

**UNIT 174
EVENTS & CLASSES
April, 2017**



Dear Unit 174 Member,

If you would like see ALL that is going on in the bridge community, please go to: www.acblunit174.org. Hope to see you at the bridge table soon!!!

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EVENTS

ELECTION SECTIONAL

April 7-9

**Houston Marriott Westchase
2900 Briarpark Drive, Houston, TX 77042
713-978-7400 / 888-236-2427**

Great Schedule!!!

ALL days...Morning Session @ 10am & Afternoon session @ 2:30pm

Great Hospitality!!!

Free Coffee & Other Treats

Friday, after the 2:30 session - Hope to see you @ the Hospitality Suite, Room 1070 for Pizza!!!

Great Speakers!!!

**Friday @ 2pm - [Julie Halperin](#) - Takeout Doubles
Saturday @ 2pm - [Gary King](#) - Matchpoint Success**

VOTE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

~ Make sure you vote for 3 candidates or your vote won't count ~

~ Don't miss the Annual Meeting on Sunday ~

For more information & flyer, go to: www.acblunit174.org

GNT DISTRICT Level Qualifier

District level qualifying for **ALL** flights will be held on Saturday, **April 8** and Sunday, **April 9** at the Houston Election Sectional. All Flight B & C participants must have qualified at the Unit level--you may play with a different partner and/or team for the District qualifying event. The first session on Saturday will begin at 10am and the second session TBD. On Sunday, the first session will begin at 10am and the second session TBD.

BRIDGE CLUB OF HOUSTON (BCOH)

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

April 6: Daytime Mentor/Mentee Game
April 7-9: Club will be CLOSED
April 10: Chuck Michalski Gold Life Master party. Meal @ 11am; game @ 11:55am. Reservations needed.
April 17: Evening Mentor/Mentee Game
April 26: Tomas Rush Silver Life Master party. Meal @ 11am; game @ 11:55am. Reservations needed.
April 27: Swiss "8 is Enough"
May 4-7: 299r BCOH tournament

SOUTHWEST DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Current location is at the Jewish Community Center-Merfish, 9000 S. Rice Boulevard through **May 17**.

The game will be located at Congregation Brith Shalom, 4610 Bellaire Boulevard from **May 18** through August, 2017.

NOTE: There will not be a game on Tuesday, April 11 due to the Passover holiday.

SUGAR LAND DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB (Colony Bend Conference Center)

Sugar Land Duplicate Bridge Club has an open game every Tuesday morning at 9am. There are usually 11-12 tables.

There is a Club Championship once every quarter—March, June, September & December. This is a friendly bunch of A, B & C players who always welcome new players. The game is set up in advance, so please call if you are coming

so they can start promptly at 9am.

ALL games are \$5 per person—NO extra charge for special games. Hand records are provided at the end of every game.

Please contact:

Eric Watson, Owner/Director Sugar Land Duplicate Bridge Club

3232 Austin Parkway 77479

ACBL Certified Club Director since 2009

ACBL Teacher Accreditation Program (TAP) 2013

ewat2004@aol.com / 832-287-9107

WESTSIDE BRIDGE ACADEMY (WBA)

WBA will host a free **MiniBridge** party on Sunday, **April 30** at 1pm!!! If you have any family, friends or kids who might be interested in learning about bridge this is a great way to get them introduced to the game we all love!! Come on out and help make it a great success!!

WBA mentor-mentee games for April are on Wednesday morning the **12th** at 10:30am and Tuesday evening the **25th** at 7pm.

WBA's 8 is Enough team game will be held on Friday, **April 21**, so get your teams together and come out and play! Call Jimmy at 713-412-4678 or email him at jenandjimmy@sbcglobal.net and let him know if you plan on attending or if you need help getting a team together.

WBA has supervised play available on Tuesdays from 2pm-4:30pm by Terry Currie and Tom Jahnke and Thursdays starting at 10:30am by Kay Johnson.

WBA has a 0-20 game Wednesday evenings at 7pm with a free mini lecture about 20 minutes before game time as well as Sunday afternoons @ 1pm with a free mini lecture before the game.

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

CLASSES

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

Mondays, **March 27 to April 24** from 10-12:

ADVANCING PLAYER 1:

Review of bidding, competitive bidding, play of the hand and defense. Play 8 hands each session while receiving tips on bidding, play of the hand, and defense.

MODERN NO TRUMP BIDDING:

Learn and review ranges and responses to reaching no trump games, Stayman, transfers, and reaching no trump slams.

BIDDING REVIEW:

If you have taken the beginning classes but need a thorough review of that material in a fast-paced class, this is the class for you! You will review requirements for overcalls, takeout doubles, and the advancers' ranges.

Classes taught by ABTA's Teacher of the Year finalist, Joyce Ryan assisted by Ann Harvey. Please contact Joyce Ryan at jryan9620@sbcglobal.net / 713-977-3360.

SUGAR LAND DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Supervised play every Thursday (in Richmond) will be offered beginning on **April 6** until Labor Day, using pre-dealt hands from the ACBL Series. Bridge classes will resume after Labor Day beginning on Thursday, **September 7**... "Defense" from the ACBL Series. Suggested donation \$5 per class.

11am--bring a sandwich / light snacks provided.

For exact location & more information, contact:
Eric Watson, Owner/Director/Teacher
Sugar Land Duplicate Bridge Club
ewat2004@aol.com / 832-287-9107

WESTSIDE BRIDGE ACADEMY (WBA)

Gary King

Supervised Group Study

About this class....

--Great class to take with a regular partner, but not required.

--This is a test first and then analyze class. You will bid and play a hand & then dissect it as a group.

--Class size may be limited, so sign up today.
--ALL NEW HANDS!

Saturday Mornings from 10am - Noon
4 Lessons: **April 15, 22, 29, May 6**
\$100 per person. Cash, check or money order please.
Pre-registration is required. Gary asks that you pre-register so that he can make certain he has enough class materials for everyone. To register email: houstonbridge@gmail.com.

Shawn Quinn

Supercharge your 2/1 game!

Class is held on Thursday mornings from 9:30-10:15, just before the morning game.

Each class is independent--you can come for one or all. No reservations required. The cost is \$15/class. You will learn plenty; it will be well worth the time and money!

Tom Jahnke

Never played before? Played in college but haven't in years? This is the class for you!

8 weeks: **April 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 1, 8, 15**

Thursday afternoons from 2-4pm

\$150 per person; includes materials

You will learn the fundamentals of the game: Basic bidding, play of the hand & defense.

Upon graduation, you will be able to enjoy the game in your home or at the local bridge club.

This can be your first step on the wonderful adventure that is bridge, the world's best card game!

Pre-registration is required. Prospective students should contact Tom by email at: tomtomj211@yahoo.com.

Carolyne Fox

Preempts

This two-class course reviews the requirements for opening preempts, how to respond when partner preempts & how to handle the opponents' preempts.

April 11 and 18

2-4pm

Pre-registration is required.

To register, contact Carolyne at carolynefox@me.com or 832-594-8930.

Class fee of \$75 is payable at first class, April 11; please make checks payable to Carolyne Fox.

For details, please go to www.westsidebridgeacademy.com.

"On Defense, active plays try to win tricks, while passive plays try not to give up tricks." -- Robert S. Todd



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