

# May



## Unit 174 May 2024 Newsletter



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### **Contributors**

***Sam Khayatt & Jeff Kroll - A Flawed 1 No Trump...***

### **From the Editor**

Please visit the Unit 174 [Website](#) to view additional information about the activities in our Unit and at our Clubs.



**Sarah Springer**

## President's Message

"No matter where I go, I can always make new friends at the bridge table." This quote is attributed to Martina Navratilova, and I can attest that it is so very true. I have made friends online and at the bridge table and I have expanded my world all through this fabulous game we all enjoy. As Covid is

fading to a distant memory, face-to-face bridge is still recovering, and online converts are playing in the comfort of home. No matter the venue of your game, we can all agree that we love it. Enthusiasm for the game is infectious to others, and we continue to grow our fabulous bridge community.

As I assume the Presidency of the unit board, I want to thank Karen Nussbaum, our Immediate Past President for her tireless work for our unit and area bridge players. Thanks and appreciation also go out to retiring Board Members Charles Dalton and Thomas Rush. The countless hours of effort put in by these individuals and all of our many volunteers is very much appreciated.

I was pleased to see the excellent turnout at our Election Sectional. Our table count was up 10% from last year, so hopefully we will continue to grow our membership, both online and in person. Our Future Life Master group is thriving, and many of us are involved in recruiting new players and retaining our old hands.

Hallie "Peaches" Eades and Nile Gross are busy planning our June Nearly Summer Sectional Tournament. Check out the flyer in this issue thanks to the efforts of Betty Westbrook. Betty is already working on the August, October and Lone Star flyers. If any of our volunteers ask you to help, please seriously consider participating, as we all need to work together to make our tournaments successful.

I ask all of you to support our unit board and to step up when you are asked to help. Everything that we do and accomplish is through the efforts of volunteers, so if you are not volunteering, please just say thank you to those who are. It makes your day when someone says thanks. I am open to suggestions about how to make our bridge world better - I can't promise results but I will try as will all of our unit board members.

I hope everyone is enjoying our spring—so nice to actually have a spring this year. Mark your calendar for June 7, 8 and 9 for our Nearly Summer Sectional, and plan on coming out to see your old friends and make some new ones. Be kind to your opponents and patient with your partner.

Thank you again,

Sarah Springer  
[sarahspringerbridge@gmail.com](mailto:sarahspringerbridge@gmail.com)



## New Members and Rank Advancement



### New Members

ACBL notifies us each month about the members new to our Unit and those who transferred into our Unit. Please welcome the following players to our Unit:

**New Members:** Mary R Dinkel, Jean A Foster, Peggy J Paul, Jeffrey Southwick, Frank F Wagner, Charles B Walker

**Transfers:** Mr. Hao Deng, Marjorie S Hirsch, Ms. Lou Ann Perry, Mrs. Shirley C Temple

***Welcome!***

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## Rank Advancements

Listed below are the Unit 174 Masterpoint Milestones reported by ACBL as of April 1, 2024. An explanation of ranks may be found on the [ACBL website](#).

### Junior Master

Gwendene L Carter, Roslyn H Pittsford, Mary C Untereker

### Club Master

Gerald M Stevenson, Elizabeth B Wareing, Margaret Zadouri

### Sectional Master

Janet Ellettee, Pamela A Greenwood, Lesley Kellet

### Regional Master

Dr. Robert Boyd, Elizabeth A Caballero, Dennis D Sucec, Stuart R Traver

### Advanced NABC Master

Robert C Domsalla

### Bronze Life Master

Mr. Andrew S Farnum, Mss. Rita J Hanlin, Martin J Hrachovy, Mr. Jim R Nicas

### Silver Life Master

Carolyn B Wedel

### Ruby Life Master

B Haznedar, Mrs. Lotte S Optekamp

### Gold Life Master

Mr. Rick W Barrett, Mr. Marion Collins, Mrs. Anne W Cox, Paddy R Fiorino

**!!! Congratulations !!!**

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## Member Profile



We have no May member profile. If you want to highlight a member for the next issue, please email your submission to [unit174news@gmail.com](mailto:unit174news@gmail.com)



## Unit News

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## Coming Tournaments

Date	City	State	Unit	Category	Type
May 2-5	Austin	TX	207	Sectional	Open
May 10-11	Auxtin	TX	207	Sectional	I/N
May 13-19	Dallas	TX	183	Regional	Open
May 22-26	Richardson [Dallas>	TX		GNT/NAP	D16 GNT Finals
June1-2	Georgetown	TX	207	Sectional	I/N
Jun 7-9	Houston	TX	174	Sectional	Open
Jun 7-9	Midland	TX	209	Sectional	Open
Jun 10-16	D16		All	Sectional	STaC
Jun 20-23	Spring [Houston]	TX	174	Sectional	I/N
Jul 1-7	Austin	TX	207	Regional	Open
Aug 3-4	Austin	TX	207	Sectional	I/N
Aug 8-11	Houston	TX	174	Sectional	Open
Aug 15-17	Beaumont	TX	207	Sectional	I/N
Aug 22-24	Tyler	TX	225	Sectional	Open
Aug 22-24	Tyler	TX	225	Regional	I/N
Aug 27- Sep 1	Dallas	TX	176	Regional	Open
Sep 5-8	New Braunfels	TX	172	Sectional	Open
Sep 19-22	Spring [Houston]	TX	174	Sectional	I/N
Oct 25-27	Houston	TX	174	Sectional	Open
Nov 4-10	Houston	TX	174	Sectional	StaC
Nov 14-17	Spring [Houston]	TX	174	Sectional	I/N

You can find tournament information by clicking [ACBL Tourneys](#).

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## BCOH 499er Sectional



# 499<sup>er</sup> Sectional

## June 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

4688 Louetta Rd, Spring, TX | 281-651-6550 | thebridgeclub@sbcglobal.net  
Web Page: <https://www.bridgewebs.com/bcoh/>

<p><b>Need a Partner?</b></p> <p>Contact Phyllis Dillard</p> <p>832-428-8764 phyllisdillard@sbcglobal.net</p> <p><i>We will also have an Ambassador each day!</i></p>	<p><b>Event Schedule</b></p> <p><i>Thursday thru Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup></i></p> <p>♠ 499er Pairs 10am ♠ 499er Pairs 2pm</p> <p><i>Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup></i></p> <p>♠ 499er Swiss Team 1:30pm</p>
<p><b>Stratification*</b></p> <p>A (300 to 499) B (100-300) C (0-100)</p> <p><i>* Strats may be modified by director</i></p>	<p><b>Hand Review</b></p> <p>On Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 12:30 to 1:15pm, Thomas Rush will answer your questions on tournament hands.</p>
<p><b>Entry Fees</b></p> <p><i>(Cash Only)</i></p> <p>ACBL Current Member \$10 per session per player. Lapsed Member \$14 per session per player. Non ACBL Member MUST get ACBL number. 120 day guest membership available on ACBL Website</p>	<p><b>Notes</b></p> <p>BCOH is a fragrance free facility.</p> <p>Life Masters with less than 500 points may play</p>
<p><b>Lunch / Snacks</b></p> <p><i>(Cash Only)</i></p> <p>Lunch available for \$7 on Thurs., Fri., and Sat. if ordered by 10am. No Sunday meal. Free snacks and drinks all days.</p>	<p><b>Tournament Chairs</b></p> <p>Charles &amp; Twyla Woody woody@okwoody.com 832-443-4412</p>

SILVER POINTS ! SILVER POINTS ! SILVER POINTS

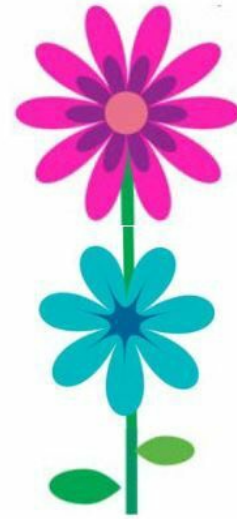
*Come join us for some BCOH hospitality!*

### Nearly Summer Sectional



# Nearly Summer Sectional

## Houston Unit 174 June 7 - 9, 2024



Arabia Shriners  
10510 Harwin Dr.  
Houston, TX 77036



### Stratification

#### 299er Pairs

A: 200-300 B: 100-200 C: 0-100

#### Open Pairs

A: =3000+ B: 750-3000 C: 0-750

**Note:** Stratifications for all events are based on average MPs. If an event has an upper MP limit, every player must fall within that limit.

### Fees

\$15 per Session  
Cashless – CC only

### Accommodations

**TownePlace Suites by Marriott**  
10610 Westpark Dr, Houston TX 77042  
(713) 266-2210

### Hospitality

\$10 box lunches available  
\$2 coffee  
Free bottled water

### Tournament Chairs

Hallie Eads (713) 569-7700 hallieeads@aol.com  
Nile Gross (832) 913-9318 nilegross@gmail.com

### Friday, June 7

10 am & 2:30 pm	Stratified 299er Pairs	Two Sessions *
10 am & 2:30 pm	Stratified Open Pairs	Two Sessions *
10 am & 2:30 pm	Bracketed Swiss Teams	Two Sessions

### Saturday, June 8

10 am & 2:30 pm	Stratified 299er Pairs	Two Sessions *
10 am & 2:30 pm	Stratified Open Pairs	Two Sessions *
10 am & 2:30 pm	Bracketed Swiss Teams	Two Sessions

### Sunday, June 9

10 am & TBA	Stratified 299er Pairs	Single Session
10 am & TBA	Stratified Open Pairs	Single Session
10 am & TBA	Bracketed Swiss Teams	Two Sessions


\* Play two sessions for Overall Awards. However, players may OPT to play either single session only and earn session points.



### Partnership

Linda McReynolds (713) 819-7812 lindamcreynolds@comcast.net

## 99er Nite Club



**THE  
99er  
NITE CLUB**


**GREAT PLAY, LESSONS  
& LOADS OF FUN!**  
**And...It's only for you, New Players!**  
 District 16 now has a BBO game just  
 for the 0 to 99 players  
**the "99er Nite Club"!**

**When:** 8pm, 7 days a week  
**Where:** Your Online Club\*

**Perks:**

- ✓ **More Masterpoints**  
(cross club scoring)
- ✓ **Mini-Lessons**  
by Lynn Berg at 5:30 pm

\*Check to make sure your club is participating.  
 If your club has questions they should  
 contact Janice Rush at:  
[janice\\_hardcastle@hotmail.com](mailto:janice_hardcastle@hotmail.com)



## 199er Nite Club

**199er NITE CLUB**

*Ready to Graduate from  
the 0 to 99 Game?*

**D16's 199er NITE CLUB GAME  
ON BBO IS YOUR NEXT STEP!**

**7 DAYS A WEEK AT 6:05 PM CST**

- ✓ Recent graduates of the 0 to 99 group can play in a game with players of the same ability.
- ✓ Work during the day? Graduates continue go grow skills at a time that's "worker friendly".
- ✓ Safe environment where no sharks are allowed, because the game is limited to 199 mpts.
- ✓ Clubs benefit too and continue to receive payments for their participating players.

Clubs must be signed up to participate, just like for the 99er NITE CLUB game.  
 Contact Janice Rush for details:  
[janice\\_hardcastle@hotmail.com](mailto:janice_hardcastle@hotmail.com)

*New Game in Town*



# Future Life Masters



**Future Life Masters of Unit 174**  
[www.flm174.org](http://www.flm174.org)

## **SPECIAL GAME** **for 99ers!**

Just completing a bridge class & new to bridge?  
This game is for you!

**Singletons Welcome...Everyone Plays!**

**Sunday, May 19th at 1:30**

Arabia Shriners, 10510 Harwin Dr, Houston

**SIDE DOOR...with Red Balloons!** 🎈



**Social at 1:00**

**Appetizers & Door Prizes!**

**\$5.00**

## **Regular Club Games**

### **Face-to-Face**

#### **199er Games**

- Clear Lake Bridge Club WEDNESDAYS at 2:00 PM

#### **299er Games**

- Clear Lake Bridge Club MONDAYS at 2:00 PM
- Bridge Academy of West Houston WEDNESDAYS at 10:30
- Bridge Club of Houston Selected SATURDAYS...check website

### **Online at BBO**

**NEW**

**Now for  
99ers!**

- **0-99er FLM Tuesdays at 3:05**
- All are welcomed! If new to the game, make sure you have your ACBL# linked to your BBO Account
- Questions? Contact MaryEllen Vail:  
[mevail48@gmail.com](mailto:mevail48@gmail.com)

## **Club Table Counts**

Unit 174 has many ACBL-sanctioned clubs so that means many games both Face-to-Face (F2F) and Online. The following information might be interesting:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Table Count</u>	<u>Number of Clubs in Unit 174</u>
2019	32,137.00	30
2020	30,401.00	28
2021	30,365.00	24
2022	20,451.00	24
2023	18,183.00	25

The ACBL website is still broken however, ACBL Executive Director, Bronia Jenkins was able to provide a tool that she is using to gather this information. The following numbers are the Unit 174 table counts from January 1 - April 26, 2024:

Total Tables: 5586  
Total F2F: 5064  
Total Online: 242  
Total Swiss Teams: 280

The number of clubs in our unit is holding at 25. The top three club table counts are:

1. Clear Lake Bridge Club: 1329 Tables, all F2F
2. Bridge Academy of West Houston: 869 Tables, all F2F
3. Bridge Club of Houston: 740 Tables, 561 F2F, 179 Online

So 2024 is shaping up and seems to have about an increase of 1040 tables



ahead of the 2023 quarters (18,183/4=4545.75 tables).

One other bit of information, Unit 174's Clear Lake Bridge Club is still the District 16 leader for F2F tables.

Good News!



## Club News

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Below please find the information reported by some of the clubs in our unit. Please send your club news to: [unit174news@gmail.com](mailto:unit174news@gmail.com).

Additional information about all of the clubs can be found on the [Unit 174 website](#). Or, click a club name to jump to their website.

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## Apple Clubs

Our games begin at 11:30 a.m. sharp at the Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter Dr. 77042. Please plan to arrive by 11:15 a.m. All games are \$3/person.

### New Clubs' Policy:

APPLE clubs (Susan and Brigitte) have agreed to let members of the board play free with a FLM that has less than 50 points.

*APPLE II has raised the offer:* Any player who pairs up with someone under 100 points plays for *FREE!* Since many of your FLM's didn't take advantage of playing with a board member, the club is offering *FREE* plays to pairs that average less than 200 points! What a DEAL!

For information, please contact:

Monday - Apple - Susan Johnson  
[sisbjohnson@gmail.com](mailto:sisbjohnson@gmail.com) - 281-536-1451

Friday - Apple II - Brigitte Sandifer  
[sandiferdb@gmail.com](mailto:sandiferdb@gmail.com) - 281-494-1464

Results and additional information [here](#).

Only drinks in bottles or covered containers are allowed. No food is allowed at the tables during play. You are welcome to bring food and eat before the game starts.

Apple will be closed on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day.

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## Bridge Academy of West Houston

### Masterpoint Milestone Parties

The Bridge Academy had four Masterpoint Milestone parties in April, one for each week. In order of occurrence, they were:



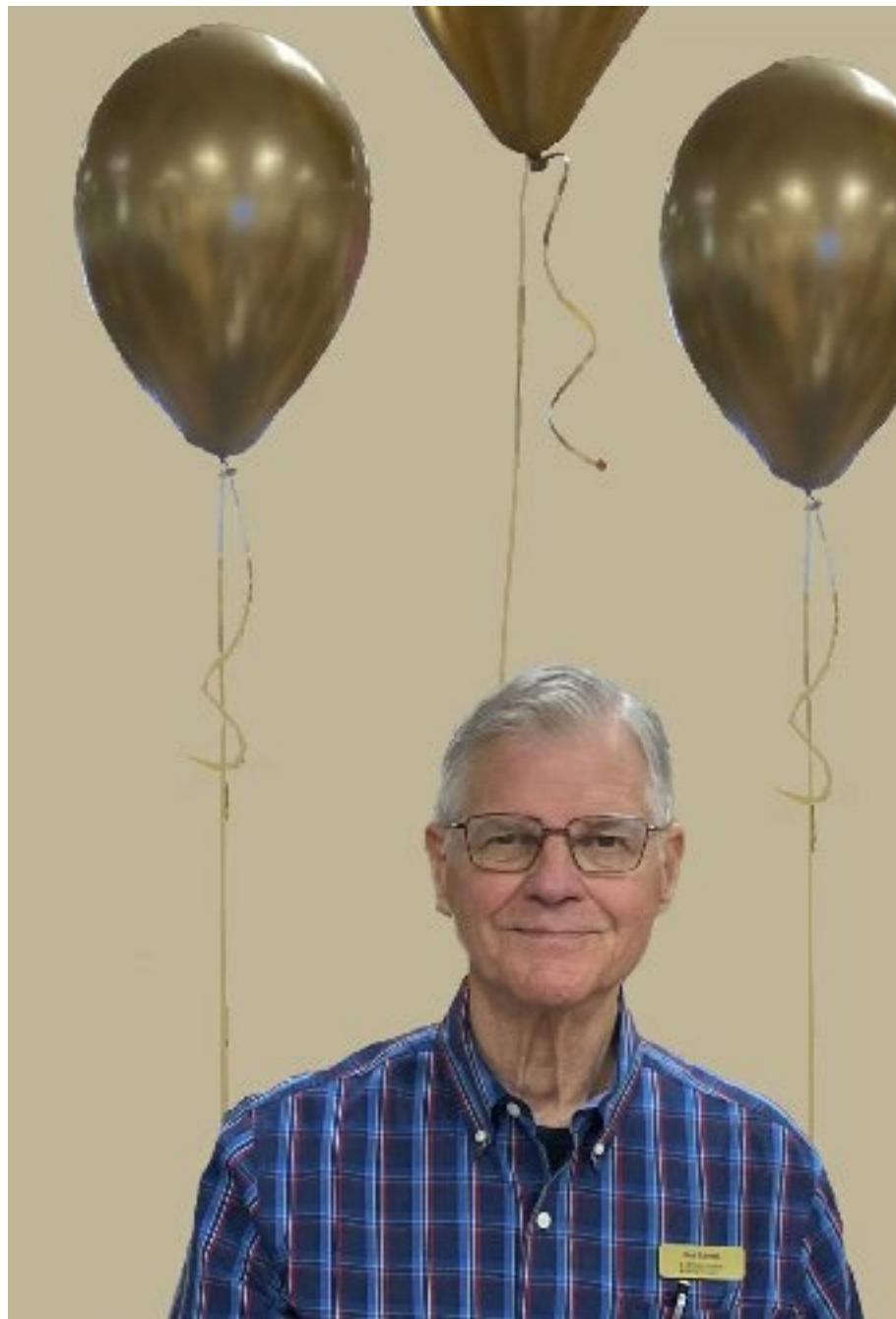
B Haznedar - Ruby Life Master Party



Miriam Cooper - Silver Life Master Party



Bob Morris - 25,000 Masterpoint Milestone Party



Rick Barrett - Gold Life Master Party

Congratulations to all!

### **Mentor/Mentee**

Our monthly Mentor/Mentee game is held on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. The April game will be on

*May 7<sup>th</sup> - Mentor/Mentee*

If you have not signed up and would like to participate please contact our coordinator Bert Onstott by clicking [here](#).

Mentees must have fewer than 300 masterpoints and Mentors greater than 300 points.

### **Future Life Masters and 8 is enough Swiss Teams**

Our Future Life Masters (FLM) and 8 is enough Swiss Teams games are held monthly on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. The next game will be held on

*May 19<sup>th</sup> - FLM & 8 is enough Swiss Teams*

*NOTE: This FLM game is **special** where the upper limit is 99 masterpoints. It will be held separately in the Oasis room (North West corner of the facility).*

The Swiss Teams stratifications are:

- Level 1** - 0-1000 masterpoints (1)
- Level 2** - 1000-3000 masterpoints (2)
- Level 3** - 3000+ masterpoints (3)

For example one Level 3, two Level 2 and one Level 1 players total 8 as would four Level 2 players. Another example would be three Level 2 and one Level 1 players whose team total is 7 and it is OK to be less than 8.

The Swiss Teams has become an extremely popular event. For help to find teammates contact:

Linda McReynolds @ (713) 819-7812 [lindamcreynolds@comcast.net](mailto:lindamcreynolds@comcast.net)

### **Mini-lesson**

Before each Wednesday game there is a mini-lesson beginning around 10:00 a.m. taught by Joe Quinn.

### Game Schedule

**Tuesday - Mentor/Mentee**  
**Wednesday - Open & 299'er**  
**Thursdays - Invitational**  
**10:30 a.m.**

**Sunday - Future Life Masters & Swiss Teams**  
**1:30 p.m.**

**Arabia Shriners Center**  
**10510 Harwin Dr.**

- \$7.00 per person
- Coffee & Snacks are provided
- Jennifer Breihan, John Herzer and Tom Jahnke directors

### Game Calendar

Wed – May 1	Grass Roots	Thu – May 16	Grass Roots
Thu – May 2	Grass Roots	Sun – May 19	Grass Roots
Tue – May 7	Grass Roots	Wed – May 22	Grass Roots
Wed – May 8	Grass Roots	Thu – May 23	Grass Roots
Thu – May 9	Grass Roots	Wed – May 29	Grass Roots
Wed – May 15	Grass Roots	Thu – May 30	Grass Roots

### Need a Partner?

Contact Linda or Tom Martinsen at 713-398-4907 [martinsens@comcast.net](mailto:martinsens@comcast.net).



## Bridge Club of Houston

Please consult our monthly calendar online: [BCOH Calendar](#).

**BCOH: Online Choose Houston** - Thursday 7:00 p.m.

**BBO - Mentor/Mentee Games:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 7:00 p.m. (**Protege should invite and pay for game of mentor.**) Contact Mike Linkins if you have any questions: [mlinkins@swbell.net](mailto:mlinkins@swbell.net).

**BCOH Open Games (Face-2-Face):**  
Monday: 11:55 a.m.  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 10:30 a.m.

\*\*\*\***1:00 p.m. Saturday game every weekend**\*\*\*\*

Saturday F2F 299er and Open games - check BCOH [website](#) for details, potlucks and points each week.

### SAVE THE DATES:

Open Swiss Teams - May 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 a.m. (**Register at the club.**)

**Mentor/Mentee F2F:** May 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Please contact Judy Cupps at [judy\\_n\\_al@yahoo.com](mailto:judy_n_al@yahoo.com) by phone 713-320-5592 or Bob Zeigler@713-829-6928. Also contact them with any questions.

### TUESDAY TIDBITS

Build a solid foundation with Julie Halperin, Diamond Life Master and ACBL Teacher. Enjoy a free lesson from 9:30 to 10:10 a.m. Game to follow begins at 10:30 a.m. We will set up partnerships for those who need it. Text Julie at 713-857-8004 with questions or concerns. **Lessons are open to all.**

May 4<sup>th</sup> - Silver Life Master Party for Carolyn Wedel. Food will be served at noon. Open and 299er games to begin at 1:00 p.m.

May 10th - Diamond Life Master Party for Steve Vaughn. Pizza will served at noon

Memorial Day Hot. Diggity Dog May 27<sup>th</sup> - Hotdogs will be provided by BCOH and served at 11:00 a.m. Open and 299er games to begin at noon. Please bring a side for everyone to enjoy.

June 17<sup>th</sup> - The Longest Day supporting Alzheimer's.

June 20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> - 499er Tournament

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## CHOOSE HOUSTON BASIC SCHEDULE - BBO ONLINE GAMES

Online Games for all levels every day! These dates will change if the ACBL has approved special games online so please check the Bridge Club of Houston and Clear Lake Bridge Club for updates.

Playing online? CHOOSE HOUSTON!

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9:00 AM	<i>Monthly, usually second Sat; hand review after the game →</i>					<b>FLM 0-99</b>	<i>flm174.org</i>
10:00 AM							
10:10 AM							
11:50 AM							
12:00 PM							
3:00 PM							
3:05 PM	<b>FLM 0-99</b>						
	<i>↓ First and third Mondays only. Visit <a href="http://www.bridgewebs.com/bcoh">www.bridgewebs.com/bcoh</a> for details</i>						
7:00 PM	<b>Mentor</b>	<b>Open</b>					

*Check the club and FLM websites for the most up-to-date information.*

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## Clear Lake Bridge Club

Clear Lake Bridge Club (CLBC) is located at 16614 Sear Lark, Houston, Texas 77062.

Weekly Game Schedule:

Open Games: Monday - Wednesday and Friday at 10:00 a.m., Thursday at 2:00 p.m. and Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

0-299 Games: Monday at 2:00 p.m.

0-199 Games: Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.

0-749 Games: Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. and Thursday at 1:00 p.m.

Swiss Teams: Sunday at 1:00 p.m. May 12<sup>th</sup> is 8 is Enough. The B players' upper limit is 2000 - 2500 masterpoints. We ask that anyone interested in playing in any of the Sunday afternoon Team Games to please register before you come so that the director can have the set up done on time.

*Please arrive no later than 15 minutes before the game start times.*

*All May games are Grass Roots Fund Games!*

Game table fee is \$6.00 for members, \$7.00 for guests.

Bridge Labs (Supervised Play):

Sunday and Tuesdays from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Bridge Lab table fee is \$8.00.

Our Mentor/Mentee game is on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. For more information and to submit a contact form, visit the [CLBC Mentor/Mentee site](#).

Due to the costs involved, the Mentor/Mentee game is the one game where we do not invite visitors. We certainly appreciate having visitors at any of the other games!

On May 15<sup>th</sup> between the open game & the Mentor/Mentor game, the club will have an advancement party for all the members who have achieved ACBL milestones from Sept 2023 through March 2024. Lunch and cake will be served. Judith Redmond is the emcee of this event. Congratulations to all who will be honored.



## A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN ACBL AND THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

The Longest Day games will be held on Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. and at 2:00 p.m. You are encouraged to bid to play in either or both sessions with one of our Stars. You are also welcome to play with your favorite partner if you prefer not to bid on a Star.

Entry fees are \$10.00 per person per session. The entire amount will be donated to the Alzheimer's Association. Additional contributions are also greatly appreciated.

In 2023 the Clear Lake Bridge Club members, through The Longest Day events, donated \$6,600 to the Alzheimer's Association, placing us in the top 30 participating clubs in the ACBL. Let's top that in 2024! See you on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

Edna Rice is 2024 CLBC The Longest Day Chair and Team Captain.

Check out [www.clearlakebridgeclub.org/bridge-education](http://www.clearlakebridgeclub.org/bridge-education) for new classes offered in 2024.

Bobbie Moutz  
2nd Vice President  
281-546-9199  
[natcolemed@comcast.net](mailto:natcolemed@comcast.net)

P.S.

For more information, please visit our [website](#).



## CYPRESS NORTHWEST DBC & KATY DBC

**Cypress NW DBC** meets at the Richard and Meg Weekley Community Center, 8440 Greenhouse Rd, Cypress, TX, and games are played every Tuesday and Thursday starting at 11:30 a.m., with sign-up beginning at 11:00 a.m.

*On April 9<sup>th</sup>, Bill Turner and Mary Vagnoni scored a 77.78%!*

Coffee, tea, and snacks are provided. Games are \$3.

**Katy DBC** meets every Wednesday. Sign-in starts at 11:00 a.m., and the game begins at 11:30 a.m. The club meets at the Steve Radack Community Center - 18650 Clay Road, Houston, Texas 77084.

Coffee, tea, and snacks are provided. Regular games are \$3.

For more information, contact Jim Warren at **832/851-4745** or [jwarren760@gmail.com](mailto:jwarren760@gmail.com).

**CLUB OWNER RETIRING - BRIDGE CLUBS FOR SALE**

Cypress Northwest DBC  
Meets Tuesday and Thursday at Weekley Community Center

Katy DBC  
Meets Wednesday at Radack Community Center

Will sell both or separately.  
If interested please contact  
Jim Warren  
832-851-4745  
[jwarren7602gmail.com](mailto:jwarren7602gmail.com)



## Fort Bend Duplicate Bridge Club

### Open Games Tuesday

Arabia Shriners Center  
10510 Harwin Dr.  
Houston, TX 77036

Please arrive by 10:15 a.m. Games starts at 10:30 a.m.

- We use Bridge Mate II Bridge pads.
- At least 36 upgraded games are held each year.
- Hand records are available after every game.
- Our players are a nice balance of friendly A, B and C players.
- Coffee and substantive snacks are provided.
- All games are fully sanctioned by the ACBL.
- Results available immediately.
- Fully qualified and experienced directors.
- All games including upgraded are \$7.00.

### CALLING AHEAD WILL FACILITATE STARTING GAMES ON TIME. CONTACT:

John Eric Watson  
[ewat2004@aol.com](mailto:ewat2004@aol.com)  
832 287 9107



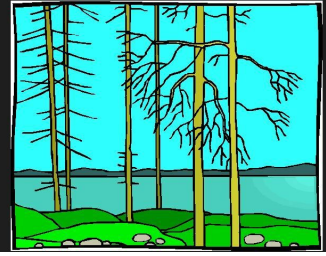
## KINGWOOD DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

### Games:

Wednesday and Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at the Kingwood Community Center, 4102 Rustic Woods Drive, Kingwood, TX 77345. Entries are still \$2 and \$3 for upgraded games.

On Thursday morning, Bill Riley will be giving a short 20-30 minute presentation on various topics, conventions, etc., starting at 9:20 a.m. A schedule of topics will be published shortly. Coffee is available.

For information, contact any of the following:  
Jim Simmons at (281)913-0441 or [jrsimmons2102@gmail.com](mailto:jrsimmons2102@gmail.com).  
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## LAKE CONROE DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

**May 2024**

Our Bridge Club is a very welcoming and friendly Club. We have players from all levels, so all duplicate players will feel comfortable. We would like to invite you and your bridge friends to join us every Friday.

We begin playing at 10:30 a.m. The game fee is \$5.00. We always offer complimentary snacks, sweet and savory, and coffee and iced tea. Please bring your lunch as we have microwaves for heating and refrigerators for keeping your food cold.

Our games are played in the Fellowship Room at April Sound Church, located at 67 1/2 April Wind Dr. S, Montgomery. There is easy access from Hwy 105 into the church parking lot.

No Partner?? No worries! Call Gerry Earnest, 936-447-6958, and she will do her best to find you a partner.

**We look forward to seeing you on Friday's at LCDBC and invite you to join us at the table for a great day of bridge.**

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## LONE STAR BRIDGE CLUB

Lone Star Bridge Club (LSBC) in Conroe, Texas, plays at St Paul Global Methodist Church, 1100 Semands Drive, Conroe; the church is located within easy access from Interstate 45. Directions to our game may be found on our [website](#).

Weekly OPEN games are Mondays at 11:45 a.m. and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. All games are stratified.

We provide coffee, bottled water, and only individually wrapped snacks.

Our games are **always** \$5.00.

All of the May Games are specially-rated masterpoint events at our club!

We are having Grass Root Fund Games on Thursdays, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> and also on Mondays, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

Our Club Championship games are on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Please don't forget Diamind Life Master Jeff Kroll's free lesson on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> when we will also be celebrating our members who have May birthdays with a cake.

And of course, our regular Pizza Day will be on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

This month's Mantor/Mentee game is schedule for Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. If you



are interested in playing as either a mentor or a mentee, please contact Anita Rothfuss at [larryandanita@gmail.com](mailto:larryandanita@gmail.com) or call at 936-537-5939.

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Please visit our website by clicking [here](#).

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## PEBBLE CREEK DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Face-to-face games are held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. For further information, please contact Richard Duble at 979-324-8421 or [richard.duble@yahoo.com](mailto:richard.duble@yahoo.com) or visit our [website](#).

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## SPRING BRANCH DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Games are on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 11:00 a.m.

Location: Trini Mendenhall Sosa Community Center, 1414 Wirt Road, Houston, Texas. Located in the northeast corner of the intersection of Wirt Road and Westview in the Spring Branch area.

Regular games are \$1/person. Totally non-profit in accordance with County rules.

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[website](#)

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## STAR DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Games are on Mondays and Fridays at 9:30 am and are \$5.00 per person.

You must have a partner.

For more info, contact Richard Duble at 979-324-8421 or [richard.duble@yahoo.com](mailto:richard.duble@yahoo.com) or visit our [website](#).

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# A Flawed 1 No Trump...

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Consider the following deal:

Vul: None  
Dir: West

	<u>North</u>	
	♠ 7	
	♥ AQ852	
	♦ K4	
	♣ J8754	
<u>West</u>		<u>East</u>
♠ K10964		♠ Q32
♥ J1097		♥ 64
♦ Q63		♦ J97
♣ A		♣ Q10962
	<u>South</u>	
	♠ AJ85	
	♥ K3	
	♦ A10852	
	♣ K3	

The auction is:

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣**	Pass	3NT***

\*Transfer to hearts

\*\*Game forcing, 4+ clubs

\*\*\*No eight-card heart fit.

## Auction Comments

South's 1NT is a little flawed because the hand is not balanced. It is semi-balanced, but is opened 1NT anyway. It's only one flaw and we subscribe to Ron Klinger's philosophy that two flaws are required to prevent us from opening 1NT. More importantly, the hand has two doubleton kings and so it is best if the opening lead does not go through South. Bidding no trump first allows South to right side the contract and protect those kings.

After South's 1NT, West is tempted to bid showing a hand with the majors if only the ♣A were in one of the majors. Aces in short suits are not as good as aces in long suits. So, West passes and we agree that is the correct call.

## The Play

West leads the ♥J. The North/South tricks are going to come from hearts or diamonds. Since the hearts are better than the diamonds (♥AKQ vs. ♦AK), South might be inclined to work on hearts. However, the opening lead and dummy's known five-card suit strongly indicates that hearts are going to split badly. Therefore, South turns attention to the diamonds.

South wins the opening heart with the ♥K. Then leads low to ♦K. Leads ♦4 to ♦A and then a small diamond. Both opponents follow and West wins ♦Q. West next leads the ♣A, making south's king good. North/South take nine tricks: one spade, three hearts, four diamonds and a club.

## Summary

Even though South's hand is slightly flawed, opening 1NT was a good bid and ensured that the hand's two kings remained protected.

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## From the Editor



Thank you to all of the people who contribute to the Newsletter. It takes a team of fellow bridge players to bring this information to you. Unit 174 runs on volunteers' energy.

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