

2026-10 - President's Post

So, A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum — or rather, securing an updated Masterpoint list for September. As quite a few members reached out to ask why our list still showed August 7, which confirmed our unit website is getting plenty of use.

Short Answer: ACBL has reworked its reports, including the Masterpoint Races, and the way they are processed and presented. In doing so, they did not fully account for all the needs a district or unit might have. The files we received were generated before the 7th, when masterpoints are updated.

Temporary Solution(s): For now, and if MP totals are delayed again, to check your own masterpoints, log in to ACBL. Securing the current monthly list of Top MP Winners is a bit more complicated:

1. Link: [click here](#).
2. On the left, select the > to the left of 16.
3. Select ☒ Unit 174.
4. Select ☒ "Exclude Deceased" on the right side of the page.

Bottom Line: Bronia Jenkins, ACBL CEO, and others within ACBL have been working to resolve these issues and improve the process. The goal is to have things run more smoothly when the October 8 reports are sent out. Fingers crossed.

Speaking of websites, I want to extend a special thank you to our webmaster, Allison Ochsner, who took her laptop on vacation this past month to make sure the site stayed up to date with timely information.

Now that we've covered all the techy stuff, let's move on to the game that while frustrating sometimes, we all love!

Other Stuff

Hotel Reservations can now be made for the upcoming Spring NABC Tournament being held March 11-21 at the Hyatt Regency Dallas. Link: <https://acbl.org/dallas/>

I encourage you all to take time to read our [Sept/Oct District 16 Scorecard](#) as it is chockfull of useful information. Rebecca Brown's Regional Director's Update (pages 4-7) is amazing. I loved Patricia Herrera's article this month (page 9) – so true! And for those of you curious as to how NABC tournament experiences will be changing, check out the FAQs (pages 10-14). Other tidbits include info on North American Pairs (NAP), features on several of our unit players and an article by our Unit Reporter (pages 37-39).

Bridge Academy has moved from the Shrine Center to 9800 Richmond, Suite 120, and [expanded its schedule](#). The Monday and Friday Apple I and II games that were previously held at Tracy Gee Community Center will now be hosted there as well.

The FLM 99er game held on Sept 12 had 7 full tables. I was delighted to see players who have previously played at BCOH, Kingwood, BAWH, or CLBC, along with at least one newcomer playing in her first official sanctioned duplicate game. Special thanks to organizer Betty Westbrook, FLM Chair Cindy Cox, Director Janice Rush, and Peaches Eads for the wonderful pastries.

The recent 499er Sectional held Sept 17-19 at BCOH totaled 62 tables with 66 players having earned masterpoints. Congrats to all who played, to [overall masterpoint winner, Sandy Tomich and all section top winners](#).

October and November

[Fall Open Sectional and Non-Life Master \(NLM\) 0-750 Regional](#) Thurs-Sat October 15-17: Although we hope not, this may be our last tournament at the Arabia Shrine Center on Harwin. Come join us and compete for silver in the Open Sectional, or gold and/or red in the NLM Regional. As an NLM, you can play in any event.

[District 16 Fall 2026 Royal STaC Week](#) October 19-25: Held at participating clubs throughout our district, with points listed initially in silver and later converted to 25% gold, red, silver, and black.

[Unit 174 Thanksgiving STaC](#) November 9-15: Held at participating clubs within our unit.

Milton and Betty Freedman Houston Lone Star Regional

Our unit's annual premier event takes place January 25-31, 2027, at the Marriott Westchase and will be filled with a variety of [bridge games for all levels](#). Want to help support our unit's efforts? Marsha Bernstein is ready to walk you through [Event Naming Opportunities](#), so give her a call (713-857-6088).

Finale

Thanks for the read, your questions, concerns and feedback are always welcome. May the weather cool down a bit, your bridge game heat up, tricks exceed your expectations at the table, and only treats be received on Halloween.

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