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September



Unit 174 September 2026 Newsletter



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From the Editor

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



Lauri Laufman

President's Message

Maybe the recent cool evening last week featuring a lunar eclipse followed by morning rain is a sign that September might really be a touch cooler than what has been a scorching August? Fingers crossed. Thinking of getting away next week and wanting to include some bridge, but not sure where to head? Well, my friends, the [Dallas Labor Day Regional](#) might just be the place to head! Tournament runs Wednesday to Monday, September 2-7.

When I started playing bridge in 2004 and was working full time, I am thankful there were plenty of evening games, along with weekend options. Driving after dark was no big deal. I remember during the week some die-hards would play in the day game, grab dinner, and come back for the evening open, mentor-mentee, or maybe a barometer game. And on Sundays even a two-session team game starting early in the afternoon with a dinner break before the second session. Since COVID closures – and maybe even before then – evening games have disappeared. But here’s the big news: an evening game is starting soon, so keep reading!

Awesome August Sectional Success!

The Awesome August Sectional at Bridge Club of Houston (BCOH) was not only well attended but also showed a small profit. It was a joy to see players representing every club in our unit – from Galveston/Clear Lake to Bryan/College Station – along with several players from outside our unit. The table count was 223.5, up 16 tables compared to the same three days in 2024.

A huge thank you to the many BCOH volunteers who kept the hospitality and lunches flowing, and to our tournament chairs, Fred Gregory and Susan Banks-Johnson. I also wish to express my gratitude to our directors, Kevin Perkins, Scott Humphrey, and Janice Rush, for keeping the tournament running smoothly.

Finally, thank you to everyone who played. Your sportsmanship was top-notch, especially while navigating the tighter table configurations. As we look ahead, we welcome your feedback about holding a future summer sectional at BCOH.

New Board Member Nominations

Clif Rice, thank you for agreeing to serve as our Nominating Committee Chair again this year. Each year, the terms of three of our nine board members come to an end. Clif along with committee members Janice Rush and Phyllis Dillard are currently seeking six qualified candidates for the slate. If you are interested in getting more involved and serving on Unit 174’s Board of Directors, please contact [Clif](#).

New Evening Game at Clear Lake Bridge Club (CLBC)

Winner-winner, without the chicken dinner! CLBC is starting a weekly Tuesday 7:00 p.m. “Fast Pairs” open game on September 8. Even though I’m not known to be a super speedy player, I look forward to coming down to play. Bets are on as to whether I keep up with the pace! You can see the flyer for this new game in this issue.

Special Upcoming 99er Game

It always pleases me when I learn of new bridge class being offered or games made available for our “Future Life Masters” so would be remiss not to give a mention to the following 0-99 game being held 10am on Saturday, September 12 at Trini Mendenhall Community Center in Spring Branch. This fun and relaxed style game is for YOU even if you’ve not played duplicate bridge, face-to-face, or joined ACBL. Make sure you check out the flyer in this issue for all the details.

Fall Colors

While we probably won’t see autumn colors for quite a while within our unit’s geographical area, we will see a variety of black, silver, red, gold and platinum colored masterpoint opportunities over the balance of this year and moving into next spring. As each color has different requirements for how you earn them along with how many you need for advancing ranks, [ACBL’s webpage on Masterpoints](#) provides detailed information. Upcoming opportunities are:

[499er Sectional](#) September 17-19 and December 10-12: BCOH will be hosting this “silver” event.

[Digital NABC](#) September 14-19 on BBO® and RealBridge™: This NABC offers events for all levels including Gold Rush and limited games. Masterpoint awards will be in gold and/or red at 80% of face-to-face awards.

[Fall Open Sectional and Non-Life Master \(NLM\) 0-750 Regional](#) October 15-17: Held at the Arabia Shrine Center on Harwin. Silver in the Open Sectional or gold and/or red in the NLM Regional. If you are a 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 – Hi-Yo Silver (points, that is), and away!

[499er Sectional](#) December 10-12: BCOH will be hosting this “silver” event.

Two Premier Events Not to Be Missed

[Milton and Betty Freedman Houston Lone Star Regional](#) January 25-31, 2027, at the Marriott Westchase: This is our unit’s annual premier event. Our 7-day regional will be filled with a variety of bridge games for all levels. [Event Naming Opportunities](#) are in progress! Marsha Bernstein is ready to walk you through this, so give her a call (713-857-6088). You can see the flyer for both the tournament and the naming events in this issue.

[Dallas North American Bridge Championships \(NABC\)](#) March 11-21, 2027, at the Dallas Hyatt Regency. Filled with bridge games and educational opportunities for players of all levels as well as several really fun evening events, if you haven’t ever attended an NABC, pen it in on your calendar now! Reservations can be made through Conference Direct beginning September 22 by phone (855-956-0776) or online via a link which will soon be on the event website. If interested in volunteering, please contact the volunteer coordinator, [Judy Wood](#) and let her know what you would like to do – partnerships, registration, hospitality, novice/intermediate programs, etc.

Speaking of NABC’s, ACBL has been working hard on reimagining the way these are run. The Fall 2028 NABC in Austin will be the first to use this new model. Many of you have been asking what’s changing, some of you have worried that those of us with “not so many points” will be left out. This will not be the case. [Here’s a little sneak preview of what’s to come.](#)

Hope to see you in September either in Dallas next week and/or back here at the bridge table,

Lauri Laufman
llaufman@texas2211.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: Rakesh Bhardwaj, James Peek, Joyce Pfeil

Welcome!



Masterpoint Milestones

Listed below are the Unit 174 Masterpoint Milestones reported by ACBL as of August 2, 2026. An explanation of ranks may be found on the [ACBL website](#).

Junior Master

Mary Bange, Kevin Dellsperger, Charles Hogg, Donna Nebel, Thomas Sebo

Club Master

Jay Jorns, Bjorn Mossberg, Asma Tirmizi

Sectional Master

Bruce Carlin, Michael George, Joseph Weis

Regional Master

Chih-Kuang Lee, Xueqian Lin, Kiran Oberoi, Syed Tirmizi

NABC Master

Traci McCaskill

Advanced NABC Master

Greta Etnyre, Alan Schaefer, Russell Thomas, Paula Towner

Life Master

Gary Kerr

Bronze Life Master

Thomas Brown, Cindy Schaefer

Silver Life Master

Chris Whitelonis

Ruby Life Master

Frederick Gregory, Wolfie Kotzen

Gold Life Master

Bonnie Keough, Janice Sandberg

Sapphire Life Master

Courtney Coffman, Mark Howard

Diamond Life Master

Nancy Boothe

Member Profile



This month, we have no member profile. If you know someone who you know is interesting and want to share that with our members, please contact Sarah Springer at sarahspringerbridge@gmail.com



Unit News

Coming Tournaments

Date	City	Unit	Category	Type
September 2-7	Richardson [DFW]	176	Regional	Open
September 10-13	New Braunfels	172	Sectional	Open
September 17-20	Spring [Houston]	174	Sectional	I/N
September 24-27	Austin	207	Sectional	Open
October 1-3	Denton [DFW]	183	Sectional	Local
October 5-7	San Antonio	172	Sectional	I/N
October 10-11	Austin	207	Sectional	I/N
October 15-17	Houston	174	Sectional & I/N Regional	Open & I/N
October 15-17	Fort Worth	183	Sectional	Local
October 19-25	STaC D16		Sectional	STaC
October 29-November 1	San Antonio	172	Sectional	Open
October 31-November 1	San Antonio	0	GNT/NAP	NAP District Fi...
November 4-6	Georgetown	207	Sectional	Local
November 4-7	Dallas	176	Sectional	Open
November 9-15	Puerto Vallarta	205	Regional	Open
November 9-15	STaC U174 (D16)	174	Sectional	STaC
November 15-17	Arlington	183	Sectional	I/N
November 21-22	Austin	207	Sectional	I/N
December 5-6	Austin	207	Sectional	I/N
December 7-13	STac (U173, 176, 183, 205, 254)		Sectional	STaC

December 10-12	Spring [Houston]	174	Sectional	I/N
January 7-10	Austin	207	Sectional	Open
January 13-16	Dallas [DFW]	176	Sectional	Open
January 21-24	San Antonio	172	Sectional	Open
January 25-31	Houston	174	Regional	Open
February 4-7	Ajijic	205	Sectional	Open
February 6-7	Austin	207	Sectional	I/N
February 10-13	San Miguel de Allende	254	Sectional	Local
February 19-21	Fort Worth [Dallas]	183	Sectional	Local
February 25-27	Spring [Houston]	174	Sectional	I/N
February 25-28	Austin	207	Sectional	Open

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

Clear Lake Bridge Club Fast Pairs Open Game

**FAST PAIRS
OPEN BRIDGE GAME
(5 Minutes / Board)**

**TUESDAY EVENINGS
7:00 PM**

BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8, 2026



**CLEAR LAKE BRIDGE CLUB
16614 SEA LARK RD
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77062
(281) 480-1911**

BCOH Online Mentor/Mentee Games

BRIDGE HOUSTON

*Do You want to Improve Your Bridge Game?
Those Mentored must have less than 300 Masterpoints.
Mentor's must have greater than 300 Masterpoints.
Everyone in the ACBL with these qualifications can join the*

BBO MENTOR GAME



First and Third Monday nights monthly at 7:00 p.m. Central Time

18 Boards

On BBO, go to "Competitive"

"ACBL e-Clubs" & click "Choose Houston"

You invite your mentor by checking appropriate box on BBO,
saying you will pay for both games, a total of \$10.00.

- You get individual feedback from your mentor however & whenever the two of you decide.
- A Diamond Life Master discusses the boards you just played immediately after the game on Zoom.

Need help finding a mentor? Or would you like to mentor?

Email Mike: mlinkins@swbell.net



BCOH 499er Sectional



499^{er} Sectional
September 17th – 19th, 2026

4688 Louetta Rd, Spring, TX | 281-651-6550 | thebridgeclub@sbcglobal.net

Event Schedule <i>Thursday thru Saturday</i> <i>Sept 17th – 19th Single Sessions</i> ♠ 499er Pairs 10am ♠ 499er Pairs 2pm	Entry Fees <i>(Per Session - Cash Only)</i> Current ACBL Members \$12 Lapsed ACBL Members \$16 <i>ACBL number required to play.</i> <i>Initial free membership available at</i> https://www.acbl.org/membership/
Stratification* A (300-499) B (100-300) C (0-100) <i>* Strats may be modified by Director</i>	Snacks / Lunch Free snacks and drinks. Lunch available for \$10 Cash each day.
Need a Partner? Contact Kas Rangan 539-210-1333 kas.rangan99@gmail.com Ambassador available for all sessions.	Lodging SpringHill Suites 20303 Chasewood Park Dr., Houston, TX 77070 offers a rate of \$105 + tax per night, and free cancellation 24 hours before check-in. A block of rooms is not reserved for tournament. Rooms depend on availability. Contact hotel at 832-953-2223, ask for Imagine Peels and mention BCOH Bridge Tournament.
Notes ♠ BCOH is a fragrance-free facility. ♠ Life Masters with less than 500 pts can play.	
Tournament Chair Charles Woody woody@okwoody.com	

Silver Points – Silver Points – Silver Points

Two Tournaments in One
Open Sectional & I/N Regional



TWO TOURNAMENTS IN ONE!

OCTOBER 15-17, 2026

ARABIA SHRINERS

10510 Harwin Dr., Houston, TX 77036



Open Sectional **AND** Non-Life Master Regional

GOLD/RED Points awarded in NLM Regional

SILVER POINTS awarded in Open and Bracketed Swiss

Thursday, Friday, Saturday Oct 15-17

Open Pairs	Single Sessions	10:00 & 2:30
Non-Life Master Pairs	Double Sessions	10:00 & 2:30
Bracketed Swiss Teams	Two Sessions	10:00 & 2:30

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS

A: 4000+
B: 1500-4000
C: 0-1500

- **Box lunches \$10**
- **Cash only for Lunch**
- **\$1 Coffee & Sodas**

Non-Life Master Pairs

A: 500-750
B: 200-500
C: 0-200

- I/N Regional is Limited to Non-Life Masters under 750 MPs
- Single Session Entries are Allowed
- Single Session Open Pairs Pay Overall Points Each Session
- Pair Average Used for All Events
- Strats May Be Adjusted by the Director to Balance for Strength of Players
- Session Fee \$17
- Credit Card Only
- Addt'l \$4 for lapsed members

Tournament Chairs:

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Judi Whaling 832-661-1644 judiwhaling@gmail.com

Open Partnership Chairs	I/N Partnership Chair
Marilyn Leiman	Maria Luzia Turner
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FLM Special Game

**FLM
99er
Game!**

**SATURDAY
SEPT 12**

Special Game

- ✓ Trini Mendenhall Community Center
- ✓ 1414 Wirt Road
- ✓ 10:00 A.M.
- ✓ \$5 Game Fee



**This is a great opportunity to play, meet
other newcomers, make new friends, and
share the fun of duplicate bridge in person!**

- ✓ Singles welcome!
- ✓ Partner guaranteed!
- ✓ Fun! Food! Frivolity!

 flm174.org
 admin@flm174.org

The Fun Is Just Beginning!



D16 NAP Finals



October 31 - November 1, 2026
(Saturday & Sunday)

Jewish Community Center

12500 NW Military Highway San Antonio, Texas 78231

Two-Session Qualifying Event on Saturday
Two-Session Final Event on Sunday
Saturday Game Times: 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Sunday Game Times: 10:00 a.m. & TBD

If eight or less tables are in a Flight, the
two-session Final Event is on Saturday.

\$14.00 / Person / Session on Saturday
\$18.00 / Person / Session on Sunday
Free Coffee & Refreshments
Free Meal on Sunday for Those Qualifying

Please Note: This event is held in conjunction with the
Diane Olson Election Sectional.

Event Chair: Larry Davis (larrysdavis@att.net, 512-343-6942)

**2027 Betty & Milton Freedman
Houston Lone Star Regional**



Betty & Milton Freedman

HOUSTON LONE STAR REGIONAL

January 25-31, 2027



Marriott Houston Westchase

2900 Briarpark Drive, Houston, TX 77042
(713) 978-7400

- \$135 Special Bridge Rate
- Reservation Deadline: January 4, 2027
- Scan the QR Code to book instantly
- Direct online booking by clicking [HERE](#)
- Call 1-800-452-5110 and ask for the ACBL Bridge Rate



- ▶ Welcome Gift
- ▶ Awards at Hospitality Desk
- ▶ Hot Dog Lunch on Friday
- ▶ Expert Lecturers Daily Mon-Sat between Sessions

Tournament Chairs

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I/N

Lesley Kellet
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Event Naming

Marsha Bernstein
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- ★ Bracketed Round Robin Teams
- ★ Gold Rush Pairs
- ★ Side Series Games
- ★ Newcomers 0-20 Game

Complimentary ACBL labels

- Houston 174 is happy to print ACBL labels for you!!
- However, to do so you **MUST MAIL your info by Saturday, Jan 23!!**
- Email to: LSRLABELS@gmail.com
- Include Name, City, State, ACBL #
- Pickup at Hospitality Desk
- No labels can be printed during the tournament

Future Life Masters



The FLMers are players with **0-99** MPs..

- ▶ 99er games Mon-Thu & Sat
- ▶ **FLM Day** is Tuesday, Jan 26
- ▶ Prizes for **FLM Day** Winners
- ▶ FLMers can play in **GOLD RUSH**
- ▶ **GOLD RUSH** Monday - Friday
- ▶ **0-20** Game on Friday, Jan 29

The Fun is Just Beginning!



Betty & Milton Freedman

HOUSTON LONE STAR REGIONAL

January 25-31, 2027



Monday, January 25

Bracketed Round Robin Teams	10 & 2:30
ACBL Educational Foundation Open Pairs	10 & 2:30
GOLD RUSH Pairs	10 & 2:30
Morning Side Series (1 of 6)	10
299er Pairs	10 / 2:30
99er Pairs	10 / 2:30
Afternoon Side Series (1 of 6)	2:30
Evening Side Series (1 of 6)	7:00

Friday, January 29

Bracketed Round Robin Teams	10 & 2:30
Top-Flight Pairs	10 & 2:30
Mid-Flight Pairs	10 & 2:30
GOLD RUSH Pairs	10 & 2:30
Morning Side Series (5 of 6)	10
299er Pairs	10 / 2:30
0-20 Pairs	10
Afternoon Side Series (5 of 6)	2:30
Evening Side Series (5 of 6)	7:00

Bracketed Round

Robin Teams are based on the team's combined masterpoint averages. Each team plays against every other team in their bracket.

Tuesday, January 26

Bracketed Round Robin Teams	10 & 2:30
Open Pairs	10 & 2:30
GOLD RUSH Pairs	10 & 2:30
Morning Side Series (2 of 6)	10
299er Pairs	10 / 2:30
99er Pairs	10 / 2:30
Afternoon Side Series (2 of 6)	2:30
Evening Side Series (2 of 6)	7:00

Saturday, January 30

Bracketed Round Robin Teams	10 & 2:30
Open Pairs	10 & 2:30
GOLD RUSH Pairs	10 & 2:30
Morning Side Series (6 of 6)	10
299er Pairs	10 / 2:30
99er Pairs	10 / 2:30
Afternoon Side Series (6 of 6)	2:30
Evening Side Series (6 of 6)	7:00

Gold Rush Pairs

are offered every day Monday thru Saturday. Pairs are stratified but both players must have fewer than 750 masterpoints.

Wednesday, January 27

Bracketed Round Robin Teams	10 & 2:30
Top-Flight Pairs	10 & 2:30
Mid-Flight Pairs	10 & 2:30
GOLD RUSH Pairs	10 & 2:30
Morning Side Series (3 of 6)	10
299er Pairs	10 / 2:30
99er Pairs	10 / 2:30
Afternoon Side Series (3 of 6)	2:30
Evening Side Series (3 of 6)	7:00

Sunday, January 31

A/X Swiss Teams	10 & 2:30
0-3000 Bracketed Round Robin Teams	10 & 2:30
Open Pairs*	10 & 2:30

* May play one session only.

Double session events are indicated by **&** and Single Session events by **/**.

Thursday, January 28

Bracketed Round Robin Teams	10 & 2:30
Open Pairs	10 & 2:30
GOLD RUSH Pairs	10 & 2:30
Morning Side Series (4 of 6)	10
299er Pairs	10 / 2:30
99er Pairs	10 / 2:30
Afternoon Side Series (4 of 6)	2:30
Evening Side Series (4 of 6)	7:00

Bridge for Everyone!

Stratification & Flighting

Top-Flight Pairs:	A: 6000+	B: 0-6000	A/X Swiss Teams:	A: 6000+	B: 0-6000
Mid-Flight Pairs:		B: 1500-3500	Bracketed Teams:	Bracketed by attendance	
Open Pairs:	A: 3500+	B: 1500-3500	299er Pairs:	Stratified at Director's discretion	
Side Pairs:	A: 2500+	B: 750-2500	99er Pairs:	Stratified at Director's discretion	
GOLD RUSH Pairs:	A: 500-750	B: 300-500	0-20 Pairs:	Stratified at Director's discretion	

- Strats are determined by MP average, but no player may exceed event limit.
- Strats may be adjusted by the director to balance for strength of players.



Visit us at
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2027 Betty & Milton Freedman Houston Lone Star Regional Event Naming



EVENT NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

BETTY AND MILTON FREEDMAN

2027 HOUSTON LONE STAR REGIONAL

January 25-31, 2027



The Lone Star Regional provides an excellent opportunity for you to honor a friend, a loved one, another player or someone significant who has left us. You can purchase an event or an entire day to honor your person. There will be a poster at the playing site with your honoree's photograph and a write-up. The same information will be in the Daily Bulletin on the day of the named event. Your honoree's name will be the name of the event. For example: "Winston Churchill Open Pairs" and the FastResults will report the named events.

Monday, January 25, 2027 (\$1000/all)

Bracketed Round Robin Teams	\$250
ACBL Education Foundation Open Pairs	\$250
GOLD RUSH Pairs	\$250
299er Pairs	(2) \$125 each
99er Pairs	(2) \$125 each

Tuesday, January 26, 2027 (\$1000/all)

Bracketed Round Robin Teams	\$250
Open Pairs	\$250
GOLD RUSH Pairs	\$250
299er Pairs	(2) \$125 each
99er Pairs	(2) \$125 each

Wednesday, January 27, 2027 (\$1000/all)

Bracketed Round Robin Teams	\$250
Top-Flight Pairs	\$250
Mid-Flight Pairs	\$250
GOLD RUSH Pairs	\$250
299er Pairs	(2) \$125/each
99er Pairs	(2) \$125/each

Thursday, January 28, 2027 (\$1000/all)

Bracketed Round Robin Teams	\$250
Open Pairs	\$250
GOLD RUSH Pairs	\$250
299er Pairs	(2) \$125/each
99er Pairs	(2) \$125/each

Friday, January 29, 2027 (\$1000/all)

Bracketed Round Robin Teams	\$250
Top-Flight Pairs	\$250
Mid-Flight Pairs	\$250
GOLD RUSH Pairs	\$250
299er Pairs	(2) \$125/each
0-20 Pairs	\$125

Saturday, January 30, 2027 (\$1000/all)

Bracketed Round Robin Teams	\$250
Open Pairs	\$250
GOLD RUSH Pairs	\$250
299er Pairs	(2) \$125/each
99er Pairs	10 / 2:30

Sunday, January 31, 2027 (\$750/all)

A/X Swiss Teams	\$250
0-3000 Bracketed Round Robin Teams	\$250
Open Pairs	(2) \$125/each

Monday-Saturday Side Pairs Series

Morning Side Pairs Series	\$250
Afternoon Side Pairs Series	\$250
Evening Side Pairs Series	\$250

Please provide a photograph and a write-up of about 100 words about your honoree.

If you name an entire day, all events on that day are included in the package. Sponsoring Corporate or other promotional gifts for hospitality will be handled on an individual basis.

Make checks payable to: ACBL Houston Unit 174

Event Naming Coordinator:

Marsha Bernstein 713-857-6088
marshabernstein@att.net

Tournament Chairs:

Lauri Laufman: 281-235-8777
Gary Kerr: 281-543-8712

99er Nite Club



THE 99er Nite Club East

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 East"!

When: 6pm, 7 days a week

Where: ACBL Clubhouse*

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



199er Nite Club

199er Nite Club East

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

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

7 DAYS A WEEK AT 6:00 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

New Game in Town



D16 Teacher of the Year Nominations



District 16 Teacher of the Year

Is there a bridge teacher who has inspired you? Now is the time to reward that individual’s enthusiasm, passion and patience! Celebrate your teacher! Nominate your teacher for the D16 Teacher of the Year award.

The nomination process works like this:

- 1. You ask your teacher if he/she would like to be nominated.
- 2. Your teacher agrees.
- 3. You send an email to district16TOY@gmail.com with your teacher’s contact information.
- 4. We take it from there.

Please submit nominations by November 30, 2026, so that your teacher has time to put together a portfolio by December 31, 2026.

The winner will be announced at the 2027 Lone Star Regional.

Club Table Counts

Yearly Totals:

<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
2024	16,900.00	24
2025	16,840.00	21

2026 Table Counts by Club:

Please Note: Due to the Security Breach at the ACBL, this information was unable to be updated this month. Assuming the ACBL repairs the problem, this information will be updated next month and both August and September numbers will be included separately.

Club	Jan 1-Jul 27, 2026 Table Counts
Clear Lake BC	2,346.00
BC of Houston	1,855.00
BA of W. Houston	1,770.00
Lone Star BC	911.00
Star DBC	428.00
Apple DBC	380.00
Apple II DBC	373.00
Northside BC	327.00
Cypress N/W DC	280.00
Kingwood DBC	208.00
Pebble Creek DBC	177.00
Sugarland DBC	162.00
Forest Club	105.00
Houston Raquet Club	105.00
Gulf Coast	90.50
La Grange BC	85.50
Galveston DBC	76.50
Houston Country Club	64.00
Les Match Bridgeurs	52.50
Lakeside Country Club	47.50
River Oaks Country Club	37.50
Buckingham DBC	4.50
Total:	9,885.50

Unit 174 still has two of the top three clubs in District 16: Clear Lake Bridge Club with 2,026.50, Bridge Center of Austin with 2,048.00 and Bridge Club of Houston with 1,855.00.



Club News

Below please find the information reported by some of the clubs in our unit. Please send your club news to: 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.

Apple Clubs

Our games begin at 11:30 a.m. Please plan to arrive by 11:15 a.m. All games are Apple games are \$3.00 / person. Apple II games are \$4.00 / person.

Big News

Apple II Club will be moving to 9800 Richmond, Suite 120 that is located one building west of the Gessner/Richmond intersection on the north side of the road. You can follow this [link](#) for how to find us. The move date is scheduled to happen in September so make sure to watch the [club's website](#) and listen for announcements about the specific move-in day.

According to Susan Banks-Johnson, once the new location is opened, Bridge Academy of West Houston will be taking over the Apple Club's sanction and the Apple Club will no longer exist.

On Fridays, Apple II successfully implemented the new BridgeMate® III software and the players loved it. The interface is easy to use and the game went faster, finishing about 10 minutes earlier than usual. Everyone is welcome to come out on Fridays and try the newest technology.

Clubs' Policy:

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

*APPLE II **upped** the offer:* The normal game fee of \$3.00 / person will be *waived* if the pair has less than 100 MP's on average, so all of you FLMs should come on out on Friday and test your skill at *no cost!* In addition, any player who pairs up with someone under 100 points plays for *FREE!* Since many of our 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!

Apple September Game Schedule

September 7 Closed for Labor Day
September 14 International Fund
September 21 International Fund
September 28 Charity Game

Apple II September Game Schedule

September 4 International fund
September 11 Quarterly Club championship #2
September 18 International Fund
September 25 International Fund

Watch our [website](#) for further updates and the usual closings as they may arise.

Also Note: The scores from Fridays at Apple II can now be viewed on the [Unit 174 website](#). Click on scores and look at Fridays. Every Friday will have a space, but only those dates that a game is held will have scores. When posted, the color will be **blue**. If a scoring change required re-posting, the color will change to **purple**.

For information, please contact:

Monday – Apple – Susan Banks-Johnson
sisbjohnson@gmail.com - 281-536-1451

Friday – Apple II – Tom Jahnke
tomtomj211@yahoo.com - 713-777-0333

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.



Bridge Academy of West Houston

Big News - Please Read First!

We're Moving

We're moving to a new facility. The address is 9800 Richmond, Suite 120. The exact date of the move is unknown as of this writing. It is anticipated to be somewhere between mid-September and the beginning of October. Please review the following map:



There are handicapped spaces in the front. The rest of us are **required** to park on the third or fourth floor of the parking garage. (There is an elevator from the third floor of the garage to the first floor.)

Only vehicles that are too large to fit in the parking garage are the exception - there is space on the West for them to park.

Please, **Do NOT park** in the 9700 Office building parking lot (see map).

A special thank you to everyone who has donated toward the chairs, supplies, and other expenses involved in our move. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. As of this writing our players have donated \$4,785.

UPCOMING...

Mentor/Mentee

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

September 1 - 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.

8 is enough Swiss Teams

With the move, the 8 is Enough Swiss Team games will **change**. The date and time have is set to Saturday at 9:30 a.m. Stay tuned to our website for updates.

The next game will be held on **September 26 if we are moved**, or *September 27 if we are still at Shriners*:

TBA – 8 is enough Swiss Teams

The stratifications for the Swiss Teams game are:

- Level 1** – 0 to 1000 masterpoints
- Level 2** – 1000 to 3000 masterpoints
- Level 3** – 3000+ masterpoints

For example, a Level 3, Level 1 and two Level 2 players would add up to eight, as would four Level 2 players.

Another example would be one Level 1 and three Level 2 players. That adds up to seven; it is okay to be less than eight.

The Swiss Team has become an extremely popular event. To find teammates, please use the Team-Matching service. It is a two-step process:

1. Register and provide

- Name:
- Email:
- Phone:
- Masterpoints
- Please email to lavignej@me.com

2. Request

If you are looking for a team, send an email to lavignej@me.com indicating whether you are:

- A single player looking for a team
- A pair looking for another pair
- Three players looking for a fourth

As requests are received, we will do our best to put teams together. Please send requests early, two weeks before the event or earlier.

Mini-lesson

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

Game Schedule

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Tuesday - Mentor/Mentee
Tuesday - Open
Wednesday - Open & 299'er
Thursdays - Open & Beginner Pairs
10:30 a.m.
Sunday - 8 is Enough Swiss Teams
9:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
Arabia Shriners Center
10510 Harwin Dr.

- \$7.00 per person
- Coffee & Snacks are provided
- Tom Jahnke, Janice Rush & Marty Hrachovy, directors

Game Calendar

Tue – Sep 1	International Fund Game	Wed Sep 16	International Fund Game
Wed – Sep 2	International Fund Game	Thu Sep 17	International Fund Game
Thu – Sep 3	International Fund Game	Tue Sep 22	Club Championship
Tue – Sep 8	International Fund Game	Wed Sep 23	Club Championship
Wed – Sep 9	International Fund Game	Thu Sep 24	Club Championship
Thu – Sep 10	International Fund Game	Sat 25 or Sun 27	Club Championship
Tue Sep 15	International Fund Game	Tue Sep 29	Club Championship
		Wed Sep 30	International Fund Game

Need a Partner?

Contact Linda or Tom Martinsen at 713-398-4907 martinsens@comcast.net.



Please consult our monthly calendar online for updates and complete listings: [BCOH Calendar](#).

Lessons

- Tuesday Tidbits – Build a solid foundation with Susan Banks-Johnson, Life Master and ACBL Teacher. Enjoy a free lesson for all from 9:30-10:10 a.m. A game follows at 10:30 a.m. Email Susan at sisbjohnson@gmail.com for more information.

Practice for Intermediate/Newcomers

- FLM 0-99 Game – Sundays at 1:30 p.m., \$5 fee. For more information, please contact BridgewithCarol@gmail.com, 936-650-8180.
- F2F Mentor Games – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. To be matched with a mentor, for 2nd Tuesday call or text Judy Cupps, 713-320-5592, for 4th Tuesday call or text Bob Ziegler, 713-829-6928.
- Online Mentor Game – 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 p.m, (Protege should invite and pay for game of mentor.) Make sure to check out the flyer in this issue if you missed it. Contact Mike Linkins if you have any questions: mlinkins@swbell.net
- Online 0-99 Game – 2nd Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. (usually). See [FLM website](#).
- F2F 399er Game – Saturdays at 12 p.m. (noon), for a partner or to register contact Kas Rangan, kas.rangan@gmail.com, 539-210-1333
- I/N Game less 1000 – 5th Tuesday of any month at 10:30 a.m.

For more information about the games, please see [BCOH website](#).

F2F Open Pairs Games

- Mondays 10:30 a.m.
- First Tuesdays 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesdays & Fridays 10:30 a.m.
- Saturdays – 12:00 p.m. (noon)

399er Pairs

- Saturdays – 12:00 p.m. (noon)

99er Pairs

- Sundays – 1:30 p.m.

Mentor/Mentee Pair

- Second & Fourth Tuesdays – 10:30 a.m.

Limited Pairs

- Fifth Tuesdays – 10:30 a.m.

F2F Swiss Teams

- First Sunday 1:30 p.m.
- First or Third Tuesdays 10:30 a.m.



September 1-2, 5, 11-12, 14-15, 18-19, 30	International Fund
September 4	Club Championship
September 7	Labor Day Party, Club Championship
September 11	Pizza Day
September 15	Teams – 8 is Enough
September 16	ACBL Charity
September 17-19	BCoH 499er Sectional
September 21-23	Club Championship
September 25	ACBL Charity
September 26	Directors & Board Celebration, bring sides
September 28	ACBL Silver Senior
September 29	0-1000 Limited Game, Club Championship

Good Times with Good Friends



Full House

Dolores Aquino - Mini-McKenney
Winner



Lunch Break



Come on In

Check the [BCOH Website](#) for more including details, potlucks and points each week.

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.

Mentored Pairs

1st & 3rd Monday @ 7:00 p.m.

Open Pairs

Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.

[SE Carolina Consortium](#)

Future Life Masters

Tuesday (0-50) @ 3:05 p.m.*

2nd Saturday (0-99) @ 9:00 a.m.*

*Usually - See [flm174.org](#) for dates.



Clear Lake Bridge Club

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

The game fees are \$6.00 for members and \$7.00 for guests. Games are held every day of the week. The club closes for Christmas and Thanksgiving. You can reach us by phone at 281-480-1911.

Weekly Game Schedule:

Open Games: Monday - Wednesday & Friday at 10:00 a.m.,
Thursday & Saturday at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m.
0-299 Games: **Saturday at 10:00 a.m.** (Free lesson starting at 9:30 a.m.
with a Q&A after the game.)
0-499 Games: Monday & Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.
0-499 Games: (Played in Conjunction with Open Games)
Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. &
Thursday at 1:00 p.m.
Swiss Teams: Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

To start games on time, registration closes *15 minutes before game start time*. Late arrivals are not accepted. If you are coming to a game and find that you cannot arrive on time, please call the club to alert the director to hold your seat.

Teams Stratification & Registration

The B players' upper limit is 2000 - 2500 masterpoints. If you are interested in playing in a Sunday afternoon Teams Game, please register *at least one day prior* so that the director can have the set up done on time. Plan to arrive no later than *10 minutes before game start time*.

8 is Enough Swiss Teams

Game is held on the Sunday following the Mentor/Mentee game each month unless otherwise identified. Check the club's bulletin board to find out when the next game will be held.

The 8 is Enough Swiss Teams stratifications are:

- Level 1** – 0-749 masterpoints (1)
- Level 2** – 750-1999 masterpoints (2)
- Level 3** – 2000+ 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.

Mentor/Mentee Game:

The Mentor/Mentee game is held on the third Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. The next game will be held on September 16. Reservations must be made in advance by noon on the prior Monday.

Sandwiches are served for lunch prior to the game.

Mentees must be Non-Life Masters with less than 500 masterpoints. The Mentee pays the game fee for the Mentor. For information and to submit a contact form, please visit the [CLBC MM site](#). You can alternately contact Susan Hanna at s.l.hanna@gmail.com if you are interested in becoming a mentor or a mentee.

Bridge Labs (Supervised Play):

Sunday and Tuesdays from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Bridge Lab table fee is \$8.00.

Check out www.clearlakebridgeclub.org/bridge-education for new classes offered in 2026.

U P C O M I N G . . .

Club’s Saturdays for 0-299ers (9:30 a.m.)

This game offers:

- A Q&A Opportunity
- Tips on Convention Cards
- Post-game review using hand records
- Review of Problem Hands
- Class input into Lesson Topics

Bring a partner, bring a gang of friends, or come alone. Everyone is welcome. Everyone plays!

Sit-Out with a Robot Experiment

Beginning September, the club will be experimenting with a solution to ‘sit-outs’. When there is a ‘half table’, a designated table will be set up for each partnership to play the ‘sit out’ boards against robots. The experiment will last through September and then be submitted to a club vote, whether to continue.

Fast Pairs Open Evening Game

Beginning Tuesday, September 8, the club will introduce a ‘Fast Pairs Open Game’ at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday evenings. Fast Pairs allows 5 minutes / board (normal play is 7 minutes / board). This means that you will be able to play 24 boards in just two hours! Please come join the fun.

Judith Rebmann
secretary

P.S.

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



CYPRESS NORTHWEST 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.

Coffee, tea, and snacks are provided. Games are \$3.00
For more information, contact Jim Warren at **832/851-4745** or jwarren760@gmail.com.



KINGWOOD DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Games:

Wednesday 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.

For information, contact any of the following:
Bill Riley at (832)289-3833 or ichibanbill@yahoo.com
Sam Khayatt at kwbridge1430@gmail.com
Kingwood Community Center Phone: (281) 348-2570
Or Visit our [website](#).



LONE STAR BRIDGE CLUB

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

Open Games:

Mondays at 11:45 a.m.
Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Snacks, coffee & bottled water are provided.
Game fee is \$5.00.

Upcoming Events...

Monday, September 7 Labor Day Celebration – Pot Luck Salad Luncheon at 11:00 a.m. September Birthdays celebrated –

Tuesday, Sept. 8
Thursday, September 10
Monday, September 14

Cake will be served.
Mentor Mentee Game at 10:30 a.m.
Free Pizza Lunch
Jeff Kroll will give a free lesson at 10:50 a.m.
Jeff's lessons can be viewed on our [website](#) or on [Youtube](#)

Labor Day

(Please note: Moved to second Monday due to Celebration)

September Games	
September 3 - Thursday	International Fund Game
September 7 - Monday	Labor Day Celebration - Pot Luck Salad Luncheon at 11:00 a.m. September Birthdays Celebrated - Cake will be served. Club Championship Game
September 8 - Tuesday	Mentor Mentee Club Championship Game
September 10 - Thursday	Club Championship Game Free Pizza Lunch
September 14 - Monday due to	Jeff Kroll's Free Lesson (Moved to second Monday Labor Day)
September 17 - Thursday	International Fund Game
September 21 - Monday	International Fund Game
September 24 - Thursday	Club Championship Game
September 28 - Monday	Club Championship Game International Fund Game

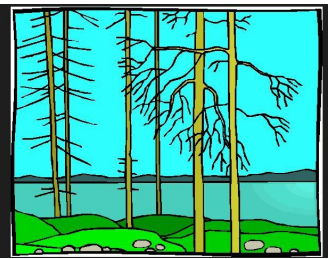
Mentor/Mentee Information

For information about the Mentor-Mentee game, please contact Chair Anita Rothfuss at larryandanita@gmail.com or 936-537-5039.

Need a partner?

Contact our partnership chairman Sandra Maalouf at 832-283-1674 or smaalouf@icloud.com

Please visit our website by clicking [here](#). You may also contact Mary McDonald, club manager at maryemcdonald22@yahoo.com or 281-964-7212 for more information.



NORTHSIDE BRIDGE CLUB LLC

Northside holds stratified open games Fridays starting at 10:30 a.m. and ending no later than 2:30 p.m. Game fee \$5. Games are held at Restoration Church, 107 Fish Creek Thoroughfare, Montgomery.

We take a short mid-day lunch break so bring your lunch. There is a microwave, ice maker and refrigerator available.

September Game Schedule:

September Games are all International Fund games.

If you need a partner, contact Carol Meade at 281-543-4541 or email her at meadecm@icloud.com and she will do her best to assist you in getting a partner.

We are blessed with volunteers who are generous with their time and scrumptious food offerings and we are proud to continue the decades-old tradition of a friendly duplicate bridge club in the April Sound area.

For further information, contact Norm Gautier (281-795-6665) or Joyce Gautier (713-249-8767) or email at gautier39@comcast.net

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 or visit our [website](#).



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 or visit our [website](#).



Contributors



Defensive Signals & Carding

BY Jimmy Breihan

I don't think many will argue that defense is the hardest part of the game of bridge. To be successful when defending, we need to communicate with partner when we are on defense. We try to have each of our cards played mean something when we are not involved in winning the trick. Depending on the situation, the cards can signal different meanings, either our Attitude to partner's lead, our Count in a key suit, or our Suit Preference, suggesting to partner to which suit to switch. The specific situation determines whether your play is Attitude, Count, or Suit Preference.

What is Attitude & Count?

Playing standard carding, a high card from partner is encouraging partner to continue the suit and a low card is discouraging (Attitude). Don't ever potentially blow a trick by playing too high of a card. If playing a high card, always play the highest you can afford to play.

If giving Count, playing a high card then a low card in the suit shows an even number of cards in the suit, while playing a low card then a higher card shows an odd number in the suit. Unfortunately, we cannot give partner the exact count in the suit, so we just tell partner whether we have an even number or an odd number of cards.

You can also choose to play upside down count and attitude. This simply switches the meanings, but for the purposes of this article we are going to

play *standard carding*.

When do We give Attitude versus Count?

In general when partner is on lead, and we are not involved in trying to win the trick, we give partner our attitude towards their lead. If partner leads the ♥3, we usually need to play a high card to force declarer to also use a high card. But if partner leads an A, K, or some other honor that might win the trick or help our side establish tricks in the suit, the card we play is attitude, telling partner whether or not we like the lead.

A high card from us (encouraging) might show a missing honor or the ability to ruff soon while a low card discourages partner from continuing the suit. After we have given our attitude to partner’s lead, we later do our best to give *remaining count* in that suit to partner. In other words, if we have 2-4-6 left after giving our attitude, we play low then high to show an odd remaining count and with 2-3-5-7 left we play high then low to show an even remaining count.

When the declarer is leading the suit, we can give our count in the suit to partner. We give count and not attitude, because declarer is the one playing the suit and we usually don’t need to encourage or discourage the suit declarer is playing. Whether declarer leads from dummy or their hand, we give count as second hand or last to play if we are not involved in trying to win the trick. Try and make it as clear as possible for partner, so play the highest card you can afford to play when playing a high card and the lowest card you have when playing a low card.

Playing *standard carding*, we play low then high with an odd number of cards in the suit, and high then low with an even number. The first card we play is relative, it may look high to partner, but may actually be a low card, or vice versa. The second card played in the suit will clarify the situation. If playing a high card from a sequence, play the highest of touching honors.

Sometimes the information is helpful, sometimes it’s not, but we try and give it to partner in case that it is. Here is an example where it is important for partner to have accurate count in a key suit:

Let’s assume a contract of 1NT, and declarer has ♣KQJxx in dummy and no other entry to dummy. If partner has ♣Axx, declarer ♣109x of clubs, and you ♣xx , you need to play high then low to show you hold an even number of clubs. Partner can then duck the club twice and declarer only gets 2 club tricks. But if partner wins the first or second club with the ♣A, declarer has 4 club tricks. By ducking twice, we cut declarer’s communication between the two hands. If declarer has ♣10x and you have ♣9xx, you need to play low then high to show an odd number in the suit. Now partner can win the second round of clubs played and declarer only gets one club trick. Giving count in the club suit allowed partner to figure out when to win the ♣A.

Another common count situation is in a no trump contract when the opening lead is won in dummy with the J or lower, we tend to give count since we cannot beat the card played from dummy.

We also give count when partner is on lead at the 5 level or higher and leads the K. Most players lead A from AKx(x), except at the 5 level or higher. At the 5 level or higher we lead the K from AKx(x), asking partner for count. Giving count helps us to know if we can cash a second round of the suit. Since the opponents are at a high level, it’s assumed they have most of the tricks, and we need to know which tricks of ours will cash.

Since we play K from AKx(x) at the 5 level or higher, if partner leads an A at the 5 level, they are denying the K, so we give attitude as to whether we have the K or not.

Suit Preference

Now let’s look at suit preference situations:

There are two very common situations in which to give suit preference. The first is when partner makes an opening lead in a suit contract and the dummy has a singleton or void in the suit. Since dummy is short, continuing the suit is usually not profitable, so partner tries to help by giving a suit preference signal. A high card suggests the higher of the two remaining suits (not the suit led and not the trump suit) while a low card suggests the lower of the two remaining suits.

A second common suit preference situation is when we give partner a ruff, or we think we might be giving partner a ruff. If we have multiple options of which card in the suit to let partner ruff, the card we lead is suit preference, trying to help partner know how to get back to our hand for another ruff. A high card suggests the higher suit while a low card suggests the lower suit.

Another less common example of a suit preference signal occurs in no trump, when partner is playing a card that sets up the rest of their suit, the card played is suit preference, letting partner know a possible entry to our hand. The highest remaining card in the suit means the higher of the remaining

suits. The lowest card in the suit means the lower of the remaining suits. A middle card means the middle suit. If all three options are not available, do the best you can with the high or low cards available.

A final suit preference situation comes up when our attitude is clearly known. For example, in a suit contract, partner leads the ♥A and dummy has ♥KQx and partner knows we are not short in hearts, our attitude is clearly known since we don't want partner to continue hearts, so which heart we play becomes suit preference, suggesting to partner where our strength lies. A high heart for the higher suit and a low heart for the lower suit.

These signaling agreements are very important. You and your partners should discuss and agree on your carding system. Every card you play should have some meaning. Once your carding system is implemented your results will surely improve as you and your partner will communicate and collaborate to find winning defenses.

Jimmy Breihan is a professional bridge player and Emerald Life Master with over 8000 masterpoints. He first learned to play bridge while living in Austin in 1998. Jimmy was one of the owners of Westside Bridge Academy in Houston until it closed down post COVID-19. He won the GNT Flight B, partnering with his wife, Jennifer, at the Las Vegas NABC in 2014. Jimmy is happy to answer any questions, just email jimmybreihan@comcast.net or ask him next time you see him playing



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.

If you are interested in volunteering for Unit 174 events and activities, please contact Lauri Laufman, Unit 174 Board President - llaufman@texas2211.com.

If you would like to have your club information or an article of interest published, or if you have a bridge accomplishment for which you are proud and would like to share in the Unit 174 Newsletter, please send your name, phone, email, and subject title to unit174news@gmail.com.

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