

Unit 207 Newsletter

April/May 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

- 2 April (Sat) - **San Antonio** - I-35 Cup team finals (all flights)
- 23 April (Sat) - BCA - Open Pairs - New Life Master/Awards recognition
- 30 May (Mon morning) - BCA - Open Pairs

Upcoming Special Games at Clubs

- 1 Apr (Fri) - BCA - Membership game
- 2 Apr (Sat eve) - BCA - Charity game
- 5 Apr (Tues) - BCA - Charity game
- 6 Apr (Weds - day) - BCA - Club Championship
- 9 Apr (Sat - day) - BCA - Charity game
- 10 Apr (Sun) - BCA - Club Championship
- 11 Apr (Mon) - Senior Center - Charity game
- 11 Apr (Mon - eve) - BCA - Charity game
- 12 Apr (Tues) - Senior Center - Club Championship
- 13 Apr (Weds - day) - BCA - Charity game
- 14 Apr (Thurs) - Westlake - Membership game
- 15 Apr (Fri) - BCA - Charity game
- 16 Apr (Sat - eve) - BCA - Charity game
- 18 Apr (Mon - day) - BCA - Charity game
- 19 Apr (Tues) - **South Austin** SAC - Membership game
- 20 Apr (Weds - eve) - BCA - Charity game
- 21 Apr (Thurs) - BCA - Upgraded Club Championship
- 23 Apr (Sat - eve) - BCA - Charity game
- 24 Apr (Sun) - BCA - Charity game
- 25 Apr (Mon - eve) - BCA - Club Championship
- 28 Apr (Thurs) - BCA - Charity game
- 30 Apr (Sat - eve) - BCA - Charity game
- 2 May (Mon - eve) - BCA - Education Foundation game
- 4 May (Weds - eve) - BCA - Membership game
- 6 May (Fri) - BCA - Charity game
- 6 May (Fri) - Senior Center - Club Championship
- 7 May (Sat -eve) - BCA - Junior Fund game
- 10 May (Tues) - BCA - Club Championship
- 11 May (Weds - day) - BCA - Education Foundation game
- 12-15 May (Thurs-Sun) - **no games** - Austin Sectional
- 16- 22 May (Mon - Sun) **STaC games** - see article below
- 23 May (Mon - day) - BCA - Club Championship
- 24 May (Tues) - **South Austin** SAC - Club Championship
- 26 May (Thurs) - BCA - Club Championship
- 28 May (Sat - day) - BCA - Junior Fund game
- 28 May (Sat - eve) - BCA - Club Championship
- 29 May (Sun) - BCA - Charity game

Future Austin Tournaments

- 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
- Feb (11th - 12th) - 0-200 Sectional - Bridge Center
- March (8th - 11th) - Austin Sectional - Bridge Center

Congratulations!

New Life Master: Stan Bowen, Mary Collins, Wanda Kuehler, Sandy Potts, Clara Wood

New Bronze Life Masters: Mary Collins, BJ Sanders, David Warner

Others: (2000) Pat Long, George Shelley, Sally Sekac;

(200) Bob Burton, Dolline Burton, Judy Parken, Rita Rochlen;

(100) Robert Penksa, Penelope Szafran; (50) Margaret Bennett, Paul Johnston,
Mary Rogerson, Marilyn Vallario

District 16 Mini-McKenney for 2010:

0 - 5: Kathleen Adams 3rd, Betty Ling 9th, Anita Albert 14th

5 - 20: Elizabeth McDaniel 6th

50 - 100: Tom Banet 10th, Gail Banet 11th, Dolline Burton 14th, Robert Burton 15th

100 - 200: Sandy Potts 8th

200 - 300: Mark Sanders 13th

300 - 500: Harry Ingham 6th

500 - 1000: Terry Richardson 7th

1000 - 2500: Janet Clark 5th, Pam LaShelle 6th, Virgil Massey 13th

2500 - 5000: Tom Clark 2nd, Jeff McKee 14th

5000 - 7500: Rosemary Kelley 2nd, Jack Lacy 4th

7500 - 10,000: Paul Kelley 5th, Ken Schutze 10th

Frances Adkins celebrated her 101st birthday recently at the Senior Activity Center.

Unit 207 Annual Meeting

The annual meeting was held February 5th. Newly elected Unit Board members are: Joyce Cooper, Robert Donathan, and Lawton Hutchison. The six members whose terms are continuing are: Mark Craig, Nancy Dean, Susan Emerson, Harry Ingham, Terri O'Brien and George Watkins.

Officers: President, George Watkins; Vice-President, Nancy Dean; Treasurer, Robert Donathon and Secretary, Mark Craig. (All the same as last year.)

Sectional Tournaments at Clubs (STaC)

The week of May 16-22 (Mon - Sun) is STaC Week in District 16. STaC Games are held at the Bridge Center and at the Senior Center. The strats are 1500+, 500-1500, and 0-500. Silver points are awarded at the club and district levels. The results of these games are emailed to District 16, and district-level winners are determined. It is as if a district-wide sectional tournament was being held each day (afternoon and evening), with appropriate (i.e. extra) masterpoints awarded. The district-level results can be viewed on the web within a few days of each game. These games usually cost \$1 extra.

Revokes and Gaining Tricks

A common misunderstanding concerning revokes is that the non-offending side will always have a **net gain** of tricks due to the revoke penalty (if any). The non-offending side is *often* awarded a trick (or two (or even more)), but such an award might only get them back to the number of tricks that they would have won had there been no revoke. If such is the case, there has been **no net gain** of tricks. The revoke penalty is simply *not* designed in such a way that there will always be a net gain of tricks (tricks awarded *beyond* what the non-offending side would have gotten had there been no revoke). It *sometimes* does occur that there is a net gain of tricks. If so, the non-offending side has been fortunate.

Asking Questions: Opening Lead and During the Play

The opening leader may ask for a review of the auction prior to making the opening lead and may ask for the meaning of any bids. *After* the opening lead had been made, the other defender may ask for the meaning of any bids. (If it arises that there has been misinformation given by the offensive side, the director should be called.) The partner of the opening leader may ask for a review of the auction at his *first turn to play* (trick one). The declarer may ask for a review of the auction at his *first turn to play* (which is calling a card from the dummy). After the first trick, no one may ask for a review of the auction. Anyone (except dummy) may ask what a specific bid meant when it is his turn to play. Anyone (except dummy) may ask what the contract is at his turn to play. It is unethical to ask any question at any time which is intended for the benefit of partner, i.e. you want to draw partner's attention to something. Questions are only to be asked because *you* need to know something.