



## Unit 174 April 2025 Newsletter



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**Contributors**  
*Thomas Rush - Unit 174 & the Memphis NABC*

### **In Memoriam**

## From the Editor

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



**Sarah Springer**

## President's Message

This is my final message to our unit as your president. It has definitely been a busy year since I assumed office after the 2024 Election Sectional. I joined the unit board when I was elected in April 2022, and I have served as secretary, vice president, and finally president. I opted not to run for another term for many reasons, and I am looking forward to merely sitting at the table and waiting for my boards to come.

We have six candidates to fill positions on the board, and on Saturday of the Election Sectional we will know who will join the rest of the board for three-year terms. I wish all the remaining members on the board well, and I hope the newly elected members will enjoy their time serving on the board and the unit's players. The new president will be elected by the board at their meeting Monday immediately following the Election Sectional.

Those who have stepped up to serve on the board deserve the support and encouragement and gratitude of our unit's players. Any time you see a board member whether at the clubs or at a tournament or simply out and about, be sure to give them a big thank you for their service. The board is a group of volunteers who serve without compensation, largely because of their passion to support the game we enjoy. If you get a chance to volunteer to help at a tournament or do anything else to help, please do so. Send an email to the next president and provide your contact information so that you can be called on when volunteers are needed.

In the year ahead, the board will need to make important decisions about our path forward. We have lost more than five hundred area players since 2020. It has been a difficult road in our post-pandemic age. If we want our game to survive, we all need to pitch in to bring new players to bridge. I have told you in earlier missives that I took the Best Practices Teachers' Course and I started teaching in my neighborhood. I am one person, and I added five players to our number. It may not sound like much, but if each of us could bring one or two players to join us, we could actually increase in numbers rather than endure the slow decline we have been experiencing.

Inflation has made everything cost more, and making money at tournaments is not a given. For example, the cost of directors is up 12%. We raised table fees by \$1, or 4%. We cannot continue to be good stewards of the unit's treasury without increasing fees and cutting back on costs. It has been a break-even proposition for the most part; there have been losses as well. This is coming, so understand the dynamics and continue to come to the clubs and tournaments and support our game.

I look forward to seeing most of you at the Election Sectional on April 4-6. Please thank Peaches Eads and Lesley Kellet for chairing this tournament. To encourage everyone to come out for the annual meeting, we will have a complimentary breakfast and a subsidized \$15 lunch buffet on Saturday. Please vote for three of our candidates. If you have not voted on line, you can vote at the tournament prior to the games on Friday, and on Saturday morning.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the Nearly Summer Sectional which will be at the Shriners June 6-8. Karen Nussbaum and Gary Kerr, the tournament chairs, have already been very busy getting things ready for this tournament. We will be having parking lot security during the tournament, and on Friday we will have help from a police officer for left hand turns out of the parking lot on your way home. A good time will be had by all, so plan on coming out. Make sure to check out the flyer that is in this issue for all the details.

I bid all Unit 174 players a fond farewell as I exit the unit's board. Thank you for the support you have given me during my time on the board and as your president.

Sarah Springer  
[sarahspringerbridge@gmail.com](mailto:sarahspringerbridge@gmail.com)



## New Members and Rank Advancement



### 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:** Bahadur Agha, Mir Ali, Jimmie Carroll, Nancy Christian, Edwin Cordray, Mary Harris, Ronald Harris, Laura Leblanc, Jane Leverett, Brenda Leydens, Frank Marino, Christina Moore, Katherine Nicoletti, Deborah Puetz, Dorothy Webster

**Transfers:** Kathy D Bailey, Martin J Hrachovy, Carol Meade, Mr. James E Meade

**Welcome!**



### Masterpoint Milestones

Listed below are the Unit 174 Masterpoint Milestones reported by ACBL as of March 1, 2025. An explanation of ranks may be found on the [ACBL website](#).

#### Junior Master

Susan Benson, Eva Domene Molnar, Alex Han, Mrs. Patricia McBride, Peggy J Paul

#### Club Master

Faruk Gopalani, Mrs. Latha Iyer, Mrs. Garlanda G Melton, Eric Sachs, Andra Sammons, John Untereker

#### Sectional Master

Lorraine Hart

#### Regional Master

Pamela A Greenwood, Dale Punshon

#### Bronze Life Master

Kyo Chen, Renata Frutiger, Kathy L'Hommedieu

#### Silver Life Master

Brad Chandler, Lynn L Hershey, Ying Peng

#### Ruby Life Master

Ms. Donna Frederick

#### Gold Life Master

Mr. David R Glandorf, Mr. Tom Hogle

## !!! Congratulations !!!

### Member Profile



**Dolores Aquino**

#### Meet Dolores Aquino

By Evvie Gilbert

[Previously published in the D16 March/April *Scorecard*.]

Dolores Aquino was born and raised in Chicago and just as her names suggests, she is Italian which is not surprising given her roots. With that last name, it's likely possible she is a descendant of Thomas Aquinas (bet folks have heard that name before - nothing to do with bridge).

After graduating from high school, Dolores attended the Illinois Institute of Technology and lived at home with her family. She received her undergraduate degree in chemistry. Not ready to hit the work force yet, Dolores decided to pursue a PhD in chemistry at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. It was while she was attending graduate school that she learned to play bridge. Like most of us, she started playing social bridge. To quote, "It was while I was in grad school that I got hooked."

#### **Duplicate Bridge**

Always one who excels, Dolores soon discovered the world of duplicate bridge. She took lessons and by 1975 she was a member of the ACBL. In December 1977 Dolores and her partner participated in a tournament where they won a Novice Pairs Trophy which she still has to this day.

#### **Move to Houston**

Following graduation from Ohio State, Dolores accepted a job at Exxon Research in Houston where she was a research chemist. When the oil bust happened, she was laid off and knocked around a bit and even sold real estate during that time before she found her true calling as a teacher. Dolores said she should have realized teaching was her true passion in life because while at Ohio State she was awarded Outstanding Teaching Associate in Mathematics and Physical Sciences. She taught chemistry at San Jacinto Junior College in Pasadena to students who needed the class so they could pursue their degrees in fields such as nursing. I asked Dolores if she ever converted any of her students and she said that over the years, she has heard from former students about how her class really is helpful to their careers. At San Jac (as we locally refer to the school) Dolores not only lectured chemistry but she also ran all the labs associated with the courses. While teaching at San Jac, she won the Outstanding Chemistry Teacher in a Two Year College award from the Houston Chapter of the American Chemical Society and also served as president of the national Two Year College Chemistry Consortium.

Dolores retired in 2017 so she could, "Play more bridge!"

When Dolores was transitioning from Columbus to Houston, she did it over the Christmas timeframe and was invited to participate in a New Year's Eve party where she met who would become her long-time bridge partner, Betsy DuDose. At that time, Dolores had a whopping 15 masterpoints and Betsy had about 2. Dolores played all over the city of Houston from the Clear Lake Bridge Club (CLBC), the Pasadena Bridge Club, the Bridge Studio (throughout five location changes) and remembers meeting Chris Compton when he was a teenager.

#### **Reconnecting with Friends**

Since I am a member of CLBC, I asked Dolores if she could remember any friends from that era. She mentioned Ann Faget with whom she has renewed her friendship, and they have started playing duplicate



together again as well as socializing away from the bridge table. Dolores graciously allowed herself to be auctioned for the 2024 CBLC The Longest Day events where she and Ann reconnected. She also remembered Jim Shortt and Joe Choate who are both deceased.

Ann Faget invited Dolores to the CLBC 2024 Christmas Party and so Dolores decided to become a member at that time as well. Fun stuff! She'll even be participating in the club's annual Masterpoint Milestone Party and has already committed to the club's 2025 The Longest Day events again.

### ***Volunteering***

Dolores doesn't just play duplicate, she volunteers at the unit, district and club levels. She served on the Unit 174 board in the 1980s. After that she was the partnership chair for many unit tournaments. It was a great job for her because she knew so many people and could pair players well.

### ***District 16 (D16) I/N Lectures***

Dolores is the D16 Intermediate/Newcomer Lecture Series Coordinator. Like Dolores says, "The lecture series is the best kept secret in the district." She is reaching outside of the district to recruit what she prefers to call those volunteers, presenters, but she has always got her eye out for anyone in our D16 family to present. To remind our readers, these lectures are free and are on the fourth Saturday of each month at noon (central time). They are also recorded for folks who can't attend the live sessions, and those recordings can be found on the [D16 website](#).

### ***The Longest Day***

Dolores' other passion is The Longest Day Alzheimer's fundraiser where she organizes the Bridge Club of Houston's (BCOH) events and advertises it among their membership. She said, "I'm committed to the cause because it is wonderful and beneficial."

### ***Don't be Daunted***

Dolores recently earned her Emerald Life Master but don't let that daunt you.

An I/N member of BCOH just let her know that prior to watching Dolores host a lecture, that person was intimidated. Now she realizes how wrong she was.

I first met Dolores when she came to my partner's and my table in an Open Pairs game during a Unit 174 tournament. I might have had 5 masterpoints. I never forgot her name or her face because of her kindness at that table.

Hope you enjoyed meeting Dolores Aquino!

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Evvie Gilbert is a member of the Clear Lake Bridge Club and the Unit 174 Newsletter editor.

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## **Unit News**

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## **Coming Tournaments**

Date	City	State	Unit	Category	Type
April 4-6	Houston	TX	174	Sectional	Open
April 5-6	Houston	TX	D16	GNT	GNT District Finals
April 5-6	Austin	TX	207	Sectional	I/N
April 8-12	Longview	TX	225	Regional	Open
April 14-20			D16	STaC	Open
April 24-26	Houston [Spring]	TX	174	Sectional	I/N
April 30 – May 3	Dallas	TX	176	Sectional	Open
May 1-4	Austin	TX	207	Sectional	Open
May 2-3	Dallas	TX	D16	GNT	GNT District Finals
May 16-18	Fort Worth	TX	183	Sectional	Local
May 17-18	Austin	TX	207	Sectional	I/N
June 6-8	Midland	TX	209	Sectional	Open
June 6-8	Houston	TX	174	Sectional	Open
June 7-8	Georgetown	TX	207	Sectional	I/N
June 9-15			176	STaC	Open
June 19-22	Houston [Spring]	TX	174	Sectional	I/N
June 30 – July 6	San Antonio	TX	172	Regional	Open
July 26-27	San Antonio	TX	172	Sectional	I/N
August 2-3	Austin	TX	207	Sectional	I/N
August 7-9	Tyler	TX	225	Sectional & I/N Regional	Open & I/N
August 18-24	Houston	TX	174	STaC	Open
August 26-31	Allen [DFW]	TX	176	Regional	Open
September 4-7	New Braunfels	TX	172	Sectional	Open
September 11-14	Houston [Spring]	TX	174	Sectional	I/N
September 15-21			D16	STaC	Open
September 25-28	Austin	TX	207	Sectional	Open
October 2-4	Denton	TX	183	Sectional	Local
October 4-5	Austin	TX	207	Sectional	I/N
October 10-11	San Antonio	TX	172	Sectional	I/N
October 15-18	San Antonio	TX	172	Sectional	Open
October 17-19	Fort Worth	TX	183	Sectional	Open
October 20-26			D16	STaC	Open
October 29- November 1	Dallas [DFW]	TX	176	Sectional	Open
November 3-9	Houston	TX	174	STaC	Open
November 8-9	Austin	TX	207	Sectional	I/N
November 13-16	Spring [Houston]	TX	174	Sectional	I/N
December 6-7	Austin	TX	207	Sectional	I/N

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

## Election Sectional



# HOUSTON

## ELECTION SECTIONAL

### APRIL 4-6, 2025

#### MARRIOTT HOUSTON WESTCHASE



#### Friday & Saturday, April 4-5

10 & 2:30	Stratified Open Pairs	A: 5000+ B: 2000-5000 C: 0-2000	Single Sessions
10 & 2:30	Stratified <b>299er</b> Pairs	B: 200-300 C: 100-200 D: 0-100	Single Sessions
10 & 2:30	Bracketed Swiss		Two Sessions

#### Sunday, April 6

10 & 2:30	Stratified Open Pairs	A: 5000+ B: 2000-5000 C: 0-2000	Single Sessions
10 & 2:30	Stratified <b>299er</b> Pairs	B: 200-300 C: 100-200 D: 0-100	Single Sessions
10 & 2:30	Bracketed Swiss		Two Sessions

\* All Strats may be adjusted by the director to balance for strength of players.

#### Accommodations

**Marriott Houston Westchase**  
 2900 Briar Park Drive  
 Houston, TX 77042  
 (713) 978-7400  
 \$129/night  
 Reservation link at [ACBLUnit174.org](http://ACBLUnit174.org)

Free breakfast &  
 \$15 Lunch Sat, Apr 5

#### Annual Meeting

Will be held between  
 Saturday sessions

Vote one hour prior to each  
 session on Friday and on the  
 morning session on Saturday.  
 Full Voting Instructions  
 at [ACBLUnit174.org](http://ACBLUnit174.org)

#### Partnership Chair

Linda McReynolds  
 (713) 819-7812  
[lindamcreynolds@comcast.net](mailto:lindamcreynolds@comcast.net)

#### Game Fees

- Credit Cards only
- \$16 Game fee

#### District 16 Grand National Teams

Flight A Qualifying Sat, April 5 10 & 2:30  
 Flight C Qualifying Sun, April 6 10 & 2:30  
 See GNT Flyer for Full Schedule

#### Tournament Co-Chairs

Hallie (Peaches) Eads Lesley Kellet  
 (713) 569-7700 (713) 852-7198  
[hallieeads@aol.com](mailto:hallieeads@aol.com) [lellybean@msn.com](mailto:lellybean@msn.com)



## BCOH 499er Sectional



**499<sup>er</sup> Sectional**  
**April 24<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

4688 Louetta Rd, Spring, TX | 281-651-6550 | [thebridgeclub@sbcglobal.net](mailto:thebridgeclub@sbcglobal.net)

<p><b>Event Schedule</b>  <i>Thursday thru Saturday</i>  <b>April 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> Single Sessions</b>  ♠ 499er Pairs            10am  ♠ 499er Pairs            2pm</p>	<p><b>Entry Fees</b>  <i>(Per Session - Cash Only)</i>  Current ACBL Members     \$12  Lapsed ACBL Members     \$16  <b>ACBL number required to play.</b>  <b>120 day guest membership available free at</b>  <a href="https://www.acbl.org/membership/">https://www.acbl.org/membership/</a></p>
<p><b>Stratification*</b>  A (300-499) B (100-300) C (0-100)  <i>* Strats may be modified by Director</i></p>	<p><b>Snacks / Lunch</b>  Free snacks and drinks. Lunch available for \$8 <b>Cash</b> each day if ordered by 10am.</p>
<p><b>Need a Partner?</b>  Contact Zane Bolen  281-813-5448  <a href="mailto:zbolen@comcast.net">zbolen@comcast.net</a>  <b>Ambassador available for all Sessions.</b></p>	<p><b>Lodging</b>  SpringHill Suites 20303  Chasewood Park Dr., Houston, TX 77070 has a discount rate of \$105 + tax per night, and free cancellation 24 hours before check-in. Contact hotel directly at 832-953-2228 and ask for Imagine Peels and mention BCOH Bridge Tournament.</p>
<p><b>Notes</b>  ♠ BCOH is a fragrance free facility.  ♠ <b>Life Masters with less than 500 pts can play.</b></p>	
<p><b>Tournament Chair</b>  Zane Bolen  <a href="mailto:zbolen@comcast.net">zbolen@comcast.net</a></p>	

Silver Points – Silver Points – Silver Points

**Nearly Summer Sectional**





# Nearly Summer Sectional

## Houston Unit 174 June 6 - 8, 2025



Arabia Shriners  
10510 Harwin Dr.  
Houston, TX 77036



### Stratification

#### 299er Pairs

A: 200-299 B: 100-199 C: 0-99

#### Open Pairs

A: 5000+ B: 2000-4999 C: 0-1999

**Note:** Stratifications for all events are based on average MPs. If an event has an upper MP limit, every player must fall within that limit. All Strats may be adjusted by the director to balance for strength of players"

### Tournament Chairs

Karen Nussbaum  
(832) 524-5233  
karenunit174@gmail.com

Gary Kerr  
(281) 543-8712  
madk86@aol.com

### Partnership

Chloe Ella Fackenthall  
(281) 493-0294  
cfackenthall@hotmail.com

### Hospitality

New box lunch choices available \$10  
\$1 coffee & sodas  
Free bottled water

Cris Emmons  
(713) 825-4475  
cris@emmonslegal.com

### Friday & Saturday, June 6-7

10 am & 2:30 pm	Stratified 299er Pairs	Single Sessions *
10 am & 2:30 pm	Stratified Open Pairs	Single Sessions *
10 am & 2:30 pm	Bracketed Swiss Teams	Two Sessions

### Sunday, June 8

10 am & TBA	Stratified 299er Pairs	Single Sessions *
10 am & TBA	Stratified Open Pairs	Single Sessions *
10 am & TBA	Bracketed Swiss Teams	Two Sessions

\* Play two sessions for Overall Awards. However, players may OPT to play either single session only and earn session points.

**Note:** Smooth traffic flow will be assisted by a policeman directing traffic out of the parking lot on Friday after the games. Security will be enhanced by a guard patrolling the parking lot during games all 3 days.

*This is a fragrance-free tournament.*

### Fees

\$16 per Session  
Cashless Tournament  
Credit Card only



### Accommodations

**TownePlace Suites by Marriott**  
10610 Westpark Dr, Houston TX 77042  
(713) 266-2210

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Maria Luzia Turner  
(832) 633-9433  
jturner102@att.net

## 99er Nite Club



# THE 99er Nite Club East

**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 players

**the "99er Nite Club East"!**

**When: 6pm, 7 days a week**

**Where: ACBL Clubhouse\***

**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 Janice Rush at:

[janice\\_hardcastle@hotmail.com](mailto:janice_hardcastle@hotmail.com)



**199er Nite Club**



# 199er Nite Club East

*Ready to Graduate from  
the 0 to 99 Game?*

## **D16's 199er NITE CLUB EAST GAME ON BBO IS YOUR NEXT STEP!**

**7 DAYS A WEEK AT 6:00 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 Janice Rush for details:*

*janice\_hardcastle@hotmail.com*

*New Game in Town*



**Future Life Masters**





**Future Life Masters of Unit 174**

**www.flm174.org**

*The fun is just beginning!*

**Weekends are perfect for new bridge players!**

**Saturdays at 1:00 PM**

**99er Game**

**Clear Lake Bridge Club\***

**CLBC: 16614 Sea Lark, Houston, Tx**

**Sundays at 1:30 PM**

**49er Game**

**Bridge Club of Houston\***

**BCOH: 4876 Louetta, Spring, Tx**

**BOTH GAMES WELCOMING SINGLETONS!  
EVERYONE PLAYS!**

\*The Clubs will be closed during the Election Sectional, April 4-6

## Regular Club Games

### Face-to-Face

#### 299er Games

- Bridge Academy of West Houston WEDNESDAYS at 10:30
- Bridge Club of Houston SATURDAYS at 12:00
- Clear Lake Bridge Club MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS at 2:00

### Mentor-Mentee Games

Contact the following clubs to explore playing in the FABULOUS Mentor-Mentee Programs! Each club offering is a little different...but the experience is the same: playing with a knowledgeable player, learning about stronger competition, getting to know the better players at the club. **These fun programs will improve your game!**

- Bridge Academy of West Houston
- Bridge Club of Houston
- Clear Lake Bridge Club
- Lone Star Bridge Club

## Meet the Candidates

The nominating committee worked hard and found six great candidates who agreed to run for the three Unit 174 board positions that will need to be filled in April. Watch for details about how you can vote in the next issue. In the meantime, get to know all of the candidates.





**Fred Gregory** worked as a chemical engineer for the past 40+ years. He retired from his current position as Process Safety Manager and Technical Fellow at Lubrizol's Deer Park facility at the end of 2024. Fred is looking forward to having more time to devote to hobbies such as playing bridge at the local club and at tournaments. He says, "It has been a challenge to balance work with my bridge life!"

Fred started playing bridge at age six with his grandparents and parents using the traditional Goren methods. His parents had the same group of friends playing bridge at each others' homes for over fifty years. Fred took a bridge hiatus when he got married and had children (three) but picked it back up in 2015 when his son suggested he try it once again.

Since resuming the game, Fred plays regularly at the Bridge Club of Houston. He hasn't missed a single Lone Star Regional and has attended almost all the local sectional tournaments as well. During the past decade, Fred says, "I have met some of the nicest and friendliest people ever and look forward to contributing to the bridge community in the greater Houston area."



**Joe Quinn** has been playing bridge since graduating college in 1972 with a degree in Chemical Engineering and an MBA. His career took him all over the world working as a project director with Fluor. Joe spent 16 years working overseas mostly in Europe (UK, Denmark, Poland and Switzerland) with a couple of years in Saudi Arabia. The rest of his career was divided between Texas and California. He went to part time employment in 2020 and with his extra time he started teaching bridge part time. Joe enjoys teaching bridge especially seeing the enthusiasm of his students.

Joe is a Grand Life Master with two national championships and numerous high placings in other national championships. His favorite bridge partner is his wife, Shawn, who has won several world championships and over 20 national championships. They don't get to play together as much now as they have a twelve-year-old daughter with whom they enjoy spending time.



**Cindy Schaefer** is a native Houstonian who grew up in New Jersey before returning to the University of Texas to study chemical engineering. She worked in the chemical industry, focusing on process safety for the last 25 years of her career.

Cindy first learned bridge from Geoff and Wilma Booth. After retiring, she took several classes from Dave Glandorf, Education Director at Clear Lake Bridge Club (CLBC), and admits that she has repeated at least one class. Cindy appreciates playing with and learning from the friendly people at the CLBC. She says, "Now I'm somewhat addicted."

Aside from bridge, Cindy's hobbies include playing clarinet in Gulf Coast Concert Band, reading (she's in two book clubs), and walking. With her husband, Alan – who also plays bridge, they have a son, a daughter and three wonderful grandchildren.

Cindy is interested in helping to encourage more people to play bridge and join this wonderful community.



**Lisa Z. Sommer** was born and raised in China. She attended Beijing University and earned her BS in business. Lisa taught at Beijing Institute of Economics for six years as an associate professor. She worked for a British satellite television and communication company as sales manager for four years.

Lisa moved to Houston in 1994 with her husband, Charles. She worked for Upstream (Norwegian company) as sales manager, and Tidewater (New Orleans company) as a market analyst. Since 2003, Lisa works an independent consultant for the oil and gas industry with her focus on upstream technology between United States and China. This work allows her to travel internationally but also provides lots of free time to play bridge and golf.

Lisa learned bridge from her husband about 30 years ago and they played lots of party bridge. She started playing duplicate bridge in 2000 and is now a Gold Life Master. Lisa says, "I truly love the game and greatly appreciate the club owners' and directors' contribution to the game. If elected, Lisa would, ".like to focus my efforts on attracting new people to the game."





**John (Eric) Watson** played bridge socially from age 13 and duplicate from 1990 when he joined the ACBL. He is currently a Silver Life Master. Eric worked as a director for Houston Bridge Studio and Sue Williams' Sugarland Duplicate Bridge Club. He purchased her club in 2015.

Eric has a BS in education from UNC Chapel Hill and an MBA from the University of Houston in Marketing and Finance. He served three years as an artillery officer in the US army and worked both as a banker and paralegal.

He has over 25 years of experience as a director and 10 years as a club owner and manager. Eric currently owns, manages, and directs Fort Bend County Duplicate Bridge with an open game every Tuesday morning at Arabia Shriners in Houston.

Eric was appointed to the Unit 174 Board of Directors in 2023 and immediately applied his years of experience to the difficult task of bringing the unit back to pre-COVID levels of membership and open game participation. He has the time, energy and experience to help the unit continue to grow.



**Judi Whaling** is an Olympian who competed under the name Judi Genovesi in the 1976 Olympics in Ice Dancing, placing 15th. She was the 1977 National Champion and placed 9th in the world. Judi graduated from Boston College (cum laude) with a degree in business. She ran and finished the Boston Marathon in 1981 and won a local women's golf championship in 2003. Judi owned and operated an interior design business for over 25 years.

After retirement, Judi decided to learn how to play bridge because she, "Wanted to give my brain exercise by learning something new, difficult, and hopefully enjoyable." She fell in love with bridge and met a lot of new friends!

If elected to the board, Judi would like to help grow the game of bridge and promote a welcoming and nurturing culture in Unit 174. She recognizes that it can be very intimidating for a newcomer to play in a duplicate club game.

## Club Table Counts

Unit 174 has many ACBL-sanctioned clubs so that means many games both Face-to-Face (F2F) 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	30,401.00	28
2021	30,365.00	24
2022	20,451.00	24
2023	18,183.00	25
2024	16,900.00	24

The ACBL website is still broken however, ACBL Executive Director, Bronia Jenkins was able to provide a tool that she is using to gather this information. The following numbers are the Unit 174 table counts from January 1-March 26, 2025 :

Total Tables:	4,029
Total F2F:	3,533
Total Online:	162
Total Swiss Teams:	327

We are down to 22 clubs from 24 at the end of 2024. The top five clubs are:

1. Clear Lake Bridge Club:	1,080 Tables, all F2F
2. Bridge Club of Houston:	718.5 Tables, 556.5 F2F, 162 Online
3. Bridge Academy of West Houston:	515 Tables, all F2F
4. Lone Star Bridge Club:	363 Tables, all F2F
5. Apple II DBC	241 Tables, all F2F

One other bit of information, Unit 174's Clear Lake Bridge Club is still the District 16 leader for F2F tables with 1080, followed by Bridge Center of Austin with 772, and Bridge Club of Houston with 718 tables. So, Unit 174 has two clubs in the top three for District 16.

## 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 a.m. sharp at the Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter Dr. 77042. Please plan to arrive by 11:15 a.m. All games are \$3.00 / person.

### New Clubs' Policy:

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

*APPLE II **upped** the offer:* The normal game fee of \$3.00 / person will be *waived* if the pair has less than 100 MP's on average, so all of you FLMs should come on out on Friday and test your skill at *no cost!* In addition, any player who pairs up with someone under 100 points plays for *FREE!* Since many of our 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!

Apple II will be closed on April 4 for the Election Sectional and on April 18 for Good Friday.

For information, please contact:

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

Friday - Apple II - Tom Jahnke  
[tomtomj211@yahoo.com](mailto:tomtomj211@yahoo.com) - 713-777-0333

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.

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## Bridge Academy of West Houston



### Chloe Ella Fackenthall Gold Life Master Party

A **Gold** Life Master party was held on March 4 to celebrate Chloe Ella Fackenthall achieving the rank of **Gold** Life Master.

Joe Baker, Chloe Ella Fackenthall, Rathindra Dutt, Jim Middleton & Lesley Kellet

Congratulations Chloe!

## 499er Sectional

We hosted a successful 499er Sectional on February 27-March 1 with lots of winners and masterpoints. Make sure you check out the coming May/June issue of the *Scorecard* to see all our winners.

## Mentor/Mentee

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

*April 1st - 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.

## 8 is enough Swiss Teams

Our 8 is enough Swiss Teams games are held monthly on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. The next games will be held on

*April 13th - 8 is enough Swiss Teams*

The Swiss Teams 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.

The Swiss Teams has become an extremely popular event. For help finding teammates contact:

Linda McReynolds @ (713) 819-7812 [lindamcreynolds@comcast.net](mailto:lindamcreynolds@comcast.net)

## Mini-lesson

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

## Game Schedule

**Tuesday - Mentor/Mentee**  
**Wednesday - Open & 299'er**  
**Thursdays - Invitational**  
**10:30 a.m.**  
**Sunday - 8 is Enough Swiss Teams**  
**1:30 p.m.**  
**Arabia Shriners Center**  
**10510 Harwin Dr.**

- \$7.00 per person
- Coffee & Snacks are provided
- Jennifer Breihan, Janice Hardcastle Rush and Tom Jahnke directors

## Game Calendar

Tues – Apr 1	Charity Game	Sun – Apr 13	Club Championship
Wed – Apr 2	Charity Game	Wed – Apr 16	D16 Royal STaC
Thu – Apr 3	Charity Game	Thu – Apr 17	D16 Royal STaC
Wed – Apr 9	Charity Game	Wed – Apr 23	Charity Game
Thu – Apr 10	Charity Game	Thu – Apr 24	Club Championship
		Wed – Apr 30	Club Championship

## Need a Partner?

Contact Linda or Tom Martinsen at 713-398-4907 [martinsens@comcast.net](mailto:martinsens@comcast.net).





## Bridge Club of Houston

Please consult our monthly calendar online for updates and complete listings: [BCOH Calendar](#).

### Lessons

- Tuesday Tidbits – Build a solid foundation with Julie Halperin, Diamond Life Master and ACBL Teacher. Enjoy a free lesson for all from 9:30-10:10 a.m. A game follows at 10:30 a.m. Text Julie at 713-857-8004 for more information.
- New Beginner classes will start in July. Watch for more information in subsequent issues.

### Practice for Intermediate/Newcomers

- FLM 0-49 Game – Sundays at 1:30 PM, \$5 fee. For more information, please contact [BridgewithCarol@gmail.com](mailto:BridgewithCarol@gmail.com), 936-650-8180.
- F2F Mentor Games – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. To be matched with a mentor, for 2nd Tuesday call or text Judy Cupps, 713-320-5592, for fourth Tuesday call or text Bob Ziegler, 713-829-6928.
- Online Mentor Game – 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 p.m. (Protege should invite and pay for game of mentor.) Contact Mike Linkins if you have any questions: [minkins@swbell.net](mailto:minkins@swbell.net)
- Online 0-20 Game – 2nd Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. (usually).
- F2F 299er Game – Saturdays at 12:00 p.m. (noon), for a partner or to register contact Kas Rangan, [kas.rangan@gmail.com](mailto:kas.rangan@gmail.com), 539-210-1333.
- I/N Game less 1000 – Fifth Tuesday of any month.

For more information about the games, please see [BCOH website](#).

### F2F Open Pairs Games

- Mondays 11:55 a.m.
- 1st & 5th Tuesdays 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesdays & Fridays 10:30 a.m.
- Saturdays – 12:00 p.m. (noon)

### F2F Swiss Teams

- 3rd Tuesdays 10:30 a.m.

### Online – Choose Houston! (BBO®)

- Thursdays 7:00 p.m., [SE Carolina Club of Clubs](#)

### Coming Attractions

- April 1-2 – ACBL Silver Linings Open Pairs, regular game times
- April 4-6 – Club is closed for the Unit 174 Election Sectional
- April 14-16 & 18-19 – D16 Royal STaC, regular game times
- April 20 – Club Closed for Easter
- April 24-27 – BCOH 499er Spring Sectional. Games at 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
- April 29 – Limited 999er Game, 10:30 a.m.

### Enjoy the Good Times with Good Friends in March

Dolores Aquino's **Emerald** Life Master Party



St. Pat's & Potluck



Check the [BCOH Website](#) for more including details, potlucks and points each week.

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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.

### **Mentored Pairs**

1st & 3rd Monday @ 7:00 PM

### **Open Pairs**

Thursday @ 7:00 PM

### **Future Life Masters**

Tuesday (0-50) @ 3:05 PM\*

2nd Saturday (0-20) @ 9:00 AM\*

\*usually - see [flm174.org](http://flm174.org) for dates

### **SE Carolina Consortium**

<https://sites.google.com/view/se-club-of-clubs/home>



## Clear Lake Bridge Club

Clear Lake Bridge Club (CLBC) is located at 16614 Sear Lark, Houston, Texas 77062.

Games are held every day of the week. The club closes for Unit 174 tournaments, Christmas and Easter. You can reach us by phone at 281-480-1911.

### **Weekly Game Schedule:**

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

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

0-749 Games: Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. and Thursday at 1:00 p.m.

0-99 Game: Saturday 1:00 p.m.

Swiss Teams: Sunday at 1:00 p.m. The B players' upper limit is 2000 - 2500 masterpoints. We ask that anyone interested in playing in any of the Sunday afternoon Team Games to please register before you come so that the director can have the set up done on time.

8 is Enough Swiss Teams: Is usually on the first Sunday (April 6) each month. It is moved to the second Sunday when there is a sectional tournament or The Longest Day Event.

The 8 is Enough Swiss Teams stratifications are:

**Level 1** - 0-749 masterpoints (1)

**Level 2** - 750-1999 masterpoints (2)

**Level 3** - 2000+ 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.

### **Partnership/Team Building:**

Chuck Ensor will assist anyone to get a team organized for any of the Sunday Swiss Teams games. You can either call Chuck at 713-502-0282 or [email](#) him.

### **Mentor/Mentee Game:**

Every third Wednesday (April 16) afternoon at 2:00 p.m. (Moves for The Longest Day only.)

Beginning in April, Mentees must be Non Life Masters (NLM) with under 500 masterpoints. This game is held directly after the morning open game. Sandwiches are served for lunch. Reservations must be made in advance by noon on the prior Monday. Mentee pays the game fee for the Mentor. For information and to submit a contact form, please visit the [CLBC MM site](#) or contact Susan Hanna at [s.l.hanna@gmail.com](mailto:s.l.hanna@gmail.com)

*Please arrive no later than 15 minutes before the game start times.*

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

### **Bridge Labs (Supervised Play):**

Sunday and Tuesdays from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Bridge Lab table fee is \$8.00.

Check out [www.clearlakebridgeclub.org/bridge-education](http://www.clearlakebridgeclub.org/bridge-education) for new classes offered in 2025.

## **Club News**

### **PREVIOUSLY...**

On March 1, CLBC launched a 99er game. It has been a great success. Game time is every Saturday at 1:00 pm. ACBL membership is required to win masterpoints but not required to play. Come out and play our wonderful game!

On March 10, CLBC participated in the ACBL-Wide Senior Silver Pairs. No one in our club received any silver points. But we participated and everyone had fun! Enjoy the photos below.





Our March Mentor/Mentee Winners are:

**Mentor Mentee Winners!**

**Overall Winners**  
**Charles Hilding & Mentee David Good**

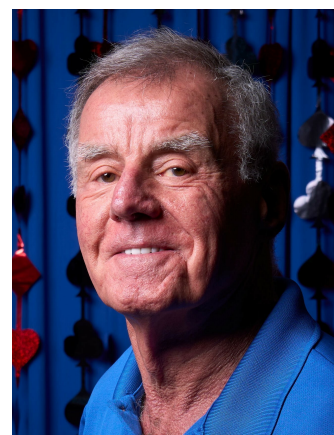
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**East/West Winners**  
**Dana Brown & Mentee Judy Ferguson**  
**03/2025**

**UPCOMING...**

## **Nelson Brown's Diamond Life Master Party**

The club will be celebrating Nelson Brown's **Diamond** Life Master achievement on Monday, April 14 at 10:00 a.m. Make sure to join the fun and congratulate Nelson!



**Nelson Brown**  
**Diamond Life**  
**Master**

### **Masterpoint Milestone Party**

CLBC will be celebrating all members who have attained a new rank in the past year on Wednesday, April 16 at 1:00 p.m. This party will be held between the morning Open game and the afternoon Mentor/Mentee game.

Congratulations to all CLBC Members who have attained a new rank in the past year.

Judith Rebmann  
2nd vice president



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 a.m., with sign-up beginning at 11:00 a.m.

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

**Katy DBC** meets every Wednesday. Sign-in starts at 11:00 a.m., and the game begins at 11:30 a.m. 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).

### **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  
832-851-4745  
[jwarren7602gmail.com](mailto:jwarren7602gmail.com)



## Fort Bend Duplicate Bridge Club

### **Open Games Tuesday**

Arabia Shriners Center  
10510 Harwin Dr.  
Houston, TX 77036

Please arrive by 10:15 a.m. Games starts at 10:30 a.m.

Let's Make Bridge Fun Again

- 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 are available immediately.
- Our directors are all fully qualified, gentle and experienced.
- All five April games are upgraded and are still \$8.00.

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

John Eric Watson  
[ewat2004@aol.com](mailto:ewat2004@aol.com)  
832 287 9107



## KINGWOOD DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

### Games:

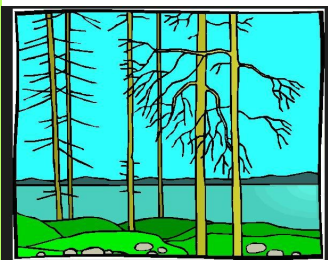
Wednesday and Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at the Kingwood Community Center, 4102 Rustic Woods Drive, Kingwood, TX 77345. Entries are still \$2 and \$3 for upgraded games.

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

On Thursday, October 24th and 31st, the game will not be held due to early voting.

However, the games will be held on Wednesday.

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

### April 2025

Our Bridge Club is a very welcoming and friendly Club. We have players from all levels, so players new to duplicate will feel comfortable; and seasoned players will find a challenge. We would like to invite you and your bridge friends to join us every Friday. We meet at the Restoration Church, [107 Fish Creek Thoroughfare, Montgomery](#). When you enter the parking lot, drive around to the back of the property to the new sanctuary building. We begin playing at 10:30 am. The game fee is \$5.00. We always offer snacks, sweet and savory, and coffee and iced tea. We will take a break midday, so please bring your lunch. There is a refrigerator and a microwave for your use if needed.

If you need a partner, please contact Carol Meade at 281-543-4541 or email her at [meadecm@icloud.com](mailto:meadecm@icloud.com) and she will do her best to assist you to get a partner.

The following is what's happening on Fridays in April:

- April 4- Charity Club Championship
- April 11 - Charity Club Championship
- April 28 - *Game Location to be determined.*
- April 25 - Charity Club Championship - Pizza Day Lunch Provided

We welcome you to join us on Friday's at LCDBC and look forward to seeing all of you at the table.

Please contact me either by phone or email if you have any questions regarding playing at our Club.

Penny Grassedonio  
Club Manager  
832-361-4577  
[czthdaypjg@gmail.com](mailto:czthdaypjg@gmail.com)



[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](#).

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

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

**Please Note:**

We are in the middle of the election for our new Board of Directors. The three candidates are running unopposed, so they will take their positions at the Quarterly Board Meeting on April 17. The new board members are Steve Brodereck, Linda Hensley, and Judy Sulzbach. Officers for 2025-2026 will be elected at this meeting.

**April Calendar of Events**

Monday, April 7 - Game & Free bridge lesson with Diamond Life Master Jeff Kroll at 11:00 a.m. Game begins at 11:45 a.m. Jeff's class will cover:

1. When to win a trick and when to let the opponents win the trick.
2. When to cover and when not to.

All April games are Charity Club Championship except during STaC.

If you would like to be added to the email list for our weekly newsletter to keep up with our club news as well as a weekly lesson from DLM Jeff Kroll, please contact Linda Sutton at: [lindasutton212@gmail.com](mailto:lindasutton212@gmail.com) or 936-443-3600.

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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## STAR DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Games are on Mondays and Fridays at 9:30 am and are **\$5.00** 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



### **2025 ACBL North American Bridge Championship (NABC) Memphis, Tennessee, March 12 - 23**

(A Short Report)

BY **THOMAS RUSH**

Unit174 had great representation in Memphis, and members brought home an impressive load of masterpoints – just under 2,500 individuals won points. The convention center was recently remodeled and looked good; those with cars could secure parking there for about \$12/day with in and out privileges. On the other hand, many attendees were disappointed that the trolleys which had run at the last NABC here were not running this time. The trolleys made getting around much of Memphis inexpensive, quick, and easy.

#### **Food & Weather**

There were a lot of wonderful restaurants, quite a few within a mile or so walk from the venue. Barbecue was well represented as you might imagine. There were also many small local restaurants that had menus with only a few main dishes, but those tended to be fantastic, reasonably priced, providing excellent service, and chef-owned – true delights! The weather was as varied as this author can recall at a national tournament. We had rain one day, fierce winds others, temperatures in the low 30s another day, and absolutely gorgeous days mixed in.

#### **Masterpoints Overview & NABC Tournaments**

Before we get into who won what, here is an overview of masterpoints and NABCs. Most people know about black (won at clubs), silver (at sectional tournaments, red and gold (at regional tournaments or one-day regionally-rated events at the NABC), and clear masterpoints (won online in ACBL games). There are also platinum masterpoints, won at an NABC in the toughest of events – at least two day, four session events, with some being three or more days of competition to finally get a winner. Typically, each day's contest eliminates half of the field, so the next day's competition is against a tougher and tougher set of opponents! The people you'll play against in those championship NABC events are the very best that bridge has to offer: Eddie Wold, Mike Passell, Mark Itabashi, Zia Mahmood, the Grossack brothers, Mitch Dunitz, Bob Hamman, David Berkowitz, Eric Rodwell, Mel Colchamiro, and Jeff Meckstroth are just some of the top ACBL players whose names you'll recognize – but the best, even if not known by name by Americans, come from all over the world.

#### **Who can Play**

I was asked by a club player if you needed to be invited or meet some criteria to attend an NABC – and the answer is (with the exception of a few events) no! The most common exceptions are the Grand National Teams (GNT) and North American Open Pairs (NAOP or NAP) that require you to participate and qualify at the district level to play in the national finals. Some specific events have qualifications: you must be a Life Master to play in the Life Master Pairs, you must have earned a Blue Ribbon qualification to enter the Blue Ribbon Pairs – but there is so much going on at an NABC that you'll never be stuck with no event to enter. Every day has both regionally-rated pair and bracketed Swiss Teams games. You'll be welcome no matter how many, or how few, points you have. There are always Gold Rush events going on, as well as 299er games. Almost every day features lessons by top teachers like Jerry Helms, Donna Compton, Vic Quiros, Jade Barrett, and so on.

#### **How Unit 174 Members Fared**

So who was successful at the Memphis NABC? Eddie Wold led the local winners with 132 masterpoints by placing 16th in the Jacoby Swiss Teams, 4th in the Silodor Open Pairs, and 9/16 in the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams – all platinum points, all tough championship events.

Buddy Hanby and Sally Wheeler each won 75 masterpoints, 15 in the



Rockwell Mixed Pairs (22nd), 25 in the Senior Mixed Pairs (8th), Nine in the Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs (all platinum), and 27 gold coming in second in a bracket 1 regional Swiss Teams event.

This correspondent earned 65 masterpoints in total. His best finish was 11th place in the Silodor Open Pairs with Vic Quiros of Phoenix for 31 platinum masterpoints and his best finish so far in an unlimited NABC+ event. He and Jack LaVigne also had a section place in the Flight A NAP where they represented District 16.

Young Kyo Chen won 58 masterpoints for an Open Pairs finish with his brother Ryo, and lots of scratches in other events. His big event (37 gold masterpoints) was winning the 0-2500 Swiss Teams event with his father and the teenage brothers Andrew and Charlie Chen of Austin (Unit 207). Kyo picked up 2.5 platinum points in the NABC+ Open Pairs along with his 56 gold.

Kyo's dad Hua Chen won almost as many masterpoints, 55, which were mostly gold with a smattering of platinum and red.

Dolores Aquino, who recently passed 7500 points and achieved Emerald Life Master, earned another 40 masterpoints, mostly platinum. Her standout wins were 40th overall in the Rockwell Mixed Pairs that started with 266 pairs.

Others who brought home lots of masterpoints include Lori Laufman, 36; Jimmy Breihan, 33; James Woodward, 32; Wanfeng Mou, 32, Susan and Bob Domsalla, both 31; Jane Boozalis, 30. I would like to call out Evan Marti's success. Although he has under 1,000 points, he and his partner Randy Pearson of Philadelphia (600 points) took on the challenge of the Nationals and entered two tough NABC+ events: the Silver Ribbon Pairs and the Lebar IMP pairs. They placed in the overalls in both events, bringing home 24.5 platinum and 6 gold masterpoints in a regional event.

Taking home 20 - 30 masterpoints were James Zhan and Ying Peng who won 24 gold points by representing District 16 in the Flight B Golder North American Pairs and placing 5th. Also, Jack LaVigne, 28; Bob Morris, 28; Brigitte Sandifer and Paddy Fiorino, 26; and Ryo Chen (brother of Kyo) 23.

Jerome Tilles won 16; Betty Starzec 12; Kathy McDougall 10. Also bringing home masterpoints were Janice Rush, Chris Kollenberg, Harry Elliott, Loretta Cross, Joan Land, Georgiana Gates, Linda Drake, Judi Whaling, Kathleen Pflueger, B Haznedar, Anne Miraglia, Lindy Kahn, Marcia Lindsey, Betty Cartmell (who recently earned her Life Master rank), Richard Whaling, Ann Brinker Schwall, and Jeff McKee.

Any omission of point winners is my mistake and wholly unintentional.

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## In Memoriam

\* Rosemary S. Brooks, Houston

\*Life Master

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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 Sarah Springer, Unit 174 Board President - [sarahspringerbridge@gmail.com](mailto:sarahspringerbridge@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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