

Unit 207 Newsletter

Oct./Nov. 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

12 Oct (Mon - eve) - Bridge Center - Stratified pairs
24 Oct (Sat) - Bridge Center - NAP unit-level final (**two-session**), meal served
7 Nov (Sat - day) - Bridge Center - Eight Is Enough (Team Game)
11 Nov (Weds - eve) - Bridge Center - Stratified pairs

Upcoming Special Games at Clubs

2 Oct (Fri - eve) - BCA - Club Appreciation Game
4 Oct (Sun) - BCA - Club Appreciation Game
5 Oct (Mon - eve) - BCA - Club Championship
6 Oct (Tues) - BCA - Club Appreciation Game
6 Oct (Tues) - SAC - Club Championship
8 Oct (Thurs) - BCA - Club Appreciation Game
10 Oct (Sat - day) - BCA - Club Appreciation Game
13 Oct (Tues) - South Austin SAC - Club Appreciation Game
14 Oct (Weds - eve) - BCA - Club Appreciation Game
16 Oct (Fri) - SAC - Club Appreciation Game
17 Oct (Sat - eve) - BCA - Club Appreciation Team Game
19 Oct (Mon - day) - BCA - Club Appreciation Game
21 Oct (Weds - day) - BCA - Membership Game
20 Oct (Tues) - SAC - Club Appreciation Game
23 Oct (Fri - day) - BCA - Club Championship
26 Oct (Mon) - SAC - Club Appreciation Game
26 Oct (Mon - eve) - BCA - Club Appreciation Game
28 Oct (Weds - day) - BCA - Club Appreciation Game
30 Oct (Fri - day) - BCA - Club Appreciation Game
3 Nov (Tues) - BCA - Club Championship
4 Nov (Weds - eve) - BCA - Junior Fund Game
6 Nov (Fri) - SAC - Club Championship
13 Nov (Fri - day) - BCA - Membership Game
14 Nov (Sat - day) - Education Fund Game
17 Nov (Tues) - South Austin SAC - Club Championship
19 Nov (Thurs) - BCA - Club Championship
20 Nov (Fri - eve) - BCA - Junior Fund Game
23 Nov (Mon - day) - BCA - Club Championship
25 Nov (Weds - day) - BCA - Education Fund Game
26 Nov (Thurs) - BCA - **no game** (Thanksgiving)
28 Nov (Sat - eve) - BCA - Club Championship
30 Nov (Mon - eve) - BCA - ACBL-wide Charity Game

Future Austin Tournaments

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
September 10 (23rd - 26th) - Austin Sectional - Bridge Center
Nov 10 (13th - 14th) - NLM Sectional - Bridge Center

Congratulations!

New Life Masters: Brenda Tranchon, Gloria Wilson

New Bronze Life Masters (500): Kay Lynch, Terry Richardson

New Silver Life Masters (1000): Joe Black, Jeff Haines, Flora Pettit

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

Others: (4500) Tom Clark; (3000) Jim Hilton; (750) Harriette Bowles, Judy Hitt; (200) Osman Ahmed, Susan Emerson, Jeff Emmert, Patsy Martin, Gayle Moyers, Mark Sanders, Clara Wood; (100) Sharon Gassman, Sandy Potts; (50) Frank Anderson, Judy Bagley, Bill Davis, Linda Griffith, Bill Hammack, Blair Lapwing

Unit 207 members winning 15+ masterpoints at the **San Antonio Regional** are:

T Clark, K Schutze, S Bruce, G Pisk, J Clark, J Hilton, D Farris, BJ Sanders, M Sanders, J Taylor, L Davis, V Massey, C Sands, J Donathan, M Heep, J Brown

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

M Jameson, D Whitfield

Club Appreciation Games

These games are held every October throughout the ACBL. Each weekly game will hold one such game in October. There is no extra charge, and they award sectionally rated masterpoints (black). See above for schedule.

North American Pairs

The unit final (for those having qualified at the club-level) will be October 24th (Sat) at the Bridge Center. It will be a two-session event. You must play both sessions. A meal will be served between sessions. For those qualifying at the unit-level (about 50% of each strat), the District 16 NAP final will be held at the Austin sectional the 9th/10th of January 2010. District-level winners (3 or 4 each strat) advance to the Spring Nationals.

Tournament Caddies

Unit 207 hires caddies to assist with the running of sectional and regional tournaments. Their *primary* duties are strictly bridge-related. As such, they are under the direct supervision of the tournament directors. Any *secondary* duties, if and as they have time, are under the direct supervision of the Unit 207 Caddy Chairman (currently Laura Delfeld) or someone designated by the Caddy Chairman. No other person should be giving the caddies orders. If you would like to have the caddy do something for you, such as get some coffee, it is okay to make such a *request* (a tip is appropriate). Please remember when making such *requests* that caddies do have official *duties* which may be more pressing, and they might therefore have to decline your request or defer assisting you until a later time.

"Self-Directing" Tables

Strictly speaking, the director should be called *whenever* there is an irregularity at the table. However, if the table has experienced players **on both sides** who are well versed in the laws pertaining to the irregularity in question, I have noticed that such a table often "self-directs". Do be aware that, should a *further* development ensue because of such "self-direction", the non-offending side can forfeit the right to penalize because of the failure to call the director at the moment of the irregularity. Please, please, please experienced players: **do not** "self-direct" when the opposing side is not experienced. Inexperienced players often feel intimidated (and later resentful, as I discover too late after the game when they come to complain) when the opposing experienced players assume the roll of *the* director (even when one of them is *a* director). No matter how "gentle" the experienced players are or try to be, inexperienced players can (and often do) feel intimidated simply by the mere presence of experienced players, especially so when the experienced players begin to officiate. It's always best to call the director. You are there to play, and the director is there to direct.

Deaths and Departures

Orpha Gips, Bronze Life Master and Senior Activity Center Partnership Chairman

George Jones

Mike Stout, Silver Life Master and Unit 207 "Master Chef"