

Unit 207 Newsletter

June – July 2015



The Unit 207 Newsletter editor is Patty Webb. 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. Patty can be reached at (512) 386-1090 or pattyjwebb@hotmail.com

Upcoming Unit 207 Events

13 -14 June (Sat & Sun) – Bridge Center – NLM Sectional
20 June (Sat) – Bridge Center – City Championship

Unit 207 has arranged for Billy Miller, a Bridge Bulletin columnist and expert player, to be a guest speaker at the BCA. He will be discussing “Secrets of the Experts,” “How to Make Killing Leads,” “Gadgets and Gizmos” and “Squeeze Your Opponents.”

The lesson will be from 10 am – 4 pm on Thursday, June 18th. Cost is \$45 for the full day or \$25 for a half day. Call Pam LaShelle for more information or to register (512-217-2070).

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[June Special Games](#)

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Congratulations!

Advanced NABC Master: Josh Bank

New Life Master: Cathy Supple

New Bronze Life Master: Brett Leach, Larry Smith, Julie Valentine

New Silver Life Master: Robert Pruiett

Others:

(5) Laura Foitik, Gail Miller, Joani Powell, Kitty Taylor

(20) Ralph Brettschneider, Earnestine Broyles, Anne Clark, Aaron Dewell, Jean Durocher, Cynthia Rivet, Marie Russiello, Ron Sassen, Brian Shade

(50) Sharon Dameron, Brenda McIndoo, Nancy Miller, Robert Tyler, Pat Warner

(100) Julie McKenna, LySa Nguyen, Costa Triantaphilides

(200) Joe Giordano, Amanda Gruen, Thomas Hughes, Martha McLain, Sheila Milner, Genie Nyer, Jeff Skillin, De Ann Strawn, Art Roberts, Barbara Werth,

(750) Lucerne Bunch, Dianne Ebert, Laney Hennelly, Tod Pontius, Sanae Zaveloff

(3000) Robert Donathan

(20,000) Tobi Sokolow

Tobi Sokolow will represent the USA at the women’s team trials for the 2015 Venice Cup.

Future Austin Tournaments

Aug (15 th - 16 th) – Bridge Center – 0-200 Sectional	Jan (7 th - 10 th) 2016 – Crowne Plaza – Austin Sectional
Sept (24 th - 27 th) – Bridge Center – Austin Sectional	Feb (13 th - 14 th) – NLM Sectional
Nov (7 th - 8 th) – Bridge Center – NLM Sectional	April (9 th - 10 th) – Bridge Center – 0-200 Sectional
Dec (5 th - 6 th) – Bridge Center – 0-200 Sectional	May (5 th - 8 th) – Bridge Center – Austin Sectional

North American Pairs

Club-level qualifications begin in June. 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 2499 and A - 2500+. The unit final (for those qualifying at the club-level) will be October 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 2016. District-level winners (3 or 4 in each strat) advance to the Spring Nationals.

City Championship

The City Championship is being held Saturday, June 20th. It is a two single-session stratified, open pair events (10:00 and TBA) held every summer by Unit 207. The winning pair of each strat (A: 2000+, B: 500- 1999, C: 0-499 NLM) will have their names inscribed on a plaque and will be dubbed the City Champions for that year. Prizes are awarded to the winning pair of each strat. A separate (segregated) game will be held for those with less than 200 masterpoints. The winning pair of that game will be dubbed the "novice" City Champions. The event is FREE, and a meal is served between sessions.

NOTE: For the purpose of winning masterpoints, you do not have to play in both sessions. You could choose to play in just one (either one) of the two single-sessions. However, in order to be eligible to win the City Championship, you must play both sessions. The director will total the two % games of each pair (of each strat/flight). Whichever pair has the highest total (of each strat/flight) will be the City Champions.

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).

Departures

Vivian Thompson will be moving to Oklahoma in June.