

# Unit 207 Newsletter

## Dec/Jan. 07

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

- Dec 10 (**Sunday**) - **Senior** Center - Christmas Party - **two single-session** stratified pairs, catered meal between sessions - **reservations required**
- Jan 27 (Sat) - Bridge Center - Stratified open pairs

### Upcoming Special Games at Clubs

- Dec 2 (Sat eve) - Bridge Center - Club Championship
- Dec 3 (Sun) - Bridge Center - Club Championship
- Dec 4 (Mon) - Senior Center - Club Championship
- Dec 6 (Weds day) - Bridge Center - Membership Game
- Dec 13 (Weds eve) - Bridge Center - Charity game - Christmas Party
- Dec 16 (Sat day) - Bridge Center - Upgraded Club Championship
- Dec 19 (Tues) - Senior Center - Charity Game - Christmas Party
- Dec 20 (Weds day) - Bridge Center - International Fund game
- Dec 24 (Sun) - Bridge Center - **there IS a game**
- Dec 25 (Mon) - **no games**
- Dec 26 (Tues eve) - **Senior Center game held at the Bridge Center**
- Dec 28 (Thurs) - Club Championship
- Dec 31 (Sun **day**) - Bridge Center - **there IS a game**
- Dec 31 (Sun **eve**) - Bridge Center - Club Championship - New Year's Eve party
- Jan 1 (Mon) - **no games**
- Jan 4-7 (Thurs - Sun) - **no games** - Austin Sectional
- Jan 10 (Weds eve) - Bridge Center - Junior Fund game
- Jan 14 (Sun) - Bridge Center - **Mentor/Mentee** game and regular open game
- Jan 15 (Mon **day**) - **Senior Center game held at the Bridge Center (12:30)**
- Jan 16 (Tues) - Senior Center - Club Championship
- Jan 19 (Fri) - Bridge Center - Club Championship
- Jan 20 (Sat day) - Bridge Center - Club Championship
- Jan 21 (Sun) - Bridge Center - **inaugural 0-300 game** (and open game)
- Jan 23 (Tues) - Bridge Center - Membership game
- Jan 25 (Thurs) - Bridge Center - Junior Fund game
- Jan 29 (Mon) - Bridge Center - Club Championship
- Jan 31 (Weds day) - Bridge Center - Junior Fund game

### Future Austin Tournaments

- Jan 4-7, 2007 - DoubleTree (+ District 16 NAOP finals)  
(Chairs: Delfeld and Rogers)
- Mar 24-25, 2007 - Bridge Center - NLM Sectional
- May 3-6, 2007 - Clarion Inn
- July 14-15, 2007 - Bridge Center - NLM Sectional
- Sep 20-23, 2007 - Clarion Inn
- Nov 17-18, 2007 - Bridge Center - NLM Sectional
- Jan 3-6, 2008 - DoubleTree

## **Congratulations!**

### **New Bronze Life Masters**

(500): Linda Anthony, Laura Delfeld

### **Others:**

(13,000) Mildred Breed

(2,000) Trish Kane

(750) Sharon Hoger, Theo Windsor

(200) Grant Coon, Dorothy Crockett, Zella Ives, Danna Redford

(100) Barbara Hollahan, Gloria Wilson; (50) Greg Giem, Arlene Wurzburg

### **Austin Sectional:**

Unit 207 members winning 15+ masterpoints were:

Paul Kelley

Rosemary Kelley

Jack Lacy

Eddie Bass

George Pisk

Virgil Massey

Charlene Sands

Robert Donathan.

### **Ray Robak Award:**

Awarded annually to the Unit 207 member winning the most masterpoints at the September Sectional, this year's winner is Paul Kelley.

## **Grand National Teams (GNT)**

The unit-level GNT qualifier for flights B and C will be held on Saturday, Feb 17<sup>th</sup>.

It is a two-session event. The upper half of each flight qualifies to go the district-level (usually held in Richardson (Dallas) over the Memorial Day weekend). The national-level is at the Summer Nationals. Must play both sessions.

## **Christmas/Holiday Parties**

Various Christmas parties are being held in December. The **Unit 207** party is December 10<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) at the Senior Activity Center. **There is NO age restriction.** There will be two single-session, charity, stratified pairs games with a catered meal between sessions. The cost is \$12 if playing both sessions, \$8 if playing only one session. **Reservations** are required. Reserve with Linda Anthony (327-0146) or Diana Rogers (328-4710).

The **Senior Activity Center** party is Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Must be 50+ years of age. Dinner at 6:00 and bridge at 7:00 (charity, stratified pairs). The cost is \$6 if you bring a dish, \$10 without a dish. Reservations are not required, but please sign up at the SAC indicating the kind of dish you will bring.

The **Bridge Center** party/charity game is Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 (dinner at 6:00). **Reservations** are required (first 20 tables). Sign up at the Bridge Center or call Rosemary Kelley (837-6586). The Center will provide a main course and drinks. Bring a side dish/dessert if you wish.

**Marble Falls Bridge Club** party/charity game on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at noon (lunch) followed by the game. Call Nancy Brown at 512-965-4369 for more information.

## **Tentative Unit Events 2007**

- Jan 27th - Open Pairs
- Feb 3rd - Annual Unit Meeting/Open Pairs
- Feb 17th - GNT Unit Finals, Flights B and C (two-session)
- Apr 14th - Lone Arranger (pairs)
- Apr 28th - Open Pairs (afternoon) and Teams (evening)
- May 26th - Ice Cream Social/Open Pairs
- June 23rd - IMP Pairs
- Aug 18th - City Championship (two-session)
- Aug 25th - Ice Cream Social/Open Pairs
- Oct 31st - Halloween Party/Open Pairs
- Dec 9th - Christmas Party/Open Pairs (two single-sessions)

Events are one session unless otherwise noted. All pair games are stratified except for the Lone Arranger. All games are at the Bridge Center except for the Christmas Party (probably at the Senior Center). All games are on Saturday except for the Christmas Party (Sunday) and the Halloween Party (Wednesday). **The start times of Unit Events vary. Check the fliers**, which are posted/available at the various clubs, usually a month or more in advance of the event date. Single-session events often (but not always) start at 1:30 and double-session events often start at 12:30.

## **New Game/Mentor Game**

Beginning in January (inaugural game on the 21<sup>st</sup>), the Sunday afternoon game at the Bridge Center will have a separate 0-300 masterpoint game. The open game will run concurrently, and masterpoint awards for the open game will be based on the combined table count. This arrangement will be very much like Monday evenings at the Bridge Center. During the period January through April, the first Sunday (14<sup>th</sup> in January) will have the separate Mentor/Mentee game instead of the 0-300 game.

## **He ---- situations**

Strictly speaking, bids made out of tempo. One can bid too quickly (e.g. after a skip bid), but the usual case is a significant pause prior to bidding (particularly in a competitive auction) which might impart unauthorized information to partner. Partner is NOT barred from bidding. In fact, partner should make the bid that he was going to make had there been no break in tempo. There is no automatic "penalty" (score adjustment) for hesitations. The opponents might call the director in order to notify the director of the "incident." After the hand has been played, the opponents, IF they believe that they have been damaged, may call the director AND must then give an explanation of just why it is that they have been damaged. The director will probably ask some questions and will then consider whether or not, in his judgment, an adjustment is called for. Simply because a pair believes that they have been damaged does not entitle them to an automatic adjustment. The director (or committee) will consider the merits of their claim (of damages) and decide whether or not to adjust the score.

## **Deaths**

Gloria Cook  
Maxine Sloan, Life Master