

Unit 207 Newsletter

June/July 09

The Unit 207 Newsletter editor is Larry Davis. 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

25 May (Mon - day) - Bridge Center - Stratified Open Pairs
13 June - Bridge Center - City Championship - Stratified Open Pairs - **two-session**
12 July (Sun) - Bridge Center - Barometer Pair Game

Upcoming Special Games at Clubs

1 June (Mon eve) - Bridge Center - Membership Game
2 June (Tues) - **South Austin SAC** - Club Championship
3 June (Weds eve) - Bridge Center - NAP Game
6 June (Sat - day) - Bridge Center - NAP Game
8 June (Mon) - Senior Center - Club Championship
10 June (Weds eve) - Bridge Center - Club Championship
15 June (Mon - day) - Bridge Center - NAP Game
16 June (Tues eve) - Senior Center - Charity Game
18-21 June (Thurs - Sun) - **no club games** (Austin Sectional)
24 June (Weds - day) - Bridge Center - NAP Game
26 June (Fri - day) - Bridge Center - Club Championship
26 June (Fri eve) - Bridge Center - NAP Game
28 June (Sun) - Bridge Center - Club Championship
6 July (Mon eve) - Bridge Center - NAP Game
8 July (Weds eve) - Education Fund Game
10 July (Fri) - Senior Center - Membership Game
11 July (Sat eve) - Bridge Center - Membership Game
14 July (Tues eve) - Senior Center - Club Championship
15 July (Weds - day) - Bridge Center - Club Championship
17 July (Fri - day) - Bridge Center - Junior Fund Game
20 July (Mon - day) - Bridge Center - Club Championship
24 July (Fr - eve) - Bridge Center - ACBL-wide International Fund Game
25 July (Sat - day) - Bridge Center - Club Championship
26 July (Sun) - Bridge Center - NAP Game
28 July (Tues) - Bridge Center - Education Fund Game
30 July (Thurs) - Bridge Center - NAP Game
31 July (Fri eve) - Bridge Center - Club Championship

Future Austin Tournaments

June 2009 (18th - 21st) - Austin Sectional - Bridge Center
July 09 (18th - 19th) - NLM Sectional - Bridge Center
Aug 09 (15th - 16th) - 0-100 Sectional - Bridge Center
Sept 09 (17th - 20th) - Austin Sectional - Bridge Center
Oct 09 (3rd - 4th) - 0-100 Sectional - Bridge Center
Nov 09 (14th - 15th) - NLM Sectional - Bridge Center
Jan 2010 (7th - 10th) - Austin Sectional/**District 16 NAP** - DoubleTree Hotel
Mar 10 (20th - 21st) - NLM Sectional - Bridge Center
Mar 10 (25th - 28th) - Austin Sectional - Bridge Center
May 10 (13th - 16th) - Austin Sectional - Bridge Center

Congratulations!

New Bronze Life Masters (500): George Richards
Others: (4000) Lynn Baker; (3000) Paul Tobias; (2000) Millie Sherrod;
(1500) W. Charowas, Shirley Henry, Albert Sekac; (750) Diane Daley, Beverly Larsen;
(200) J. Gordon; (100) Diana Apgar, Jo Pennington; (50) Andrew Small, Carol McLeod

Unit 207 members winning 10+ masterpoints at the Austin Sectional are: L Sachar, A Cokins, J Black, P Tobias, J Lacy, L Anthony, S Bruce, J Haines, G Powell, G Pisk, J Bigler, D Feng, L Davis, Marilou Powell, P LaShelle, C Sands, V Massey, H Ingham, R Kelley, P Kelley, S Kurtzer, T Richardson, N Joe, G Lake and B Graves.

Members with less than 200 masterpoints who won over 5 masterpoints are:
J Daming, S Emerson, J Emmert, C Wood, A Rathi, C Kastner and R Stielow

Unit 207 members winning 25+ masterpoints at the Houston Nationals are:
(over 100 points): Jim Hilton, Ken Schutze and Tobi Sokolow
(25+): M Breed, J Black, T Richardson, D Truair, G Schepens, L Hutchison and M Flato

Austin Spring Sectional

The tournament chairmen were Susan Emerson and Jeff Emmert. Other chairmen were: Laura Delfeld - Caddies, Clara Wood - Partnerships, Nancy Joe and Mark McAllister - Photography and Jim Wueste - Supplies. One does *not* have to be on the Unit 207 Board in order to be a tournament chairman (sectional, regional or NLM). If you are interested in being a tournament chairman, please contact the Unit 207 president (George Watkins).

Future Sectionals

For the next several years, the May and September sectionals will be held at the Bridge Center of Austin (BCA). The January sectional (through 2013) and the July regional (in even-numbered years) will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel. A fourth sectional will be held each year at the BCA on dates to be determined. Three NLM and three 0-100 sectionals will be held each year at the BCA.

North American Pairs

Club-level qualification begins in June. There are 15 NAP games scheduled this summer, 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+. June dates are: 3rd (Weds eve), 6th (Sat), 15th (Mon), 24th (Weds) and 26th (Fri eve). July dates are: 6th (Mon), 26th (Sun) and 30th (Thurs). August dates (**tentative**) are: 2nd (Sun), 7th (Fri), 14th (Fri), 18th (Tues), 19th (Weds), 24th (Mon) and 29th (Sat). The unit final (for those qualifying at the club-level) will be October 24th (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 in January 2010. District-level winners (3 or 4 in each strat) advance to the Spring Nationals (Reno, NV).

City Championship

Just what is the City Championship that is being held June 13th (Sat)? 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. Prizes are awarded to the winning pair of each flight. A prize will also be awarded to the "novice" (0-200) pair with the highest score (unless they also qualify for another prize). A separate plaque will have inscribed thereon the "novice" City Champions.

Social Bridge Groups

Do you know of a social bridge group that meets on a regular basis, some of whose members might be interested in becoming duplicate players? If so, the Unit will arrange for a director to hold a duplicate-style bridge game at their location (or at an existing club location). There is no monetary charge to the social group. The "length" of the game can be as few as 12 boards. The director will bring to the site any supplies that the group does not have. Call Laura Delfeld at 258-2117 or email her at delhan@swbell.net to make a "reservation" or to get further details about this program.

College Bridge

The Unit is attempting to get a bridge club formed at UT (or any local college). The Board member leading this effort is Mark Craig (at 821-0043). If you have prior experience in this area, know someone at a local college who could be helpful in this endeavor or are interested in helping out, please let Mark know.

Bridge Lessons for Small Groups

Are you a bridge teacher who would like to offer beginning bridge lessons, but you don't think that you can get enough attendees to make it monetarily worth your time? (This may well be the case in outlying areas of Unit 207.) The Unit may be able to offer some financial assistance. The Unit wishes to encourage the offering of beginning bridge lessons anywhere in the Unit 207 area (even for small groups). The Board member leading this effort is Nancy Dean (338-1761). Call her for the details of this program.