

Unit 207 Newsletter

August/Sept. 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

22 Aug (Sat - day) - Bridge Center - Eight Is Enough (Team Game)
30 Aug (Sunday) - Bridge Center - Stratified Pairs
12 Sept (Sat - day) - Bridge Center - Stratified Pair

Upcoming Special Games at Clubs

1 Aug (Sat - day) - Bridge Center - NAP Game
2 Aug (Sun) - Bridge Center - NAP Game
5 Aug (Weds eve) - Bridge Center - Club Championship
7 Aug (Fri - day) - Bridge Center - NAP Game
9 Aug (Sun) - Bridge Center - Club Championship
11 Aug (Tues) - South Austin Senior Center - Club Championship
13 Aug (Thurs) - Bridge Center - Junior Fund Game
14 Aug (Fri) - Senior Center - Club Championship
14 Aug (Fri eve) - Bridge Center - NAP Game
16 Aug (Sun) - Bridge Center - Education Fund Game
17 Aug (Mon) - Senior Center - Membership Game
18 Aug (Tues) - Bridge Center - NAP Game
19 Aug (Weds eve) - Bridge Center - NAP Game
24 Aug (Mon eve) - Bridge Center - NAP Game
28 Aug (Fri) - Bridge Center - Club Championship
2 Sept (Weds eve) - Bridge Center - International Fund Game
3 Sept (Thurs) - Bridge Center - Upgraded Club Championship
5 Sept (Sat eve) - Bridge Center - Club Championship
8 Sept (Tues) - Bridge Center - Club Championship
8 Sept (Tues) - Senior Center - International Fund Game
11 Sept (Fri) - Bridge Center - International Fund Game
14 Sept (Mon) - Senior Center - Club Championship
14 Sept (Mon - day) - Bridge Center - Membership Game
17 - 20 Sept (Thurs - Sun) - **no club games** (Austin Sectional)
24 Sept (Thurs) - Bridge Center - Club Championship
26 - 27 (Sat - Sun) - **no games** Bridge Center (New Braunfels Sectional)
28 Sept (Mon eve) - Bridge Center - Club Championship
29 Sept (Tues) - Senior Center - Membership Game
30 Sept (Weds - day) - Bridge Center - International Fund Game

Future Austin Tournaments

August 09 (15th - 16th) - 0-100 Sectional - Bridge Center
September 09 (17th - 20th) - Austin Sectional - Bridge Center – **NEW START TIMES!**
October 09 (3rd - 4th) - 0-100 Sectional - Bridge Center
November 09 (14th - 15th) - NLM Sectional - Bridge Center

Jan 2010 (7th - 10th) - Austin Sectional/**District 16 NAP** - DoubleTree Hotel
March 10 (6th - 7th) - 0-100 Sectional Bridge Center
March 10 (20th - 21st) - NLM Sectional - Bridge Center
March 10 (25th - 28th) - Austin Sectional - Bridge Center
May 10 (13th - 16th) - Austin Sectional - Bridge Center
June 10 (5th - 6th) - 0-100 Sectional - Bridge Center
July 10 (29th - 5th) - Austin Regional - DoubleTree Hotel
July 10 (17th - 18th) - NLM Sectional - Bridge Center
August 10 (21st - 22nd) - 0-100 Sectional - Bridge Center

Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams at Austin Sectionals

There **will be** a separate BCD section of the Sunday Swiss Teams at future (unit-sponsored) Austin Sectionals. The A/X section and the BCD section will **not** be combined into one ABC section regardless of the number of entries in the A/X.

Congratulations!

New Life Masters: Jackie Franz

New Bronze Life Masters (500): Jackie Franz

New Gold Life Masters (2500): Leonard McCormick, Karen Snyder

Others: (4000) Jerry Bigler; (1500) Anita Cokins, June Mengden, Kalpana Sutaria; (750) Tom Smith; (200) David Collins, Harry Ingham, Terry Pierce, BJ Sanders;

(100) Barbara Vervenne, Doris Warlick

City Champions for 2009 are:

Flight A - Virgil Massey and Charlene Sands

Flight B - Swadesh Mahajan and Kalpana Sutaria

Flight C - Gayle Moyers and Sandy Potts

"Novice" (<200 masterpoints) - Charles Kastner and Donna Williams

Unit 207 members winning 10+ masterpoints at the **Austin Sectional** are: V Massey, C Sands, J Black, S Bruce, G Pisk, M Breed, A Cokins, L Anthony, J Clark, T Clark, J Hilton, J Lacy, S Harris, K Snyder, D Truair, H Hutchison, H Bowles, G Watkins, MA Laier, B Hollahan, P Burka and J Haines

Members with less than 200 masterpoints who won over 5 masterpoints are:

G Moyers, C Wood, H Ingham, M Nairn, N Bell and S Potts

Unit 207 members winning 20+ masterpoints at the **San Antonio Regional** are:

M Breed, A Cokins, V Massey, C Sands, L Davis, R Donathan, K Schutze, H Ingham, J Lacy, P Burka, G Schepens, B Geurin and M Sharratt

Members with less than 200 masterpoints who won over 10 masterpoints are:

H Ingham, C Wood, and J Gordon

North American Pairs

Club-level qualification continues in August. The strats are: C - less than 500 masterpoints and not a Life Master, B - 500 to 1999 and A - 2000+. August dates are: 1st (Sat), 2nd (Sun), 7th (Fri), 14th (Fri eve), 18th (Tues), 19th (Weds eve), and 24th (Mon eve). 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 each strat) advance to the Spring Nationals.

Eight Is Enough

What is the "Eight Is Enough" team game to be held on 22nd August (Saturday at 1:30) which is unit-rated? (Previous such events have been very successful). An "A" player is one with 2000+ masterpoints and counts as three points toward the "Eight". A "B" player is one with 750 - 1999 masterpoints and counts as two points. A "C" player has less than 750 masterpoints and counts as one point. No team may have more than eight points "worth" of players. Possible combinations of exactly eight (a team may choose to have less than eight) are: (2 A and 2 C), (4 B), (1A, 2B and 1C).

Mistakes, Distortions, Psyches and Outright Lies

Directors often get summoned when someone's hand is not what the bidding suggested, or "promised," that it would be. There is usually no redress for such occurrences. A *mistake* might simply have been made, i.e. the wrong bid was made due to carelessness, forgetfulness or a bidding-box mechanical error. It is not against the rules to make a mistake. (Thank goodness, or we'd all frequently be in violation of the rules.) The bidder may have *distorted* his hand, which is neither against the rules nor is it a *psych*. For example, bidding 1NT with 14 or 18 points, rather than 15-17, making a weak-two (or three) bid with only a 5-card (or 6-card) suit, or overcalling with a 4-card suit. If the bidder is within 2 points of his bid or within 1 card in length of his bid, he has not psyched. At times there is no bid available to describe accurately a particular hand, and so the bidder must pick the call which he considers to be the least inaccurate. A bidder may choose for tactical reasons to distort his hand. For example, it is not at all uncommon for people to take great liberties in third chair in making preemptive two- and three-bids without the promised length and/or strength.

It is also not against the rules to make a deliberate lie about your hand. (Of course, you can't wink at your partner if you do this.) [The editor does not recommend that you often lie about your hand - you might run out of partners.] You are not obliged to inform the opponents if you've done any of the above, even if your bid was an alertable bid. Partner's explanation of alertable bids *is* legal if it accurately states your agreement, even if your hand does not actually conform to the agreement. You do not have to tell the opponents if your hand does not actually conform. You may **not** psych conventional opening bids and the responses thereto.

See next page for September Sectional flyer and take note of the NEW START TIMES!



Austin Fall Sectional



Sept 17-20, 2009

Bridge Center of Austin

NOTE NEW GAME TIMES!

Thursday, Sept 17 & Friday, Sept 18

Knockout Teams: (0-1500 and "Pro-Am"*)	10 am, 2:30 pm, 7 pm
Stratified Open Pairs, Single Sessions	10 am, 2:30 pm, 7 pm
Stratified 199er Pairs, Single Sessions	2:30 pm, 7 pm

Saturday, Sept 19

Bracketed Knockout Teams	10 am, 2:30 pm, 7 pm
Stratified Open Pairs, Single Sessions	10 am, 2:30 pm, 7 pm
Stratified 199er Pairs, Single Sessions	2:30 pm, 7 pm

Sunday, Sept 20

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams	10 am & TBA
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Stratifications

Open Pairs: A: 2000+, B: 500-2000, C: 0-500

199er Pairs: A: 100-200, B: 50-100, C: 0-50

(Average masterpoints of pair determines stratum)

Swiss Teams: A: 4000+, X: 0-4000, B: 750-1500, C: 300-750, D: 0-300

* "Pro-Am" KOs: No more than 2 players with 2500+ MPs on a team playing simultaneously.



Meal Served Between Sessions on Sunday

General Convention Card Only Except Midchart For A/X Swiss Teams

Entry Fees \$10/session; \$80/Swiss Team

Chairpersons: George Watkins (512-335-1158)

Mark Miller (512-329-6332)

Partnerships: Barbara Hollahan (512-560-8627)

Harriette Bowles (harriette.bowles@yahoo.com)

Location: Bridge Center of Austin, 6700 Middle Fiskville Road

Hotel: Baymont Inn, 7400 N. IH-35, 512-452-9401

Bridge Rate: Sept 17 \$55, Sept 18-19 \$69

Reserve by Sept 3, Mention Group Code #168

