

**UNIT 174
EVENTS & CLASSES
December - 2017**



Happy Holidays

There is a lot going on during the month of December and moving into 2018.

If you would like to see even more of what is happening in our Unit 174 bridge community, please go to: www.acblunit174.org.

May your holiday season include some bridge cheer!

Lauri Laufman, Editor

EVENTS

2018 LONE STAR REGIONAL January 29 - February 4, 2018

Marriott Houston Westchase

888-236-2427 (\$119 per night - until Jan 19)

***MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW - LESS THAN 2 MONTHS
AWAY!***

Great Speakers...Great Hospitality...Great Schedule!!!

*****Not to Be Missed - Speaker Schedule Just
Announced! *****

Mon, Jan 29: Gary King

Tues, Jan 30: Janice Seamon-Molson

Wed, Jan 31: Mike Passell

Thurs, Feb 1: Carolyne Fox

Fri, Feb 2: Shawn Quinn

Sat, Feb 3: Sylvia Shi & Daniel Korbel

Director's Course - Jan 27-29

Contact Bill Riley if interested: ichibanbill@yahoo.com

Registration Fee: \$50

Teacher Appreciation Day - Friday, Feb 2

District 16 Teacher of the Year - Announced!

Hot dogs and cake will be served

Flyer: http://www.acblunit174.org/Flyers/LSR.1_2018.pdf

STaC Week

December 4 - 10

- At all participating clubs -

This event is sectional rated and thus offers you an opportunity to win Silver Points at participating local clubs during this week.

Check local club calendars to see if participating and for dates/times.

Unit Charity Week

December 11, 13, 14 and 15

- At all participating clubs -

All funds raised at "charity" games on Dec 11 and 14 will be forwarded to the ACBL Charity Foundation.

All funds raised at "charity" games on Dec 13 and 15 will be forwarded to SEARCH, the unit's designated charity.

**SEARCH Homeless Services works to engage, stabilize, educate, employ and house individuals and families who are homeless.*

Grand National Teams (GNT)

GNT Unit Qualifying Games for Flights B and C

BCoH at noon - December 30, January 27, February 24

WBA at 6 pm on December 3, January 7, January 28,

February 11

Although these team games may be open, only teams with B (0-2500), and C (0-500 Non-Life Masters) players can qualify during the unit qualifiers. **Flight A** teams (0-6000) will qualify at the district level during the Election Sectional.

--- AROUND THE UNIT ---

APPLE DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUBS

December 11 - Apple Holiday Party at Tracy Gee

December 15 - Apple II Holiday Party at Tracy Gee

Reservations are requested so that we can order enough food.

Reservations for Dec. 11 are due on Dec. 7 to Paul Cuneo - paulcuneo@sbcglobal.net.

Reservations for Dec. 15 are due on Dec. 12 to

sandiferdb@gmail.com.

Both parties will start at 11 am. Reservations expire at 11:30 am so please come early, check in and enjoy the party. If we have space available, walk-ins are welcome. People holding reservations who have not checked in by 11:30 am will be in line for space with walk-ins in the order of arrival at Tracy Gee. Entries will be sold to walk-ins at that time, however both players must be present.

BRIDGE CLUB OF HOUSTON (BCOH)

Opportunity for New Players
Bridge+ game @ 10:30am Every Tuesday
Sanctioned Game--\$5 Table Fee - 0-20 Masterpoints
30-minute lesson by Julie Halperin, Certified Teacher @
9:45am

December 4-9 - STaC WEEK (*Earn Silver Points*)

Wednesday, December 13 - BCoH Holiday Party
Game @ 10:30am -- 12 Noon Food is Furnished
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Thursday, December 14 - Daytime Mentor/Mentee

Monday December 18 - Nighttime Mentor/Mentee

Thursday, December 28 - Swiss Team "8 is Enough"

Saturday, December 30 - GNT Qualifying for B & C
Flight A will play for experience and points

Monday, January 1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY PARTY
Pot Luck Meal @ 11am, Game @ 11:55am

CLEAR LAKE BRIDGE CLUB

The Clear Lake Bridge Club has regular bridge games every day.

During the week there are beginner games on Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 am, and on Monday and Wednesday at 2:00 pm.

Regular games are Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:00 am, Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm, and on Thursday Afternoon at 2:00 pm.

Weekend games are on Saturday at 1:00 pm, and there is a team game on Sunday at 1:00 pm.

FORT BEND COUNTY DUPLICATE BRIDGE

(Formerly Sugar Land Duplicate Bridge Club)

Monday Games Start Earlier Now!

**Mondays 10:15am - Open game - Rosenberg Civic Center
3825 Hwy 36 South, Rosenberg, TX 77471
Free coffee, lite snacks provided**

**Tuesdays 9am- Open game - First Colony Community
Center
3232 Austin Parkway, Sugar Land, TX 77479**

December 12 - Holiday Party and Club Championship

Thursdays - Classes on Defense 11am in Richmond

*Please call or email in advance for games and classes.
ALL games through 2017 are \$5 per person for members
of ACBL.*

Hand records are provided at the end of every game.

**Questions? Contact Eric Watson
Owner, Manager Director and Teacher
ewat2004@aol.com 832-287-9107**

LAKE CONROE DUPLICATE CLUB

**December 8 - Holiday Party
April Sound Country Club - Waterside Room - 10:30am
Reservations Required. Lunch served. Club
Championship.
Reservations and info: gerryearnest@gmail.com or call
936-447-6958**

SOUTHWEST DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

**Congregation Brith Shalom - 4610 Bellaire Blvd. (enter on
Cedar St)**

December 5 and 6 - STaC (*Earn Silver Points*)

SPRING BRANCH (SOSA)

December 4 and 7 - STaC (*Earn Silver Points*)

**December 14 - Holiday Party
Luncheon @ 11:30am - Sandwiches and Sodas will be
provided.
Please bring salads, snacks or desserts.**

WESTSIDE BRIDGE ACADEMY (WBA)

**December 2 - GNT Qualifier at 6:00pm
Other GNT Qualifier Dates: [Jan 7](#), [Jan 28](#), [Feb 11](#) at 6:00pm
These games award half red and half black points at FULL
sectional rating. *Although these team games are open to all, only***

teams with B (0-2500), and C (0-500 Non-Life Masters) players can qualify during these games.

December 4-10 - STaC Week (Earn Silver Points)

We will be holding three holiday parties in December this year:

Wednesday, December 6 - 7:00 pm
STaC Game

Sunday, December 10 - 10:00am
Double Session Swiss - STaC
and a 499er Swiss as well if attendance warrants it

Thursday, December 14 - 10:30 am
Club Membership Game - full sectional rating!

Lasagna and salad will be served Wednesday evening the 6th.
Turkey, ham, and dressing will be served on the 10th and 14th.
Your favorite side dish, snack, or dessert will be welcome.

Reservations are **REQUIRED** for all three parties so we can know how much food to plan for. To reserve your spot, please email Katherine Onstott at kjonstott@comcast.net. Please do not call or email the Academy to make your reservation. Katherine will respond when she gets your request.

Please indicate who will be your partner, if you have a direction preference (pair games only), and for which party/parties you want a reservation.

WBA Mentor-Mentee games for **December** are on Wednesday morning the **13th** at 10:30am and Tuesday evening the **26th** at 7pm.
Pair entry \$15

WBA's 8 is Enough team game will be held on Friday **December 15**.
Contact Jimmy at 713-412-4678
or jimmybreihan@comcast.net to let him know if you plan on attending or need help getting a team together.

WBA has supervised play available on Tuesdays at 2:15pm with Terry Currie and Tom Jahnke and Thursdays at 10:30am with Kay Johnson.

WBA has a 0-20 game Wednesday evenings at 7pm with a free mini lecture about 20 minutes before game time.

For WBA's full schedule, please visit:
www.westsidebridgeacademy.com

CLASSES

BRIDGE CLUB OF HOUSTON

Julie Halperin

2/1 Game Force: Wednesdays **Feb 7, 14, 21, 28, March 7**
2:15- 4:15pm

This 5-week course covers the transition from Standard American to 2/1 Game Force

Cost: \$75 plus Audrey Grant text

For more information and to pre-register:

brdgplyr2011@hotmail.com 936-890-1956 or 713-857-8004
(c)

GARY KING

Ever considered private instruction? Interested in improving your game? Consider private lessons for your group of four. He can meet at your house and work on the topics that are the most important to you. Great for two partnerships. Gary can work with groups of 3, 4 or even 5 people. He now has daytime slots available. Send Gary an email and the details can be discussed at houstonbridge@gmail.com.

ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL BRIDGE SCHOOL

(Corner of Woodway at Sage)

Mondays 1-4pm Ongoing supervised play session with Joyce Ryan, Vic Sitton, Maureen Wittels, and Ann Harvey
This is the perfect class for those who already play bridge, but would like a little help sharpening their skills.

Fee: \$10 per class

WESTSIDE BRIDGE ACADEMY (WBA)

For more information about each course offering below, go to: http://www.westsidebridgeacademy.com/Class_Schedule.php

Tom Jahnke

Cue Bidding to Slam: Thursday **Dec 7** 2-5pm

This class includes topics of cue bidding when Blackwood isn't enough, cue-bidding first round controls, finding the ace of trump, cue-bidding second round controls and trump quality.

Fee: \$20

To register: tomtomj211@yahoo.com

Terry Currie

Beginning Bridge: Mondays **Jan 8, 15, 22, 29, Feb 7, 12, 19, 26** 2-4pm

Beginning Bridge: Mondays **Mar 12, 19, 26, Apr 2, 9, 16, 23, 30** 2-4pm

This is a comprehensive class that explains the fundamentals in terms everyone can understand! When you

finish this class, you will have all the knowledge you need to play in your social group or in beginning duplicate games!

Defense: Wednesdays [Jan 10,17, 24, Feb 7, 14, 21, 28, March 7](#) 2-4pm

This course covers techniques for defeating contracts and guidelines for handling specific situations on defense such as opening leads, second hand play, & third hand play. Also covered defensive signals, developing defensive tricks, interfering with declarer and negative doubles.

Play of the Hand: Thursdays [Jan 11, 18, 25, Feb 8, 15, 22, Mar 1](#) 2-4pm

Lessons covered include planning the play, developing tricks via promotion & length, the simple finesse, ruffing and discarding losers, managing entries and trump suits, loser on loser plays, playing a cross ruff, preemptive bidding and the Jacoby transfer.

Fee: \$150 for each of the above courses

Pre-registration required so materials can be prepared.

To register: tcurrie1@comcast.net

Betty Starzec

Card Combinations Workshop: Saturday [January 13](#) 9:30-1:00

Registration Required, Limited Class Size

For more information, click [here](#) for flyer.

Fee: \$55 including materials

To register: Lstarzec@comcast.net or 281-343-8687

"Bridge is the king of all card games." - Bill Gates

