



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. Larry can be reached at larrysdavis@att.net or 343-6942.

Upcoming Unit 207 Events

- 4 Aug (Sat aft) – BCA – Barometer pair game
- 18 Aug (Sat –aft) – BCA – Lone Arranger pair game (see article below)
- 15 Sept (Sat – morn AND aft) – stratified pair game – two single-sessions
- 18 Sept (Tues) - **Senior Center** - unit-rated, stratified pair game

Upcoming Special Games at Clubs

1 Aug (Weds eve) – BCA – Education Found.	1 Sep (Sat – aft) – BCA – Club Championship
2 Aug (Thurs) – BCA Membership game	1 Sep (Sat – eve) – BCA – no evening game
5 Aug (Sun) – BCA – NAP game	3 Sep (Mon - morn) – BCA – International Fund
6 Aug (Mon – morn) – BCA – Charity	4 Sep (Tues) - South Austin SAC - International Fund
7 Aug (Tues) – South Austin SAC - Club Champ.	5 Sep (Weds) - Gaines Ranch - International Fund
8 Aug (Weds – morn) – BCA - Club Champ.	6 Sep (Thurs) – BCA – International Fund
9 Aug (Thurs) - Westlake - NAP game	8 Sep (Sat) – BCA - no games afternoon and evening
10 Aug (Fri) – SAC – Club Championship	9 Sep (Sun) – BCA – no open game(0-50 game IS held)
11 Aug (Sat – aft) – BCA - NAP game	10 Sep (Mon) - SAC - Club Championship
11 Aug (Sat – eve) – BCA - Junior Fund	10 Sep (Mon – eve) – BCA – Membership game
13 Aug (Mon – eve) – BCA - Club Champ.	11 Sep (Tues) – BCA – International Fund
14 Aug (Tues) – SAC – NAP game	13 Sep (Thurs) - Westlake - Club Championship
15 Aug (Weds) - Gaines Ranch - NAP game	14 Sep (Fri) - SAC - International Fund
16 Aug (Thurs) – BCA – NAP game	15 Sep (Sat – eve) – BCA – I Fund Teams (Open/0-1500)
20 Aug (Mon) – SAC – NAP game	16 Sep (Sun) – BCA – International Fund
20 Aug (Mon – eve) – BCA – NAP game	17 Sep (Mon – morn) – BCA – Club Championship
22 Aug (Weds – eve) – BCA – Club Champ.	19 Sep (Weds) - Gaines Ranch - International Fund
23 Aug (Thurs) - Westlake - NAP game	19 Sep (Weds – morn) – BCA – International Fund
24 Aug (Fri) – BCA – NAP game	24 Sep (Mon - eve) – BCA – International Fund
24 Aug (Fri) – SAC – NAP game	25 Sep (Tues) – BCA – Upgraded Club Championship
26 Aug (Sun) – BCA – Charity Team game (stratified)	26 Sep (Weds – eve) – BCA – International Fund
28 Aug (Tues) – South Austin SAC – NAP game	27 Sep (Thurs) - Westlake - International Fund
29 Aug (Weds – morn) – BCA – NAP game	28 Sep (Fri) – BCA – Club Championship
30 Aug (Thurs) – BCA – Club Championship	28 Sep (Fri) - SAC - International Fund
	29 Sep (Sat - eve) – BCA – International Fund
	30 Sep (Sun) – BCA – International Fund Teams (stratified) and I Fund 0-50 pairs

🕒 Lone Arranger Rides Again! 🕒

Periodically, a special Unit Champ. 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 18 (Sat) at the BCA.



Future Austin Tournaments



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
 Feb 28th - Mar 3rd - Bridge Center - Austin Sectional



Congratulations!



New Life Masters: Kathleen Adams, Dan Baker

New Platinum Life Master: Paul Kelley

New Silver Life Master: Jewel Dahl

Others: (4000) Jeff McKee; (2000) Kalpana Sutaria; (1500) Donna Lantz, Kevin Perkins; (750) Sandy Potts, Jo Ann Shaffer; (200) Sonya Armstrong, Susan Mathews, Richard Ryan; (100) Nell Dale, Marcia Kohm, Kathleen Monahan, Terry Newman, Helene Norris; (50) Patricia De-Groot, M. Shilling

Those winning 25+ masterpoints at the Austin Regional: L Davis, V Massey, C Sands, R Donathan, S Bruce, B Charowas, M Towner, L Sachar, S Mahajan, L McCormick, W McMinn, J McKee, S Hoger, M Craig, E Tobias, K Sutaria, T Cook, S Gerard, J Taylor, R Simon, K McCabe, D Truair, K Schutze, D Farris, D Baker, L Hutchison, J Black, D Sokolow, S Wood, M Marino, E Jackson, P Johnston



North American Pairs



Club-level qualification began in June. There are several NAP games scheduled in August. The strats are: C - less than 500 masterpoints and not a Life Master, B - 500 to 1999 and A - 2000+. The unit final will be October 6th (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 Austin sectional in January 2013. District-level winners (3 or 4 in each strat) advance to the Spring Nationals (St. Louis).



July Regional



The regional was very successful! The chairmen were Larry Davis and Mary Anne Laier. (They have been chairing for many years.) Other chairmen: Contracts – Larry Davis, Hospitality – Marilou Powell, Newsletter – Mark Craig, Novices – Nancy Dean and Martha Norman, Partnerships – Terri O'Brien and Sandy Potts, Photography – Mark McAllister, Prizes – Sharon Hoger, Supplies – George Watkins

Insufficient Bids

If an insufficient bid occurs, call the director! The person making the insufficient bid should not simply make it sufficient unless the cause was a *mechanical* error. The **first option** of accepting the insufficient bid *belongs to the next person* in line to bid. If the next person *does* bid without waiting for the director (perhaps because the next person was not paying attention and did not notice that the bid was insufficient), such a bid tacitly accepts the insufficient bid (even if the next bidder regrets having bid).



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.