

Pro bridge team sets guidelines for championship victories

DALLAS (AP) — Bob Hamman, the world's No. 1-ranked bridge player, credits a wealthy Dallas businessman's "play for pay" offer two decades ago for lifting the standard of his play and that of tens of thousands of bridge players worldwide.

Businessman Ira Corn, himself a bridge player, was tired of Italy's domination of the world bridge championships.

So in 1968, Corn recruited a handful of players — Bobby Wolff, Jim Jacoby, Mike Lawrence, Bobby Goldman and Billy Eisenberg — and offered them money if they would come to Dallas and "work" full time at playing bridge and honing their games to near perfection.

"I joined them a year later," said Hamman, now 50. "We'd play a lot of tournaments. A computer would deal certain hands so we could practice the type hands we needed work on."

Corn dubbed his recruits the "Aces," and they were required to go through a training regimen much the same as if they had been professional athletes.

"It was approached in that fashion, as a matter of fact, like an athletic team," Hamman said. "The pay wasn't great. I believe single guys got \$800 a month and the married guys got \$1,000. But it wasn't bad at all. It was a good opportunity. It was great experience, all against top-echelon

players. I thought it was terrific, getting getting paid to do something I liked so well."

A secretary recorded every play they made in their practice sessions, and the spotlight was beamed on good plays and bad alike.

In 1970, the Aces brought the United States its first world bridge championship since 1959. They repeated in 1971.

"In very short order, in respect to American competition, we became professionals against amateurs," Hamman said.

Then, in 1971, the Aces broke up, "and it was back to the pack," Hamman said.

But Corn's project had a lasting

impact on the quality of U.S. bridge.

"That's evident if you look at the record of the players on the team since it broke up. Every player became a rock-solid player and became tougher mentally," Hamman said.

Since the formation of the Aces in 1968, the United States sent a team to the world championship only once without at least one member of the Aces on it.

Jacoby said the standard of bridge also was improved by a wealth of literature about the game, much of it written by Aces members.

Jacoby and Wolff write syndicated bridge columns that appear daily in newspapers throughout the United States. Wolff and Hamman tried un-

successfully to market a computer software program that bridge players could use to improve their play. They couldn't come up with anything that could meet their standards.

Lawrence, who now lives in Berkeley, Calif., was recognized as the bridge author of the '70s and '80s, and a recent survey listed him as the No. 1 bridge author today.

Lawrence also is regarded as one of the foremost instructors, traveling across the country to hold weeklong seminars for classes of 25 or more bridge players.

"I certainly would be the first to credit Ira Corn for the fact that I am a bridge author at all, or that I ever

began teaching classes," Lawrence said.

In 1969, after Lawrence had been with the Aces for a year, Corn the Aces he was contemplating writing a bridge column and asked of them to write five practice columns. He liked Lawrence's conversational style of writing and called him in.

"He told me I wrote very well that instead of a column, he wanted me to write a book. A month later he said, 'Michael, you are going to give a series of bridge classes in weeks — here are the students who will be in your class, and this is who you are to go.' I was literally befuddled, but he made me do it."

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FOOTNOTES

- Monday, March 6 playoffs begin for Wallyball and Team Bowling.
- Monday, March 6, 4:30 PM Wrestling Weigh-ins. Competition begins Tuesday, March 7.
- Tuesday, March 7 Horseshoe Doubles begin.
- Thursday, March 9 Swim Meet Information Meeting 7 PM 167 Read.
- Friday, March 10 Table Tennis Doubles and Badminton Singles posted after 1:00 PM.

ALL UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONS

SOA PRESEASON SOFTBALL

Men's A Amongoze	Men's B The Buffaloes	Men's C Lagnaf
CoRec A Hogs	CoRec B The RBI's	
OUTDOOR SOCCER		
Men's A Claymen	Men's B AFC	Men's C Foxes
Women's A CL 105's	Women's B Ponchitas	
CoRec A Munges Gold	CoRec B Gods Squad	CoRec C Whoo's

Judo Team Competes

The Texas A&M Judo Team participated in the Houston Senior Judo Tournament February 25 and 26 at the Texas Chiropractic College. Competing for A&M was Sally Schmidt in the women's division and David Schmidt, Darryl Coleman, and Matt Kirk in the men's division. Placing for A&M was Darryl Coleman, 2nd in the 156lb class and David Schmidt, 1st in the 189lb class. In addition, Darryl Coleman was voted the outstanding competitor of the tournament.

3 POINT SHOT FINALIST

Michael Nugent
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Jeff Johnson
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ASTROS VS METS

WHEN: Friday, April 28, 1989. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** Friday March 10, 4:00 PM at the Recreational Sports Office in 159 Read. (Payment in full due at registration.) *Limited space available.* **COST:** \$25.00 per person (nonrefundable) **TRIP INCLUDES:** 1. ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT at Mama's Pizza (soft drinks included) from 2:00 - 4:00. 2. Round trip transportation via Arrow Trailways charter bus departing from the Read Building at 4:30 PM. 3. Ticket to Mets vs Astros baseball game. Game time is at 7:35 PM. *** For information, contact Dianna or Ron in the Recreational Sports Office at 845-7826.

10th Annual Penberthy Softball Tournament

Registration for this double elimination softball tournament to be held April 14-16 continues in the Recreational Sports Office, 159 Read Bldg. The \$40 entry fee includes lots of extras and great prizes for the champions. For more information come by the Recreational Sports Office or call 845-2826.

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATIONAL SPORTS LOGO CONTEST

The Intramural-Recreational Sports Department is officially changing to the Department of Recreational Sports on September 1, 1989. We are holding a logo contest to identify potential designs for our new logo. Designs are due in the Recreational Sports Office, 159 Read Building no later than 5:30 PM, Tuesday, March 7. The winner will be announced after Spring Break and will be awarded a \$50.00 prize. Rules are available in the Recreational Sports Office 159 Read. For more information, call P.J. Miller, 845-7826.

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TAMU-OUTDOORS

KAYAK ROLL INSTRUCTIONAL CLINICS

DATE: MARCH 23, 6:15 - 8:30 PM **REGISTRATION:** FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 20

Learn the mechanics of the Eskimo roll!!! Experienced guides will be on hand to instruct and assist you in sessions at the Outdoor Pool. The \$8(\$10 non A&M) fee covers instruction, kayak rental and pool time. Limited to 10 participants.

Register for these trips in the Recreational Sports Office, 159 Read Bldg. For more information about these trips or TAMU Outdoors contact, Patsy Greiner, 845-7826.

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IM GAMEPLAN

ENTRIES CLOSE: MARCH 7

BADMINTON SINGLES RULES: IBA Rules apply. Pick up a copy of the Intramural Rule Modifications in the Recreational Sports Office. **ENTRY FEE:** Free! **PLAY BEGINS:** Tuesday, March 21. **LOCATION:** 351 G. Rollie White. **COMPETITION:** Class A - highly skilled; Class B - moderately skilled; Class C - novice. All classes will play single elimination tournaments. Class A All-University Champions will receive a t-shirt, B and C certificates. **EQUIPMENT:** Participants may provide their own racquets, but a limited number may be checked out from the Sports Supervisor at the court. Any participant who has won a Divisional Championship in singles must play in the next higher class.

TABLE TENNIS DOUBLES PLAY BEGINS: Monday, March 20. **ENTRY FEE:** Free!!! **SCHEDULES:** Posted outside the Rec Sports Office, Friday, March 10 after 3 pm. **LOCATION:** 304 Read Building. **DIVISIONS:** Men's, Women's and CoRec. **CLASSES:** Class A - highly skilled; Class B - moderately skilled; Class C - Novice. All Classes will play single elimination tournaments. Class A All-University Champions will receive a t-shirt; Class B and C All-University Champions will receive a certificate. Class B CoRec Champions will receive a General Motors T-

Shirts. **RULES:** ITTF Rules will apply. Matches will consist of the best 2 out of 3 games to 21 points. Intramural Rules are available in the Rec Sports Office, 159 Read Bldg. **EQUIPMENT:** Paddles and balls may be checked out from the supervisor.

SWIMMEET Scratch and Information Meeting: Thursday, March 9, 7 PM, 167 Read. **Meet Dates:** All events will be held at Wofford Cain (Outdoor Pool). **Corps & Fish Parties:** Monday, March 20, 7:30 PM. **Divisionals:** Wednesday, March 22, 7:30 PM. Men's and Women's Residence Hall, and Men's and Women's Independent will not be preliminaries but will begin with divisionals due to constraints. **All-University Finals:** Monday, March 27, 7:30 PM. **Order of Events:** 1. 100 M Freestyle 2. 200 M Freestyle 3. 200 M CoRec Free Style Relay 4. 50 M Breaststroke 5. 50 M Freestyle 6. 100 M Masters Freestyle 7. 50 M Butterfly 8. 50 M Freestyle 9. 200 M CoRec Freestyle Relay 10. 100 M Individual Medley 11. 200 M Freestyle Relay. *These events will be held on All-University Night only. Since all events are being held on Tuesday, March 21 and Wednesday, April 29 are alternate dates if any night of the meet has to be cancelled due to weather. **Note:** Female Corps members will swim with Women's Residence Hall Division.

ENTRIES OPEN: MARCH 6

ENTRIES CLOSE: MARCH 21

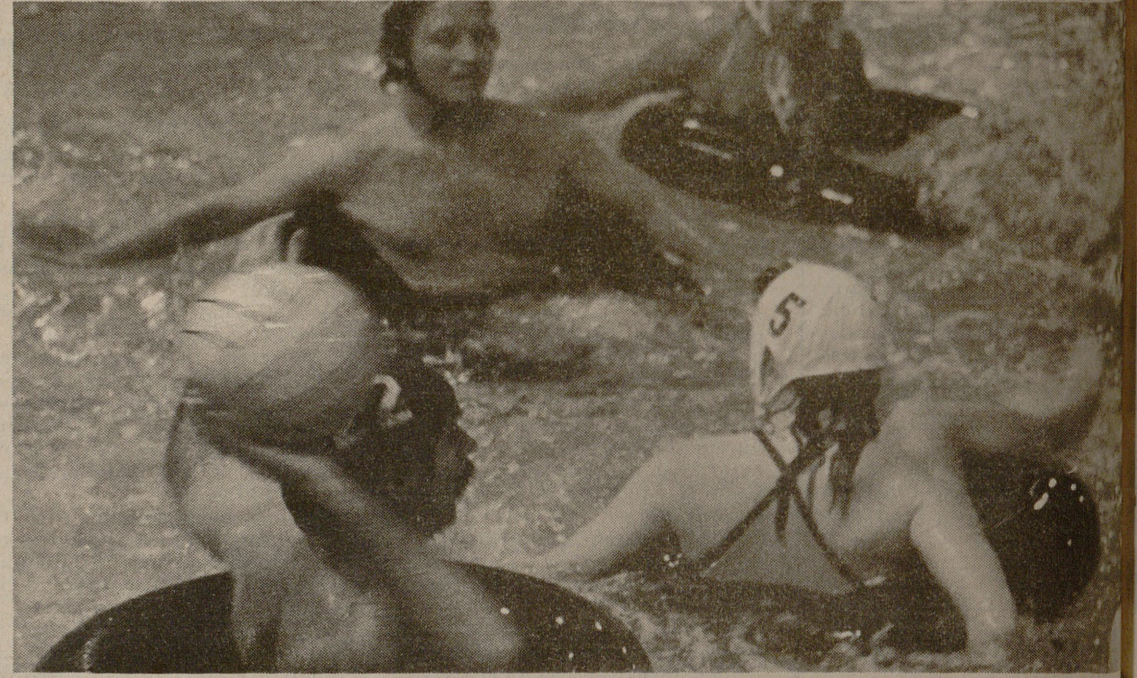
GOLF SINGLES CONTEST DATE: Sunday, April 2, Monday April 3, Tuesday April 4. **GREEN FEES:** Students \$5.50 Faculty/Staff: \$6.75, payable at registration. Anyone holding a membership card to the TAMU Golf Course does not have to pay the green's fee; however, they must have their card with them at the time of registration. Tee off will begin at 9:00. Participants can sign up for a tee time at registration. They must sign up for a tee time within their class. **TOURNAMENT TYPE:** All classes will play an 18 hole scratch tournament. **DIVISIONS:** Both Men's and Women's divisions will be offered. **EQUIPMENT:** Participants must furnish their own equipment. **AWARDS:** Class A Champions will receive t-shirts and Class B Champions will receive certificates. No awards will be given to Class C. ***Any participant who has won a Class Championship in singles must play in the next higher class in all future competitions.***

INNERTUBE WATER POLO PLAY BEGINS: Thursday, March 30. **ENTRY FEE:** \$20.00 per team. **DIVISIONS:** Men's, Women's and CoRec. **COMPETITION:** Class A - highly skilled; Class B - moderately skilled; Class C - novice. All tournaments are Round Robin with single elimination playoffs. Class A All-University Champions will receive t-shirts; Class B All-University Champions will receive certificates; Class B CoRec Champions will receive a General Motors t-shirt. **RULES:** A copy of the rules may be obtained in the Recreation Sports Office, Room 159 Read Building. **EQUIPMENT:** Innertubes and Caps will be provided at the game. **ELIGIBILITY:** One TAMU Water Polo Player is allowed per team. No TAMU Swimmer may compete in this sport. **TEAM CAPTAIN'S MEETING:** Will be held on Thursday, March 23 at 5:00 pm in Room 164 Read BLDG. All Team Captain's should plan to attend. Schedules will be available at this time! **ARCHERY DOUBLES CONTEST DATE:** Tuesday, March 23 beginning at 6:00 pm in 304 Read Building. **EQUIPMENT:** A limited number of bows are available for use. Participants should reserve equipment at time of

registration. **RULES:** FITA Rules will apply. Each participant will shoot one round (30 arrows) at a distance of 30 yards. The target is 40 cm with 10 scoring rings. Practice arrows will be allowed. **RESTRICTIONS:** Stabilizer curve Bow with optional standard sights and stabilizers to be used. No Compound Bows. Bow must not exceed 45 lbs actual draw. No string peep or bow level releases, no field or broad head point. Target points. No mechanical releases. **GENERAL MOTORS:** General Motors T-Shirts will be awarded to the CoRec CoRec Champions.

TENNIS DOUBLES PLAY BEGINS: Tuesday, March 21. **ENTRY FEE:** Free!!! **SCHEDULES:** Posted after 3 pm on Friday March 24. Check the bulletin boards outside the Recreational Sports Office to see when you will play. **DIVISIONS:** Men's and Women's Residence Hall, Men's and Women's Independent, and CoRec. **COMPETITION:** Class A - highly skilled; Class B - moderately skilled; Class C - novice. All tournaments are single elimination. Class A All-University Champion will receive a t-shirt; Class B and C All-University Champion will receive a certificate. Class B CoRec Champions will receive a General Motors T-Shirt. **RULES:** Matches will consist of the best 2 out of 3 sets. Games are played to 4 points (no deuce) each game wins a set except when there is a tie at 6-6 each, in which case a 12 pt tie breaker is played. **EQUIPMENT:** Participants must furnish their own racquets. A new unopened can of balls or they forfeit. The winning team keeps the unopened can for their next match; losing team keeps the used ones.

VOLLEYBALL TRIPLES ENTRY FEE: \$20.00 per team. **PLAY BEGINS:** Monday, March 27. **DIVISIONS:** Men's, Women's and CoRec. **ELIGIBILITY:** One TAMU Volleyball Club Member or Former Varsity Letter Winner permitted per team. That team must compete in CoRec competition. **RULES:** USVBA Rules with intramural exceptions. Rules may be obtained in the Recreational Sports Office, 159 Read Building. **TEAM CAPTAIN'S MEETING:** Thursday, March 23 at 6 pm in 164 Read



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