

Unit 207 Newsletter

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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

14 Aug (Sat at **10:00 a.m.**) - BCA - Stratified Pairs - City Championship
14 Aug (Sat at **2:00 p.m.**) - BCA - Stratified Pairs - City Championship
28 Aug (Sat) - BCA - Lone Arranger (pairs arranged by the director at game time)
19 Sept (Sun) - BCA - Stratified Pairs
28 Sept (**Tues eve**) - SAC - Stratified Pairs

Upcoming Special Games at Clubs

28 July (Weds - day) - BCA - Club Championship
28 July (Weds) - Westlake BC - inaugural game (**Free**) at Heritage Gaines Ranch
31 July (Sat -eve) - BCA - Charity Game
2 - 8 August - various clubs - STaC games (all open games at BCA are STaC games)
4 Aug (Weds) - Westlake BC (Heritage Gaines Ranch) - Charity Game
6 Aug (Fri - **eve**) - BCA - STaC Game
9 Aug (Mon) - SAC - Membership Game
12 Aug (Thurs) - Westlake BC (Bee Caves Rd.) - Club Championship
12 Aug (Thurs) - BCA - Charity Game
13 Aug (Fri) - SAC - Charity Game
16 Aug (Mon) - BCA - NAP Game
18 Aug (Weds) - Westlake BC (Heritage Gaines Ranch) - Club Championship
18 Aug (Weds - day) - BCA - Charity Game
20 Aug (Fri) - BCA - Club Championship
21 Aug (Sat - day) - BCA - NAP Game
21 Aug (Sat - eve) - BCA - Junior Fund Game
22 Aug (Sun) - BCA - Club Championship
24 Aug (Tues) - SAC (**South Austin**) - Club Championship
27 Aug (Fri) - SAC - Club Championship
28 Aug (Sat - eve) - BCA - Club Championship
29 Aug (Sun) - BCA - NAP Game
30 Aug (Mon - **10:30 a.m.**) - BCA - **0-300 game**
31 Aug (Tues) - BCA - Education Foundation Game
1 Sept (Weds) - Westlake BC (Heritage) - International Fund Game
2 Sept (Thurs) - BCA - Club Championship
4 Sept (Sat - day) - BCA - International Fund Game
4 Sept (Sat - eve) - BCA - International Fund Game
6 Sept (Mon - **day**) - BCA - Membership Game
8 Sept (Weds - day) - BCA - International Fund Game
10 Sept (Fri) - BCA - International Fund Game
11 Sept (Sat - eve) - BCA - International Fund
13 Sept (Mon) - SAC - Club Championship
14 Sept (Tues) - BCA - Upgraded Club Championship
15 Sept (Weds) - Westlake BC (Heritage) - International Fund Game
16 Sept (Thurs - **eve**) - BCA - ACBL-wide Instant Matchpoint Game
18 Sept (Sat - eve) - BCA - International Fund Game
21 Sept (Tues) - BCA - Club Championship
23 - 26 Sept (Thurs - Sun) - **no club games** - Austin Sectional
27 Sept (Mon) - BCA - International Fund Game
29 Sept (Weds - eve) - BCA - Club Championship

Future Austin Tournaments

August (21st - 22nd) - 0-200 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
March (5th - 6th) - NLM Sectional - Bridge Center
March (24th - 27th) - Austin Sectional - Bridge Center

April (16th - 17th) - 0-200 Sectional - Bridge Center
May (12th - 15th) - Austin Sectional - Bridge Center
June (9th - 12th) - **NLM Regional** (tentative) - Crowne Plaza Hotel
July (16th - 17th) - NLM Sectional - Bridge Center
Aug (20th - 21st) - 0-200 Sectional - Bridge Center

Congratulations!

New Life Masters: Carol Kiehl

New Bronze Life Masters: Nancy Dean, Jan McLaurin

Others: (15,000) Mildred Breed; (9000) Paul Kelley; (3000) Liga Byrne;
(2000) Lydia Bearden, Alex Labry; (1500) Beverly Geurin, Nancy Joe;
(750) Greg Kania, Terry Richardson, Mitch Towner;

(200) Dell Clark, Nadine Morgan; (100) Mary Ehrichs, Blair Lapwing, Andrew Small,
Billie Ward; (50) Wilmalee Levosky, Sean McGrath, Kathleen Monahan, Dennie Saul,
Ann Wheeler, Pete Wheeler, Robert Williams

Grand National Teams (Flight A): Pam LaShelle and Jeff McKee (along with non-Unit 207 teammates) are representing District 16 at the Nationals in New Orleans.

New Games

Several new games have begun (or are about to begin). The Westlake Bridge Club has a weekly Thursday 12:30 stratified open game on the campus of Austin Ridge Bible Church. The church is on the northeast "corner" of Bee Caves Road and Cuernavaca (about three miles west of the Loop 360/Bee Caves intersection). There will also be a stratified open game on the first and third Wednesdays at 11:00 at Heritage Gaines Ranch (4409 Gaines Ranch Loop, take a right turn off of the MoPac frontage road just north of the Southwest Parkway exit). The inaugural game will be at 11:00 on July 28th (even though that is the 4th Wednesday), and it will be **free** (light lunch provided). Call Sally Sekac, Club Manager, at 373-8160 for more information.

There is now a 0-50 game on Sundays at the BCA. There is a lecture at 1:30, followed by a 2+ hour bridge game. The BCA Wednesday morning 0-300 game has been changed to a 0-500 game. It **is** open to Life Masters.

City Championship

Just what is the City Championship that is being held August 14th (Sat)? It is *two single-session* stratified, open pair events held annually in the summer by Unit 207. The event was started in 1999. The winning pair of each strat (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 strat. A separate (segregated) game will be held for those with less than 100 masterpoints. The winning pair of that game will be dubbed the "novice" City Champions.

NOTE: For the *purpose of winning masterpoints*, you do **not** have to play in both sessions. You could choose to play in just one (either one) of the two single-sessions.

However, in order to be eligible to *win the City Championship*, you *must play both sessions*. The director will *total the two % games* of each pair (of each strat/flight).

Whichever pair has the highest total (of each strat/flight) will be the City Champions.

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: 16th (Mon eve), 21st (Sat), and 29th (Sun). The unit final (for those qualifying at the club-level) will be October 9th (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 2011. District-level winners (3 or 4 in each strat) advance to the Spring Nationals (Louisville, KY).

Lone Arranger Rides Again!

Periodically, a special Unit Championship is held at which each player shows up **without a partner**, and the director divides the field in half (based on masterpoints). Each player in the lower half draws a partner from amongst those in the upper half. A few minutes are given for the newly formed partnership to fill out a convention card, and then the game begins. The Lone Arranger (sans Tonto) rides again on August 28 (Sat) at the BCA.

Deaths and Departures

Bob Merrifield