH TOM

St Martin's Episcopal Church, 717 Sage Rd., at Woodway

Beginner Bridge

Mondays, 10am-Noon, September 13 - November 8

This eight-week course is geared for for people who have never played before or who played decades ago and are ready to begin playing again. No class October 11.

Class fee: \$120 Books are available from the instructor for \$20

To Register at St Martin's: [Click here](#)

Supervised Play

Mondays, from 1:00-3:00pm

Fee: \$10 per session

For more information, contact Tom Jahnke at tomtomj211@yahoo.com or 713-824-0693

"Play in haste, repent at leisure."

