

# Unit 207 Newsletter

## August/Sept. 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.

### Upcoming Unit 207 Events

27 August (Sat) - BCA - Lone Arranger - see article below  
12 Sept (**Mon**) - **SAC** - Open Pairs  
17 Sept (Sat) - BCA - Open Pairs - **10:00 (one-session)**  
17 Sept (Sat) - BCA - Open Pairs - **2:00 (one-session)**

### Upcoming Special Games at Clubs

1 Aug (Mon - eve) - BCA - Club Championship  
2 Aug (Tues) - BCA - NAP game  
6 Aug (Sat - day) - BCA - NAP game  
6 Aug (Sat - eve) - BCA - Charity game  
7 Aug (Sun) - BCA - Club Championship  
8 Aug (Mon - day) - BCA - NAP game  
8 Aug (Mon) - SAC - NAP game  
9 Aug (Tues) - South Austin SAC - Club Championship  
10 Weds - day) - BCA - Junior Fund game  
12 Aug (Fri) - BCA - Charity game  
12 Aug (Fri) - SAC - NAP game  
14 Aug (Sun) - BCA - NAP game  
15 Aug (Mon) - SAC - Membership game  
16 Aug (Tues) - BCA - Membership game  
18 Aug (Thurs) - BCA - NAP game  
19 Aug (Fri) - SAC - Club Championship  
20 Aug (Sat - eve) - BCA - Club Championship  
22 Aug (Mon) - SAC - NAP game  
22 Aug (Mon - eve) - BCA - NAP game  
24 Aug (Weds - day) - BCA - Club Championship  
24 Aug (Weds - eve) - BCA - Education Foundation game  
26 Aug (Fri) - SAC - NAP game  
29 Aug (Mon - day) - BCA - NAP game  
31 Aug (Weds - eve) - BCA - NAP game  
3 Sept (Sat - day) - BCA - Club Championship  
3 Sept (Sat - eve) - BCA - International Fund (IF) game  
5 Sept (Mon - day) - BCA - IF game  
8 Sept (Thurs) - BCA - Club Championship  
9 Sept (Fri) - BCA - IF game  
12 Sept (Mon - eve) - BCA - IF game  
14 Sept (Weds - eve) - BCA - ACBL-wide Instant Matchpoint game  
17 Sept (Sat - eve) - BCA - IF game  
19 Sept (Mon) - SAC - Club Championship  
21 Sept (Weds -day) - BCA - IF game  
21 Sept (Weds - eve) - BCA - Club Championship  
23 Sept (Fri-**eve**) - BCA - IF game  
24 Sept (Sat - eve) - BCA - IF game  
25 Sept (Sun) - BCA - IF game  
27 Sept (Tues) - BCA - Club Championship  
29 Sept - 2 Oct (Thurs - Sun) - **no club games** (Austin Sectional)

### Future Austin Tournaments

Aug (20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>) - 0-**200** Sectional - Bridge Center  
Sept 29<sup>th</sup> - Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> - Austin Sectional - Bridge Center  
Oct (22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>) - NLM Sectional - Bridge Center  
Dec (3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>) - 0-**200** Sectional - Bridge Center  
Jan 2012 (5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>) - Austin Sectional - DoubleTree Hotel  
Feb (11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>) - 0-**200** Sectional - Bridge Center  
March (8<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>) - Austin Sectional - Bridge Center  
April (21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>) - NLM Sectional - Bridge Center

May (3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>) - Austin Sectional - Bridge Center  
July (2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>) - Austin Regional - DoubleTree Hotel  
July (28<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>) - Bridge Center - NLM Sectional  
Aug (25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>) - Bridge Center - 0-200 Sectional  
Sept (20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>) - Bridge Center - Austin Sectional

### **Congratulations!**

**New Life Masters:** Patsy Martin

**New Bronze Life Masters:** Winnie Noelke

**New Silver Life Masters:** Bob Pflugbeil, Terry Richardson, Mitch Towner

**New Gold Life Masters:** (2500): Janet Clark

**Others:** (3500) Pam LaShelle, Jeff McKee; (2000) Virgil Massey;

(1500) Joe Black, Lawton Hutchison, John Taylor; (750) Barbara Hutchison, Dale Irish;

(200) Michael Harris, Steve Hollahan, Charles Kastner, Donna Williams; (100) Frank

Anderson, Marlene Golden, Patricia Rutledge, Lee Simon; (50) Fiona Schuurman

**City Champions:** A: Tom Clark / Anita Cokins, B: Swadesh Mahajan / Kalpana Sutaria  
C: Steve Hollahan / Julie Valentine, Novice: Anita Albert / Art Widen

**San Antonio Regional:** Unit 207 members winning 20+ masterpoints: V. Massey, C. Sands, M. Breed, P. LaShelle, H. Ingham, G. Pisk, S. Bruce, E. Goff, C. Wood, M.A. Laier, K. Schutze, T. Pontius, N. Cohen, L. Davis, R. Witcher and B. Charowas

### **North American Pairs**

Club-level qualification continues in August. There are numerous NAP games scheduled this summer, spread among the various clubs and days of the week. The strats are: C - less than 500 masterpoints and not a Life Master, B - 500 to 1999 and A - 2000+. August dates are: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. The unit final (for those qualifying at the club-level) will be **November 12<sup>th</sup>** (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 San Antonio sectional in January 2012. District-level winners (3 or 4 in each strat) advance to the Spring Nationals (Memphis, TN).

### **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 27 (Sat) at the BCA.

### **Bridge: A Timed Event**

Bridge is a timed event! Typically, in an *open* game, 2-board rounds are 15 minutes, 3-board rounds are 20 minutes, and 4-board rounds are 25 minutes. (Limited masterpoint games often have more liberal time allotments.) If you get behind, EVERYONE at the table is obliged to try to catch up (even if it's not your fault for being behind). This does *not* mean that you have to play fast. It *does* mean that you are to refrain from post-mortems, "visiting", making commentary, giving lessons, extensive record keeping, getting food, (in short, anything that slows down the game). Getting behind tends to ripple through the game, and it does annoy other players. It especially annoys the director, part of whose job it is to keep the game moving along and who is empowered to assess procedural penalties, when he sees people who are behind dithering, yaking, and otherwise seemingly oblivious to, or unconcerned about, the fact that they are behind.

### **Deaths and Departures**

Louise Thompson - Bronze Life Master

Anne Seiders - Bronze Life Master

Horace Halbert