

Unit 207 Newsletter

Feb/March 2011

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

5 Feb (Sat) - BCA - Annual Unit 207 Meeting - free, if attend the meeting
12 Feb (Sat) - BCA - I-35 Cup qualifying event (teams)
26 Feb (Sat) - BCA - GNT Flights B and C unit-level qualifier (teams) - **10:00/TBA**
8 March (**Tues eve**) - SAC - Open Pairs
12 March (Sat) - BCA - Lone Arranger

Upcoming Special Games at Clubs

1 Feb (Tues) - BCA - Junior Fund
3 Feb (Thurs) - BCA - Club Championship
5 Feb (Sat - eve) - BCA - Junior Fund
7 Feb (Mon - day) - BCA - Junior Fund
9 Feb (Weds - day **and** eve) - BCA - Junior Fund
11 Feb (Fri) - SAC - Club Championship
12 Feb (Sat - eve) - BCA - Junior Fund
13 Feb (Sun) - BCA - Junior Fund
15 Feb (Tues) - BCA - Club Championship
19 Feb (Sat - day **and** eve) - Junior Fund
21 Feb (Mon - day) - BCA - Club Championship
22 Feb (Tues) - South Austin SAC - Club Championship
23 Feb (Weds - day) - BCA - Membership game
24 Feb (Thurs) - **free game** - Westlake game at Gaines Ranch
25 Feb (Fri) - BCA - Junior Fund
26 Feb (Sat - eve) - BCA - Junior Fund
28 Feb (Mon) - SAC - **ACBL-wide Senior Game** - must be 55+
28 Feb (Mon - eve) - BCA - Club Championship
2 Mar (Weds) - Gaines Ranch - Club Championship
3 Mar (Thurs) - BCA - Membership game
7 Mar (Mon) - SAC - Club Championship
9 Mar (Weds - day) - BCA - Junior Fund
10 Mar (Thurs) - Westlake - Club Championship
12 Mar (Sat - eve) - BCA - Education Foundation
14 Mar (Mon - day) - BCA - International Fund
16 Mar (Weds - eve) - BCA - Charity
18 Mar (Fri) - BCA - Club Championship
19 Mar (Sat - eve) - BCA - Club Championship
20 Mar (Sun) - BCA - Charity
21 Mar (Mon - eve) - BCA - Junior Fund
24 - 27 Mar (Thurs - Sun) - **no club games** - Austin Sectional
29 Mar (Tues) - BCA - Education Foundation

Future Austin Tournaments

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
Jan 2012 (5th - 8th) - Austin Sectional - DoubleTree Hotel

Congratulations!

New Life Masters: Stephen Daigle

New Bronze Life Masters: Ginger Lake, Terri O'Brien

New Silver Life Masters: Caroline Baumann, Delois Nell

Others: (7000) Rosemary Kelley; (3000) Larry Davis; (2000) Phylliss Mehrens; (750) Carolyn Hall, Alan Laverty; (200) Tom Banet, Gail Banet, Esther Ellis, Linda Griffith; (100) Kathleen Adams, Connie Lowry, David Myers, Rosemary Stielow, Peter Szafran; (50) Marcia Kohm

District-Level North American Pairs: Flight A 3rd place - Jim Hilton / Ken Schutze
Flight B: 1st - Robert Donathan / Jeff Haines, 2nd - Mitch Towner / Robert Witcher
3rd - Neil Cohen / Eric Goff, 4th - Tom Hackenberg / Phil Jaeger

Calendar on the Unit Website

I occasionally get (frantic) phone calls about this. The calendar lists only *special* (extra masterpoint) games. If nothing is listed on a particular date for a *regularly held* game, that does **NOT** mean that there is no game at all. It only means that the *regularly held* game is not a special game. There is a link at the top of the calendar web page which gives the regular game schedule for all Unit 207 clubs.

I-35 Cup (Austin vs. San Antonio)

The team game (Swiss) competition begins Feb 12th at the BCA at 1:30 with four flights: unlimited, 751 - 2000, 300 - 750 and 0-299. The event will be **flighted** (segregated). Flight A teams will only play other Flight A teams, Flight B teams will only play other Flight B teams, etc. Two teams *from each flight* will qualify to play in the final held in San Antonio on April 2nd (Sat.). Two teams *of each flight* from San Antonio will compete against the two teams *of the same flight* from Austin in a KO format.

Grand National Teams (GNT)

The unit-level GNT qualifier for flights B and C will be held on Feb 26th (Sat) at the BCA. It is a two-session event (**10:00 and TBA**). The upper half of each flight qualifies to go the district-level (usually held in Richardson (Dallas) over the Memorial Day weekend). The national-level is at the Summer Nationals. Must play both sessions. A meal will be served between sessions.

Unit 207 Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be held February 5th (Sat) at the Bridge Center at **1:00**. A stratified, open pairs game will follow at 1:30 (free, if attended meeting). The nominees for three positions on the nine-member unit board are: Joyce Cooper, Robert Donathan, Larry Franz, Lawton Hutchison, Wiley McMinn and Terry Richardson. Additional nominations may be made from the floor. Ballots will be mailed to all Unit 207 members a few days later. They may be returned by mail or at a local club game. The six members whose terms are continuing are: Mark Craig, Nancy Dean, Susan Emerson, Harry Ingham, Terri O'Brien and George Watkins.

January Sectional

Attendance was spectacular at the sectional! The tournament chairmen were Mark Craig and Nancy Dean. Other chairmen: Laura Delfeld - Caddies, Larry Davis and Robert Donathan - Contracts, Martha Norman - Partnerships, Mark Craig - Photography and George Watkins (with much assistance from Larry Davis, Mark McAllister and Harry Ingham) - Supplies.

Manufactured Forcing Bids

Sometimes the opponents (or you) "manufacture" a forcing bid just to keep the bidding going even though they (or you) don't really have any strength (or even length!) in the "manufactured" suit. This is often done after a suit has been agreed upon. Such "manufacturing" is perfectly legal as long as partner is not in on it, i.e. partner assumes that the bidder actually does have something (length or strength) in the suit and bids accordingly. If a partnership *does* have an agreement of some sort about the introduction of new suits, THEN such an agreement *might* be alertable (such as a bid *promising* shortness). Simply because the dummy comes down with shortness in a bid suit does not *automatically* mean that the opponents have failed to alert and/or that you have been *legally* damaged.