

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

9 Oct - BCA - Unit-Level NAP final - two-sessions
11 Nov (**Thurs**) - Westlake - Stratified Open Pairs
20 Nov - BCA - Eight Is Enough - team game

Upcoming Special Games at Clubs

1 Oct (Fri) - BCA - Club Appreciation
2 Oct (Sat-eve) - BCA - Charity
3 Oct (Sun) - BCA - Club Championship
5 Oct (Tues) - SAC - Club Championship
6 Oct (Weds) - Heritage Gaines Ranch - Club Appreciation
6 Oct (Weds-day) - BCA - Club Appreciation
7 Oct (Thurs) - BCA - Education Foundation Game
8 Oct (Fri-**evening**) - BCA - Club Appreciation
10 Oct (Sun) - BCA - Club Appreciation
11 Oct (Mon) - BCA - Junior Fund Game
12 Oct (Tues) - SAC - Club Appreciation
13 Oct (Weds-day) - BCA - Club Championship
14 Oct (Thurs) - Westlake - Club Appreciation
16 Oct (Sat-day) - BCA - Club Appreciation
17 Oct (Sun) - BCA - Club Appreciation **Teams**
19 Oct (Tues) - BCA - Club Appreciation
19 Oct (Tues) - South Austin SAC - Club Appreciation
20 Oct (Weds) - Heritage Gaines Ranch - Charity Game
20 Oct (Weds-eve) - BCA - Charity Game
22 Oct (Fri) - BCA - Junior Fund
22 Oct (Fri) - SAC - Club Appreciation
23 Oct (Sat-day) - BCA - Membership Game
25 Oct (Mon) - SAC - Club Appreciation
25 Oct (Mon) - BCA - Club Appreciation
26 Oct (Tues) - BCA - Education Foundation Game
27 Oct (Weds-eve) - BCA - Club Appreciation
28 Oct (Thurs) - BCA - Club Appreciation
30 Oct (Sat-day) - BCA - Club Appreciation **Teams**
30 Oct (Sat-eve) - BCA - Club Appreciation
3 Nov (Weds) - Heritage Gaines Ranch - Club Championship
3 Nov (Weds-eve) - BCA - Membership Game
4 Nov (Thurs) - BCA - Education Foundation Game
5 Nov (Fri) - SAC - Club Championship
6 Nov (Sat-eve) - BCA - Club Championship
7 Nov (Sun) - BCA - Junior Fund Game
9 Nov (Tues) - South Austin SAC - Club Championship
11 Nov (Thurs) - BCA - Upgraded Club Championship
16 Nov (Tues) - BCA - Club Championship
17 Nov (Weds) - Heritage Gaines Ranch - Charity Game
19 Nov (Fri) - BCA - Junior Fund Game
22 Nov (Mon) - BCA - Club Championship
24 Nov (Weds-day) - BCA - Charity Game
24 Nov (Weds-eve) - BCA - **There IS a game**
25 Nov (Thurs) - BCA and Westlake - **no games** (Thanksgiving)
26 Nov (Fri) - SAC - **no game** (Thanksgiving)
27 Nov (Sat-day) - BCA - Club Championship
27 Nov (Sat-eve) - BCA - Charity Game
29 Nov (Mon) - BCA - **0-300** Education Foundation Game
29 Nov (Mon) - BCA - ACBL-wide Charity Game

Future Austin Tournaments

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
July (16th - 17th) - NLM Sectional - Bridge Center
Aug (20th - 21st) - 0-200 Sectional - Bridge Center
Sept 29th - Oct 2nd - Austin Sectional - Bridge Center
Oct (22nd - 23rd) - NLM Sectional - Bridge Center
Dec (3rd - 4th) - 0-200 Sectional - Bridge Center

Congratulations!

New Life Masters: Charlie Afill, Jesse Gordon, Danna Redford

New Bronze Life Masters: Greg Schepens

New Silver Life Masters: Sharon Hoger, Diana Rogers, Robert Whitcher

New Gold Life Masters: Genie Kaplan, Louis Sachar

New Diamond Life Masters: Tom Clark, Marilou Powell

Others: (4000) Mary Anne Laier; (3000) Jeff McKee; (2000) Robert Donathan, Jerry Jungmichel; (1500) Shirley Naumann; (750) Hal DeShong, Jane Peterson;

(200) Fred Moore, Bob Patton; (100) Kay Dierks; (50) Kathleen Adams, Lucy Adcock, Elliott Gordon, Bill Kalmbach, Nola Ray

Members winning 15+ points at the Dallas Regional: J Bigler, L Hutchison, G Pisk, J Black, W McMinn, D Truair, L Davis, R Donathan, and T Cook

North American Pairs

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. You must play both sessions. Game times are 1:30 and TBA. A light meal is 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 in January 2011. District-level winners (3 or 4 in each strat) advance to the Spring Nationals (Louisville, KY).

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.

Failure to Alert

Suppose that the opponents fail to alert a bid that requires an alert. Your side is **not automatically** entitled to an adjustment of the score. You often will get some sort of an adjustment by the director, but such adjustment is **not automatic**. In order to get an adjustment, your side must have been *damaged* by the failure to alert. If you believe that your side has been damaged, call the director and make your case. Explain why it is that you were damaged, e.g. you would have made a different opening lead, you would have bid (or not bid) differently during the auction, you would have played the hand differently, etc. The director will consider your explanation and (perhaps later after some "research") make a ruling (which could be that no adjustment will be made). If there is an adjustment, such adjustment may or may not increase your matchpoints on that board (although an increase is the usual case).

Bid Out-of-Turn or Insufficient Bid

In either of the above cases (assuming no mechanical error), the *first option* belongs to the LHO (left hand opponent). The LHO may choose to accept the insufficient bid or the bid out-of-turn. If he does, then he makes a call (including pass, double or redouble) and the auction proceeds. There are no penalties in this case. (If the LHO does not notice the infraction and bids, he has implicitly accepted the inappropriate bid.) Remember to call the director in either of the above inappropriate bids. Failure to call the director may result in the non-offending side losing any penalties from which they might have benefited. If LHO chooses not to accept the bid, the director will explain the penalties.