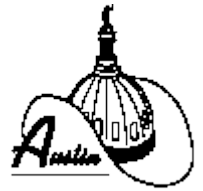




Unit 207 Newsletter

August/September 2014



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

- 2 Aug (Sat) – Bridge Center – Open Pairs - Barometer
- 23 Aug (Sat morn) – Bridge Center – Swiss Teams – meal afterward (all free)
- 23 Aug (Sat aft) – Bridge Center – Swiss Teams – meal beforehand (all free)
- 9 Sept (**Tues eve**) – Mesa Village – Open Pairs
- 13 Sept (Sat morn and after) – Bridge Center – Open Pairs (two single-session events)
- 18 Oct (Sat morn/after) – Bridge Center – Unit-level NAP – must play both sessions and have qualified

Upcoming Special Games at Clubs

<p>August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 (Fri) – SAC – Club Championship 4 (Mon) – SAC – NAP 4 Mon eve) – BCA – Club Championship 5 (Tues) – South Austin SAC – no game 6 (Weds) – Gaines Ranch – NAP 6 (Weds morn) – BCA – NAP 7 (Thurs) – BCA - Membership 7 (Thurs) – Westlake – NAP 8 (Fri morn) – San Marcos - NAP 9 (Sat eve) - BCA – Junior Fund 10 (Sun) – BCA – NAP 11 (Mon morn) – BCA - Charity 12 (Tues) – South Austin SAC – Club Championship 13 (Weds morn) – BCA – Club Championship 13 (Weds) – Kyle IHOP - NAP 15 (Fri) – BCA - NAP 15 (Fri) – SAC – NAP 16 (Sat eve) – BCA – Charity Junior Fund 18 (Mon) – SAC – NAP 18 (Mon eve) – BCA – NAP 19 (Tues) – BCA - NAP 19 (Tues eve) – Mesa – NAP 20 (Weds) – Gaines Ranch – NAP 20 (Weds eve) – BCA – NAP 20 (Weds) – Kyle IHOP - Charity 21 (Thurs) – BCA – Club Championship 21 (Thurs) – Westlake – NAP 22 (Fri morn) – San Marcos - NAP 25 (Mon morn) – BCA – NAP 	<p>August (Continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 27 (Weds eve) – BCA – Club Championship 27 (Weds) – Kyle IHOP - NAP 28 (Thurs) – BCA – NAP 29 (Fri morn) – San Marcos - Charity 31 (Sun) – BCA – Charity TEAMS <p>September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 (Mon morn) – BCA – Club Championship 3 (Weds) – Gaines Ranch – Int'l Fund 3 (Weds eve) – BCA – Int'l Fund 6 (Sat eve) – BCA – Int'l Fund 8 (Mon) – SAC – Int'l Fund 9 (Tues) – BCA – Int'l Fund 11 (Thurs) – BCA – Int'l Fund 11 (Thurs) – Westlake – Int'l Fund 12 (Fri) – SAC – Int'l Fund 13 (Sat eve) – BCA – Int'l Fund 15 (Mon eve) – BCA - Membership 16 (Tues) – South Austin SAC – Int'l Fund 17 (Weds) – Gaines Ranch – Int'l Fund 17 (Weds morn) – BCA – int'l Fund 18 (Thurs) – Westlake – Int'l Fund 19 (Fri) – BCA – Club Championship 20 (Sat after) – BCA – Club Championship 20 (Sat eve) – BCA – Int'l Fund 21 (Sun) – BCA – Int'l Fund TEAMS 22 (Mon) – SAC – Club Championship 25 – 28 (Thurs – Sun) – no club games (Austin Sectional) 29 (Mon morn) – BCA – Int'l Fund
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Congratulations!



New Life Masters: Laurene Jacob

New Bronze Life Masters: Mary Kurio

New Silver Life Masters: Barbara Hutchison, Shirley Holland

New Gold Life Masters: Bob Bockemuel

Others: (9000) Jack Lacy; (6000) Marilou Powell; (4000) Charlene Sands; (2000) Hutch Hutchison,

(1500) Theda Cook, Flora Pettit; (200) Paul Brown, Helene Norris, Doris Warlick;

(100); Janet Hawk, Jay Leiserson, Joyce Leiserson, Betsy Lidgey, Diane McFadyen;

(50) Sandy Althaus, Donna Haddox, Ramona Schiraldi

City Champions Flight A and B: Joe Black – Terry Richardson, Flight C: Steve Andersen – Art Widen

299er: Martha McLain – Alan Wakefield

Future Austin Tournaments

Aug (16 th – 17 th) - Bridge Center – 0-200 Sectional	Feb (14 th – 15 th) - Bridge Center – NLM Sectional
Sep (25 th – 28 th) - Bridge Center – Austin Sectional	Feb (26 th – 1 st) - Bridge Center – Austin Sectional
Nov (8 th – 9 th) - Bridge Center – NLM Sectional	Apr (11 th – 12 th) - Bridge Center – 0-200 Sectional
Dec (6 th – 7 th) - Bridge Center – 0-200 Sectional	Apr (30 th – May 3 rd) - Bridge Center – Austin Sectional
Dec (8 th – 14 th) - Unit 207 STaC (Sect. Tournament at Clubs)	June (13 th – 14 th) - Bridge Center – NLM Sectional
Jan (1 st – 4 th) 2015 Crowne Plaza - Aust Sect/D16 NAP	Aug (8 th – 9 th) - Bridge Center – 0-200 Sectional

Austin Regional

The tournament was a great success! The Unit netted over \$25,000. The tournament chairman was Larry Davis. Various chairmen were: Hospitality – Mary Anne Laier, Partnerships – Marlene Golden and Pat Berry, Novice – BJ Sanders, Newsletter – Mark Craig, Prizes – Sharon Hoger, Supples – George Watkins.

January Sectionals

The January sectionals, which have been held at the DoubleTree Hotel for many years, will be held at the **Crowne Plaza** Hotel from 2015 through 2019. The hotel is very close to the DoubleTree – it is two properties south of the DoubleTree (on the other side of Pappadeaux restaurant). **July regionals in 2016 (and probably 2018) will still be held at the DoubleTree.**

North American Pairs (NAP)

Club-level qualification games continue in August 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 2499 and A - 2500+. The unit final (for those qualifying) will be October 18th (Sat) at the Bridge Center. It will be a two-session event. For those qualifying at the unit-level (about 60% of each strat), the District 16 NAP final will be held at the Austin sectional January 2015. District-level winners (3 or 4 in each strat) advance to the Spring Nationals.

Skip Bids – Waiting Before Calling

After a skip bid (whether or not the STOP card is used), the next player is to wait about ten seconds before calling. Wait even if you know for sure what you are going to do – even (especially) if you pass. Bidding quickly gives information to your partner. Don't make it obvious that you are counting to ten prior to calling.

Insufficient Bids

Unless a mechanical error is involved, the *next player* has the first option, *not* the insufficient bidder. If the next player chooses to accept the insufficient bid, that bid stands and the next player may now make any legal call. If the next player calls (perhaps not realizing the insufficient bid), he is deemed to have (tacitly) accepted the insufficient bid. If the insufficient bid is not accepted, you don't have to make it sufficient in the same suit (although that is one of your options). You may pass or bid some other suit (or NT), but *your partner* will then be barred from bidding for the duration of the auction. You may not change your bid to a double.

Deaths/Departures

Ria Riley – Bronze Life Master

Charles Tillery – Bronze Life Master

Al and Sally Sekac to Houston