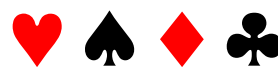


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Louisiana Bridge Association -- August, 2008

Peggy Allen, Editor

President's Message

Thanks to Jackie Madden and Diane Chesson for co-chairing the July tournament. They did a great job. The attendance was the highest of the last six tournaments. It was good to be surprised by more people. Eileen Bagnetto and Mary LeBlanc will run the November tournament. Joan Van Geffen and Judy Katz have agreed to handle the January tournament. Thanks for their help.

Jennie Sauviac has agreed to be the Intermediate/Novice coordinator. We are excited about having Jennie doing this and know she will do a great job. This is a big job, so if she asks for help, please say yes.

Please don't park in the parallel spots in the parking lot unless all the other spots are taken. These spots make it difficult to back out from against the building.

Because Grace Davis had some serious health issues, Peggy Allen is taking over the *Kibitzer* as of this issue. We are grateful for Grace's efforts and to Peggy for doing this in the future. There are not many of our members who can handle the publishing of a paper, so we are glad to have a volunteer. If you have anything you want in the *Kibitzer*, type it up and send it to Peggy at PEGGYALL @ COX.NET.

We continue to have numerous maintenance issues since our building is 40 years old. We are lucky to have Tim Calamari handling these issues.

Sid LeBlanc, President

[Ed. Note: The President's message was composed before Grace Davis' death. We extend our deepest sympathy to her family and friends and share their loss.]

SUMMER NABC RESULTS Las Vegas, 7/16-27/2008

Unit 134 Members winning points at Las Vegas:

- 113.14 John Onstott, New Orleans LA
- 43.78 Joan Van Geffen, Metairie LA
- 43.78 Jean Talbot, Metairie LA
- 24.97 Bernie Weiss, New Orleans LA
- 17.76 Jane De Montluzin, Kenner LA
- 17.76 Douglas De Montluzin, Kenner
- 13.35 Lillian Range, New Orleans LA
- 13.35 Julius Rosenfield, River Ridge LA
- 13.20 Norman Leslie, New Orleans LA
- 11.47 Eleanor Onstott, New Orleans LA
- 6.50 Jennie Flynn Sauviac, Metairie LA
- 5.08 Nonie Leavitt, New Orleans LA
- 4.55 P Harp, New Orleans LA
- 4.53 Elaine Prager, New Orleans LA
- 4.17 Marise Hambrick, New Orleans LA
- 0.87 Patricia Wilcox, Slidell LA
- 0.87 Billie Sturrock, Slidell LA

Las Vegas Firsts

Jennie Sauviac and her partner from Vancouver, Maarten Tjebbes, placed first in the Wednesday evening side game.

Jean Talbot and Joan Van Geffen placed first in the Saturday evening side game and also took first in the Saturday/Sunday side series.

District 10 Top Masterpoint Holders

As Of May 31, 2008

6. John Onstott (19,094.59)

12. Frank Hoadley (13,748.97)

13. Joan Van Geffen (13,612.87)

19. Jean Talbot (12,109.98)

Firecracker Sectional Results (July 10 – 13, 2008)

Total Number of Tables in Play - 233.5
Total Number of Players In Attendance - 280
Total Number of Players Winning Masterpoints - 215
Total Number of Masterpoints Awarded - 786.12

Thursday Afternoon Open Pairs

Flight A - John Onstott, Chuck Pitard
 Flight B - Betty Moynan, Michael Elias
 Flight C - Neal Frey, Walter Frey, Sr.

Friday Knockout Teams

Kitten Haag, Sally Toups, Lillian Range, Julius Rosenfield

Thursday Evening Open Pairs

Flight A - Lynn John Federico, Bernie Weiss
 Flight B - Mary LeBlanc, Suzanne Wooderson

Friday Afternoon Open Pairs

Flight A - Jerrilyn Stumpf, Dee Moses
 Flight B - Marcelyn Pick, Alice Wedekind
 Flight C - Raymond Miller, Sandra Guthans

Friday Knockout Teams

Lillian Range, Julius Rosenfield, Fred Woodruff, and Michael Falcon

Friday Evening Open Pairs

Flight A - John Onstott, William Weiss
 Flight B - Bernie Weiss, August Bagert

Saturday Open Pairs

Flight A - James Thornton, Janis Berenson
 Flight B - Dee Moses, Marise Hambrick

Sunday Teams

Flight A - Curtis Carpenter, Richard Logan, John Onstott, and James Bush
 Flight X - James Thornton, David Wolf, Nancy Watkins, and Ray Lytle
 Flight B - Donald Daigle, Dee Moses, Bobbi Long, and Juanita Heidingsfelder
 Flight C - Jacquelyn Madden, Louise Saik, Jane Goldring, and Sue Balmer

Intermediate/Novice Event Winners

Victor Law, Stanley Goldberg, Linda Gallagher, Pris Daly, Alan Hanson, Edith Murphy, Jane Goldring, Sue Balmer, George Hill, Vivian Hill, Donald Soignet, Jeanne Soignet, Shirley Haydel, Jennie Ford, John Patterson, Jane Patterson

Know the Director's Rulings

From Jennie Flynn Sauviac

(The following is taken from "The Director's Chair" by Dave Marshall.)

A common misconception among players is that when an opponent makes an out-of-tempo call, his partner is obliged to pass. We should all have learned by this time that NO ONE can always bid or play with no hesitation, particularly in competitive auctions; a player may always take whatever time is necessary to consider the various bids available.

What is forbidden to a player, once his partner "huddles", is to read something into the hesitation. For example, in the sequence:

N E S W N E
 1♠ - 2♥ - 2♠ - 3♥ - Pass* - Pass

*after some thought, South has shown 6-9 points and support for partner, and North has then passed. If South chooses to bid again, he had better be prepared to justify his call.

Holding ♠Qxxxx-♥x-♦Axxx-♣xxx, no one would think of passing 3 hearts, no matter what opener had, almost everyone would compete to 3 spades. However, holding ♠Qxx-♥xxx-♦Axxx-♣Qxx, letting the opponents play at 3 hearts is certainly a possible choice, since South has already shown what he has.

The laws say that, once partner has hesitated, you may not choose from calls (including pass) that may have been DEMONSTRABLY suggested by the hesitation. If you can show from your own hand (and the bidding) that you chose a call that partner could not have been considering, then you may bid whatever you wish.

When an opponent hesitates, the proper time to call the director is after that opponent bids or passes (but don't call every time there's the slightest hitch – call when you think the other opponent can obtain some useful information from the hesitation.

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Attention: players with over 500 MP.

Remember when you had less than 299 MP? Invite a player with less than 299MP for a bridge game.

The LBA will pay your entry fee the first time you play with a 299er, and for each new 299er you play with.

You will also have no entry fee the second game with the same 299er.

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See the list of 299ers by the TV at the bridge club or call Jennie Sauviac at 888-2883 for 299er contact information.