

Unit 207 Newsletter

June/July 06

The Unit 207 Newsletter editor is Larry Davis. The board member supervising the unit newsletter is Mary Anne Laier. The newsletter will be available on or about the first day of the months of February, April, June, August, October and December. Please let the editor know about newsworthy items so that they may be included in the newsletter.

Upcoming Unit 207 Events

3 June (Sat) - Bridge Center - Ice Cream Social - Stratified Open Pairs
16 June (**Friday evening**) - Norris Conference Center - Dinner 6:30, Bridge at 7:30
29 July (Sat) - Bridge Center - City Championship - Stratified Open Pairs - 2 sessions

Upcoming Special Games at Clubs

2 June (Fri) - Senior Center - Charity game
7 June (Weds eve) - Bridge Center - Club Championship
8 June (Thurs) - Bridge Center - NAP game
11 June (Sun) - Bridge Center - Club Championship
12 June (Mon) - Senior Center - Club Championship
13 June (Tues) - Bridge Center - NAP game
15 June (Thurs) - Bridge Center - Club Championship
16 June (Fri) - Bridge Center - NAP game
17 June (Sat eve) - Bridge Center - Club Championship
19 June (Mon) - Bridge Center - NAP game
20 June (Tues) - Senior Center - Membership game
21 June (Weds day) - Bridge Center - NAP game
24 June (Sat day) - Bridge Center - ACBL/ABA Unity Game
25 June (Sun) - Bridge Center - NAP game
28 June (Weds **day**) - Bridge Center - **there is a game**
28 June (Weds **eve**) - Bridge Center - **no game**
29 June - 4 July (Thurs - Tues) - **no club games** (Austin Regional)
6 July (Thurs) - Bridge Center - NAP game
7 July (Fri) - Senior Center - Membership game
8 July (Sat day) - Bridge Center - NAP game
10 July (Mon) - Bridge Center - Club Championship
11 July (Tues) - Bridge Center - Inter-Club Championship
12 July (Weds day) - Bridge Center - NAP game
15 July (Sat day) - Bridge Center - Club Championship
25 July (Tues) - Senior Center - Club Championship
26 July (Weds eve) - Bridge Center - NAP game
28 July (Fri) - Bridge Center - Club Championship
31 July (Mon) - Bridge Center - NAP game

Future Austin Tournaments

June 06 (17th - 18th) - Bridge Center - NLM Sectional
July 06 (28th - 4th) - DoubleTree Hotel - Regional (Chairmen: Davis/Laier/Schuhmacher)
Sept 06 (21st - 24th) - Clarion Inn (Chairman: Mark McAllister)
Oct 06 (21st - 22nd) - Bridge Center - NLM Sectional (Chairman: Kevin Perkins)
Jan 07 (4th - 7th) - DoubleTree (+ District 16 NAOP finals) (Chairs: Delfeld and Rogers)

Congratulations!

New Life Masters (300): Joe Black, Pat Carpenter, David Warner

New Bronze Life Masters (500): Pat Carpenter, Anita Cokins, Diana Frankeny, Richard Frankeny, Angela Lennon, Diana Rogers

New Silver Life Masters (1000): Theresa McKinney

Others: (15,000) George Pisk; (14,000) Tobi Sokolow; (3500) Scott Humphrey;
(1500) Louis Sachar; (750) Lawton Hutchison, Pam Phillips;
(200) David Begin, Lynn Gunn, Ginger Lake; (100) Bonnie Cahill, Elgin Davis,
Michael Ford, Della Maracle; (50) Marilyn Sharratt, Charles Strawn

Austin Sectional: Unit 207 members winning 10+ masterpoints were: P. Kelley,
R. Kelley, G. Pisk, J. Lacy, B. Tobias, S. Humphrey, M. Laier, P. Long, S. Henry,
S. George, T. Breed, J. Griffin

Scott Humphrey is now an ACBL tournament director. He will be working part-time.

Bridge Fundraiser

A special Unit Championship will be held on Friday, June 16th to benefit a fourteen-year-old girl in our community who is having a heart transplant. Carrabba's restaurant has generously donated the meal for this event, and the Norris Conference Center (Northcross Mall on Anderson Lane) has donated the venue. 100% of the entry fees will go directly to the Megan Horton Medical Assistance Fund. This is an excellent opportunity for the Austin bridge community to reach out to a family in need. Please pick up a registration form at the Bridge Center, the Senior Activity Center or contact Laura Delfeld for additional details at 258-2117 or delhan@swbell.net. Seating is limited; **reservations must be made by June 12.**

NAP Games

Club-level qualification begins in June. There are 16 NAP games scheduled (5 or 6 each month at the Bridge Center, spread among the various days of the week). The strats are: C - less than 500 masterpoints and not a Life Master, B - 500 to 1999 and A - 2000+. August dates are: 9th (Weds. eve), 18th (Fri), 20th (Sun), 22nd (Tues) and 26th (Sat. day). The unit final (for those qualifying at the club-level) will be October 28th (Sat) at the Bridge Center. It will be a two-session event. For those qualifying at the unit-level (about 50% of each strat), the District 16 NAP final will be held at the Austin sectional, Jan 4 - 7 (Thurs - Sun). District-level winners (3 or 4 in each strat) advance to the national-level, played at the Spring Nationals (St. Louis).

City Championship

Just what is the City Championship that is being held July 29th? It is a double-session, stratified, open pair event held annually in the summer by Unit 207. The event was started in 1999. The winning pair of each flight (A: 2000+, B: 500-1999, C: 0-499 NLM) has their names inscribed on a plaque and are dubbed the City Champions for that year.

May Sectional

The tournament chairmen were Linda Anthony and Diana Rogers. Other chairmen were: Laura Delfeld - Caddies, Nancy Dean and Marilyn Sharratt - Hospitality, Joyce Cooper - Partnerships, Mark McAllister - Photography and Kevin Perkins - Supplies. The tournament chairmen wish to thank the many individuals who brought goodies for the hospitality table. An outstanding meal was catered by Mike Stout, Unit 207 master chef.

Bridge Plus

Bridge Plus+ is a fun, stress-free way for new bridge players to be introduced to duplicate bridge. The game has an upper limit of 5 masterpoints. There is a 20-minute lesson followed by a short break and then about two hours of bridge, playing in a loosely duplicate format. Weekly Bridge Plus+ games are held Tuesdays at 11:30 **and** on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. with Mary Anne Laier. Let your beginning bridge-playing friends now about this program.

ACBL/ABA Unity Game

The ABA is the only other national bridge organization in the United States. The first ever Unity Game will be held on June 24th (Sat day) at the Bridge Center. Overall awards will be given as per an Inter-Club Championship. There will be hand records and across-the-field scoring. (The "field" is all other clubs in the U.S. which participate.) Nationwide results will be posted on the ACBL web site on Monday (26th).

. Skip Bids

Whenever a skip bid occurs, whether or not the "STOP" card is used, the next player to call must make a significant pause (officially, 10 seconds) before making a call (including PASS). A skip bid is presumed to cause a problem for the next person to call, and if (A) he passes quickly such action gives unauthorized information to his partner that he was going to PASS in any event, or if (B) he bids or doubles quickly such action gives unauthorized information to his partner that the skip bid gave him no problem whatsoever (because he had a good hand). If you or your partner make a skip bid and the opponents do not make a significant pause before calling, call the director! When pausing, especially if you know that you're going to PASS, don't make it obvious that you are just allowing time to go by because you're supposed to, for example by counting to ten either out loud or in some other obvious way. (This required 10 second pause is not considered to be a break in tempo. However, significantly longer is a break in tempo.)