

Unit 207 Newsletter

Feb/March 2012

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

18 Feb (Sat) - Bridge Center - 1:00 Annual Meeting – 1:30 Open Pairs and 499er Pairs
3 Mar (Sat) - Bridge Center - **10:00** - I-35 Cup qualifying **team** game
13 Mar (Tues eve) - SAC - Open Pairs

Upcoming Special Games at Clubs

1 Feb (Weds - day) - BCA - Junior Fund
4 Feb (Sat - day) - BCA - Club Championship
7 Feb (Tues) - BCA - Junior Fund
7 Feb (Tues) - SAC - Junior Fund
9 Feb (Thurs) - BCA - Club Championship
10 Feb (Fri) - SAC - Club Championship
11 Feb (Sat - eve) - BCA - Junior Fund
12 Feb (Sun) - BCA - Junior Fund
14 Feb (Tues) - BCA - Club Championship
17 Feb (Fri) - BCA - Junior Fund
19 Feb (Sun) - BCA - 199er Inter-Club Championship (Open game also held)
20 Feb (Mon - day) - BCA - Junior Fund (Open)
21 Feb (Tues) - South Austin - Club Championship
23 Feb (Thurs) - BCA - Junior Fund
24 Feb (Fri) - SAC - Junior Fund
25 Feb (Sat - day) - BCA - Junior Fund
26 Feb (Sun) - BCA - Junior Fund **Teams** and 0-50 pairs
27 Feb (Mon - eve) - BCA - Junior Fund
29 Feb (Weds - day) - BCA - Club Championship
2 Mar (Fri) - BCA - Membership game
5 Mar (Mon - day) - BCA - Club Championship
5 Mar (Mon) - SAC - ACBL-wide Senor Game (must be 55+)
6 Mar (Tues) - BCA - Charity
8-11 Mar (Thurs - Sun) - **no club games** - Austin Sectional
12 Mar (Mon - eve) - BCA - Education Foundation
14 Mar (Weds - day) - BCA - Charity
16 Mar (Fri) - SAC - Junior Fund
17 Mar (Sat - day) - BCA - Junior Fund
19 Mar (Mon) - SAC - Club Championship
20 Mar (Tues) - BCA - Upgraded Club Championship
21 Mar (Weds - eve) - BCA - ACBL-wide Charity
23 Mar (Fri) - BCA - Club Championship
25 Mar (Sun) - BCA - Charity **Teams**
28 Mar (Weds - eve) - BCA - Club Championship
29 Mar (Thurs) - BCA - Education Foundation

Future Austin Tournaments

Feb (11th - 12th) - 0-200 Sectional - Bridge Center
March (8th - 11th) - Austin Sectional - Bridge Center
April (21st - 22nd) - NLM Sectional - Bridge Center
May (3rd - 6th) - Austin Sectional - Bridge Center
July (2nd - 8th) - Austin **REGIONAL** - DoubleTree Hotel
July (28th - 29th) - Bridge Center - NLM Sectional
Aug (25th - 26th) - Bridge Center - 0-200 Sectional
Sept (20th - 23rd) - Bridge Center - Austin Sectional
Nov (3rd - 4th) - Bridge Center - NLM Sectional
Dec (1st - 2nd) - Bridge Center - 0-200 Sectional
Jan 2013 (3rd - 6th) - Austin Sectional and District 16 NAP Finals - DoubleTree Hotel
Feb (16th - 17th) - Bridge Center - NLM Sectional (tentative)

Congratulations!

New Life Masters: Pat Berry, Doline Burton, Robert Burton,
Steve Hollahan, Martha Norman

New Bronze Life Masters: Lucerne Bunch

New Silver Life Masters: Darlene Gilmore, Pat White

Others: (1500) Anne Cullen, Eric Goff; (750) Harry Akin, Mary McCarron
(200) Adrienne Watt; (100) Keith Boden, Gary Pamplin; (50) Darrell Ingram, Tom Sopko

District 16 NAP Finals: 3rd A - Jim Hilton/Ken Schutze, 4th A - Jeff McKee
1st B - Mahesh Rathi/Ankur Rathi

Mini-McKinney (ACBL-wide) - 1st in the 20-50 masterpoint category - Tod Pontius

I-35 Cup (Austin vs. San Antonio)

The team game (Swiss) competition begins March 3rd at the BCA at **10:00** with four flights: unlimited, 751 - 2500, 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. The winning team *from each flight* will qualify to play in the two-session final held in Austin on May 12th. The winning team *of each flight* from San Antonio will compete against the winning team *of the same flight* from Austin in two 24-board matches, ACBL 30-VP scale.

Unit 207 Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be held February 18th (Sat) at the Bridge Center at **1:00**. A stratified, open pairs game will follow at 1:30 (free, if attended meeting). A separate 499er game will also be held. The nominees for four positions on the nine-member unit board are: Tom Banet, Mark Craig, Linda Griffith, Pam LaShelle, Ken MacMorran, Terry Richardson, Barbara Vervenne and George Watkins. 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 five members whose terms are continuing are: Joyce Cooper, Robert Donathan, Lawton Hutchison, Harry Ingham, and Terri O'Brien.

January Sectional

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

July Regional

Austin hosts a *regional* tournament this summer (July 2nd (eve) - 8th)! It will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel (free parking). The double-session events will be morning (10) and afternoon (2:30). Evening events start at either 7 or 7:30. There will be several "Gold Rush" events. The chairmen are Larry Davis and Mary Anne Laier. (They have been chairing for many years.) It takes a lot of volunteers to run a regional! If you are asked to help by one of the committee chairmen (e.g., partnerships, prizes, novices), please do so. Helping does not usually involve a great deal of time or effort. Better yet, don't wait to be asked - see Mary Anne or Larry and volunteer!

Correct Information But *Incorrect Dummy/Declarer/Defender*

Sometimes the dummy (or declarer's hand or defender's hand) is (quite) different from what an opponent said that it would be. If this happens, you are not necessarily *legally* damaged, even though you might be *actually* damaged. (There is **no** penalty if you are not *legally* damaged, even if you've been *actually* damaged.) Why is this?? Recall that the person describing his partner's bid is required to divulge what partner is *supposed* to have (which *is* usually what his partner *actually* has). As long as this information about partner's *supposed* (by their bidding agreements) hand is correct, you are not *legally* damaged even if his partner's hand is actually (quite) different from the description. The opponent might have mis-bid or might have distorted or lied about his hand (neither of which is against the rules). Remember, an opponent is not required to describe what is *actually* in his partner's hand. He can't see his partner's hand, so he doesn't really know what's in it. He describes what he *supposes* to be in his partner's hand (based on their bidding agreements).