

**UNIT 174
EVENTS & CLASSES
March, 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 soon at the bridge table soon!!!

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EVENTS

ELECTION SECTIONAL

April 7-9, 2017

**Houston Marriott Westchase
2900 Briarpark Drive, Houston, TX 77042
713-978-7400 / 888-236-2427
Bridge Rate \$89 plus tax - Cutoff date **March 17****

Great Schedule!!!

ALL days begin at 10am—ALL days morning & afternoon sessions

Great Hospitality!!!

Free Coffee & Other Treats

Great Speakers!!!

**Friday @ 2pm - Julie Halperin
Saturday @ 2pm - Gary King**

**~ VOTE for your 3 candidates of choice ~
~ 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. 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**

March 2: Daytime Mentor/Mentee Game

March 9-12: 299r Tournament

March 20: Evening Mentor/Mentee Game

March 23: Swiss "8 is Enough"

March 29: Gene Levy Life Master party. Reservations needed.

SOUTHWEST DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Current location is at the Jewish Community Center-Merfish, 9000 S. Rice Boulevard. The game will be located at Congregation Brith Shalom, 4620 Bellaire Boulevard from May 21 through August, 2017.

SUGAR LAND DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB (Colony Bend Conference Center)

Sugar Land Duplicate Bridge Club has an open game every Tuesday morning at 9am. Hand records provided. They usually have 11-12 tables. All games \$5 per person—no extra charge for special games!

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 we 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, **March 12** 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 March are on Wednesday morning the **8th** at 10:30am and Tuesday evening the **28th** at 7pm.

WBA 8 is Enough team game will be held on Friday, **March 17**, 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 is hosting a Life Master party for **Ned Earle** on Wednesday, **March 29**. Come out and help Ned celebrate! WBA will provide a cake. Congratulations Ned!!!

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.

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

CLASSES

BRIDGE CLUB OF HOUSTON

Julie Halperin

Beginning Bridge Lessons

12 weeks...Saturday Mornings 9-11

Beginning **February 25- May 13**. Cost: \$150 plus the cost of the Audrey Grant texts.

The class will cover Audrey Grant's Better Bridge 1, 2 and 3. Learn the basics as well as Stayman, Strong 2 bids, Jacoby Transfers, Blackwood & Gerber. Whether you are just beginning or need a refresher, you are welcome! Please register by email: Brdgp1yr2011@hotmail.com
Questions? Call Julie at 936-890-1956.

Barbara Phillips, Sapphire Life Master & Club Director

March 27 from 9-11:30am: Lecture on "Win More with Better Dummy Play." The charge is \$10. Please register by email: bwp281@aol.com.

GARY KING

Ever considered private instruction? Interested in improving your game? Consider private lessons for your group of four. We 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

Classes every Thursday (in Richmond)—currently covering *Play of the Hand* of the ACBL Series. Suggested donation \$5 per class.

11am--NEW TIME--bring a sandwich.

For exact location & more information, contact:

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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 a stand alone class so feel free to drop in. No reservations required. The cost is \$15/class. You will learn plenty; it will be well worth the time and money!

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

"Rules are there for a reason. Don't mastermind or attempt to place the contract early in the auction. Start by trying to follow the rules and describe your hand." — Robert S. Todd



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