

Unit 207 Newsletter

April / May 10

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

- 24 April (Sat) - BCA - Stratified Pairs (new Life Master recognition)
- 6 May (Thurs) - Kingsland Senior Center - Stratified Pairs - contact Jim Davis
- 1:00 p.m., 325-388-5215, 381 Chamberlain St.
- 31 May (Mon) - BCA - Stratified Pairs (Memorial Day picnic)

Upcoming Special Games at Clubs

- 3 Feb (Weds - eve) - BCA - Junior Fund Game
- 1 Apr (Thurs) - BCA - Charity Game
- 3 Apr (Sat - eve) - **no team game**
- 4 Apr (Sun) - BCA - Membership Game
- 6 Apr (Tues) - SAC - Club Championship
- 9 Apr (Fri) - BCA - Charity Game
- 10 Apr (Sat eve) - Charity Game
- 12 Apr (Mon) - BCA - Club Championship
- 16 Apr (Tues) - SAC - Upgraded Club Championship
- 17 Apr (Sat eve) - BCA - Club Championship
- 20 Apr (Tues) - South Austin SAC - Membership Game
- 21 Apr (Weds day) - BCA - Club Championship
- 24 Apr (Sat eve) - BCA - Charity Game
- 27 Apr (Tues) - BCA - Upgraded Club Championship
- 28 Apr (Weds eve) - BCA - Charity Game
- 1 May (Sat day) - BCA - Club Championship
- 1 May (Sat eve) - BCA - Junior Fund Game
- 5 May (Weds day) - BCA - Education Game
- 7 May (Fri) - SAC - Club Championship
- 8 May (Sat eve) - BCA - Charity Game
- 11 May (Tues) - BCA - Club Championship
- 13 - 16 May (Thurs - Sun) - **no club games** (Austin Sectional)
- 17 May (Mon) - BCA - Charity Game
- 18 May (Tues) - South Austin SAC - Club Championship
- 21 May (Fri) - BCA - Membership Game
- 22 May (Sat eve) - BCA - Education Game
- 23 May (Sun) - BCA - Junior Fund Game
- 26 May (Weds eve) - BCA - Charity Game
- 27 May (Thurs) - BCA Club Championship
- 29 May (Sat eve) - BCA - Charity Game
- 31 May (Mon) - Senior Center - **no game** (Memorial Day)

Future Austin Tournaments

- May (13th - 16th) - Austin Sectional - Bridge Center
- June (5th - 6th) - 0-100 Sectional - Bridge Center
- July (28th - 4th) - Austin Regional - DoubleTree Hotel
- July (17th - 18th) - NLM Sectional - Bridge Center
- August (21st - 22nd) - 0-100 Sectional - Bridge Center
- September (23rd - 26th) - Austin Sectional - Bridge Center
- Nov (13th - 14th) - NLM Sectional - Bridge Center
- Jan 2011 (6th - 9th) - Austin Sectional/**District 16 NAP** - DoubleTree Hotel

Congratulations!

- New Life Masters:** BJ Sanders
- New Bronze Life Masters:** Elaine Jordan
- New Silver Life Masters:** Mark Craig, Mahesh Rathi, Ralph Simon
- New Gold Life Masters:** Pam LaShelle, Jeffrey McKee

Others: (3500) Louise Kennedy; (1500) Swadesh Mahajan, Stephen Wood (750) Joanna Cadden, Sam Dinkin; (200) Helene Hennelly, Paula Hester, Marcia Jameson, Diane Smith; (100) Dan Baker, Steve Hollahan (50) Lee Simon, Paul Tallent, Carol Thibodeaux, Marjorie Webb

Unit 207 Annual Meeting

The annual meeting was held February 13th. Newly elected Unit Board members are: Susan Emerson, Harry Ingham and Terri O'Brien. The six members whose terms are continuing are: Mark Craig, Larry Davis, Nancy Dean, Robert Donathan, Mark Miller and George Watkins.

New officers: President, George Watkins; Vice-President, Nancy Dean; Treasurer, Robert Donathan and Secretary, Mark Craig.

Committee Chairs: Caddies - Laura Delfeld, Conduct/Ethics - Sharon Hoger, Contracts-Larry Davis, GNT Coordinator - Scott Humphrey, Hospitality - Terri O'Brien, Liaison with non-Austin Clubs - Nancy Dean, Liaison with District 16 - Larry Davis, Membership - Mark Miller, NAOP Coordinator - Larry Davis, Novices - Laura Delfeld, Publicity - Linda Anthony, Recorder - Mark Craig, District 16 Newsletter - Linda Anthony, Tournament Coordinator/Business Manager - Larry Davis, Unit Newsletter - Larry Davis and WebMaster - Mark McAllister.

Directing at Unit Events

The Unit directly runs five Unit Championships per year, four of which are double-sessions (Annual Meeting, City Championship (2), Christmas party (2), NAP unit-level final (2) and the GNT unit-level final (2)). If you are a certified ACBL director and would like to direct at any of these events, contact George Watkins or Larry Davis.

Mike Lawrence is Coming to Town

Mike Lawrence will host workshops at the BCA on Friday, May 21st (7 - 9:30 p.m.), May 22nd (10 - 12:30) and May 23rd (10 - 12:30). The topics are: *Responding to a Takeout Double, Ten Play and Defend Hands Plus Bidding Judgment*, and *Bid Confidently Over Preempts*. The cost is \$30/session in advance or \$35 at the door. To register in advance, deposit a check for \$30, \$60 or \$90 at the BCA or mail to the BCA. (6700 Middle Fiskville Road, Suite 408, Austin TX 78752-4327)

July Regional

The every-other-year Austin Regional is traditionally held over the Fourth of July. The dates this year are June 28th (Monday night) through July 4th (Sunday). These events are sponsored and managed by Unit 207, specifically the Unit Board and its appointed tournament chairmen. A number of committees are formed to deal with the various aspects of running a regional tournament. (A typical job is manning a booth for an hour.) You may be asked by one of the chairmen to help by donating some of your time during the regional. The tournament chairmen are Larry Davis and Mary Anne Laier. The Hospitality Chairman is Marilou Powell. The Novice/Intermediate Chairmen are Nancy Dean and Martha Norman. The Prize Chairman is Sharon Hoger. The Partnership Chairmen are Barbara Hollahan and Sandy Potts. A successful tournament cannot be run without a lot of help from a lot of people. Please say yes if asked to help. Better yet, volunteer before being asked.

Claims

A common director call has to do with disputed claims. By far the most common cause is the failure by the declarer to make mention of any outstanding trumps. When no such mention is made, it is *presumed* that the declarer was unaware of this condition. The defenders are *not automatically* awarded tricks, but they are *quite likely* to get tricks with such trumps. Since the declarer thinks that he has good outside tricks and no outstanding trumps (hence his claim), it is not irrational for the declarer to cash his outside tricks first. Usually the defense will score their trumps at this time (unless the declarer can overtrump (and it *would be* irrational not to overtrump)). The moral: make mention of outstanding trumps if you know that there are some. If you can afford to, draw an "unnecessary" round of trumps just to make sure all of the trumps are in.

Deaths and Departures

Jackson Bradley - Life Master