

# Louisiana Bridge Association -- September, 2008

Peggy Allen, Editor

## **President's Message**

Jennie Sauviac is making a big difference as I/N coordinator. Her initiative on Bronze Life Masters (500 plus points) playing with 299ers has been a grand success. We are starting a 0-99er game on Wednesday night to replace the Easy Bridge game that night. New Easy Bridge starts Tuesday September ninth at 6:30 PM and Thursday September 11 at 9:30 AM. Linda Stockton and Suzanne Cliffe will teach these games. Finally, we will now have a short lesson before the Thursday 299er noon game.

If you get here early and set off the alarm, call Ann Barone immediately on your cell phone. The club phone will not work. Ann's number is by the alarm box.

Thanks to Nonie Leavitt for giving us some metal boards and to Louis Fiorella for spiffing up these and other boards.

Sid LeBlanc, President

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# July Firecracker Sectional Updated 299er Results

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Thursday Aft 299er Pairs
 11.0 Tables
         DEF
  2.12 1
                  Victor Law - Stanley Goldberg
  1.81 2 1 1 Linda Gallagher - Pris Daly
1.19 3 Jacquelyn Madden - Sue Balmer
1.36 4 2 2 George Hill -Vivian Hill
                 Kathleen Savino - Marian Petry
  1.02 6 3
0.77 4
                  Jeanne Soignet - Marilyn Downs
          4 3 Debbie Rothschild - Jamie Moreau

5 Mollio France -
                  Mollie Fraser -Pauline Jones
Sally Haywood - Edith Murphy
  0.57
           4
Thursday Eve 299er Pairs
  3.0 Tables
         DΕ
  1.31 1
                  Edith Murphy
                      - Alan Hanson, Fargo ND
  0.98 2
                  Sharron Baird, Wesson MS;
                       - Sue White, McComb MS
Friday Aft 299er Pairs
14.0 Tables
          D E F
  2.42 1
                     Jane Goldring - Sue Balmer
  2.00 2 1 1 George Hill - Vivian Hill
1.36 3 Kathleen Savino - Marian Petry
1.50 4 2 Pauline Jones - Rosemary Austin
  1.50 4 2
1.13 5 3
0.50 6/7
                    P Harp - Harriet Nelson
Louise Saik - Stanley Goldberg
  0.84 6/7 4
                    Esther Rosenberg
                        - Mary Ann Chesson
                     Sandra Dubroc - Carl Kemmerly
Carole O'Hare - Lyndal Scott
  0.67
              2 Linda Gallagher - Pris Daly
  0.96
                    Arnold Levy - Maline Levy
Patricia Burke - Carol Cocke
  0.72
  0.54
Friday Eve 299er Pairs
  5.0 Tables
  1.51
          1
                  Victor Law - Stanley Goldberg
  1.43 2 1
                  Donald Soignet - Jeanne Soignet
Carolyn York - Sue Smith
                  Sandra Dubroc - Wanda Picarella
  0.80 4 3
                 Carl Kemmerly - Marvin Bernstein
  0.60
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Saturday Morn 299er Pairs
 9.0 Tables
 D E F
               Shirley Haydel - Jennie Ford,
               McComb MS
Carolyn York - Betty Townsend
 1.44 2
1.28 3 2
               Jane Patterson - John Patterson
      4 3 1 George Hill - Vivian Hill
 1.19
 0.72 5 4
              Harriet Nelson
                   - Marvin Bernstein
        5 2 Mary Ann Chesson - Leanne
 0.89
                  Lotridge, Houston TX
            3 William Beaushaw - Jeannie
                  Beaushaw
Saturday Aft 299er Pairs
  5.5 Tables
        DEF
 1.61 1 1
               John Patterson - Jane Patterson
 1.21 2
1.18 3 2 1
0.89 4 3 2
               Janet Gomila - Rosemary Austin
               Victor Law - Marvin Bernstein
               Shirley Haydel - Jennie Ford,
               McComb MS
  0.60
               Jeanne Soignet - Marilyn Downs
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Aug. 4-10, 2008 Unit 134 Masterpoint Winners

> 127.95 John Onstott 26.96 Joan Van Geffen 26.96 Jean Talbot 6.77 Cherryl Mitchell 6.16 John Mitchell

Notable firsts at the Nebraska Regional:

John Onstott: Big Red KO Bracket 1, Saturday Compact KO Bracket 1, Sunday Swiss Flight A Cherryl & John Mitchell: Grand Island Compact KO Bracket 3.



#### **Upcoming Special Events**

- Unit Championship Game, Monday, September 1, 10:30 A.M., \$6.00 Entry Fee
- ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game, Thursday, September 11, 7:15 P.M., \$7.00 Entry Fee
- **Memorial Game**, Saturday, September 13, 7:15 P.M., \$6.00 Entry Fee
- Tunica MS Regional, 9/15 9/21, see www . acbl . org for details
- **Metairie 299er Regional**, October 2 through October 5



### In Memoriam

**Grace Davis, 1941-2008** 



# Know the Director's Rulings *Jennie Flynn Sauviac*

#### Insufficient Bid

The director will explain the options that the offender has if his insufficient bid is not accepted by the LHO. The LHO has the first option either to accept or to disallow the insufficient bid. Most players think that not accepting an insufficient bid will be to their benefit, and so, automatically, they require the offender to make the bid sufficient. However, they fail to take a careful look at their other option - to accept the insufficient bid. By accepting the bid, they can deliver information to partner that could not be given once the bid is made sufficient. For example, in the auction 1 ◆ - 1 ♣, LHO can legally bid 1 ♦, 1 ♥, 1 ♠, or 1NT if he accepts the insufficient Club bid. On the other hand, if LHO requires his opponent to make a sufficient bid, he may not have the points or hand shape necessary to bid  $2 \blacklozenge$ ,  $2 \blacktriangledown$ ,  $2 \spadesuit$ , or 2NT. Likewise, after the auction starts 1 ♠ - 1 ♥, LHO may accept the insufficient bid and bid 1NT when he would not have the points to bid 2NT if the 1♥ bidder is required to make his insufficient bid sufficient.

So, don't allow your opponents to hurriedly make their insufficient bid sufficient. Consider the possible advantages of accepting the insufficient bid, using your opportunity to relay information to your partner.

As with all irregularities at the table, call the Director when an insufficient bid occurs at the table. The Director can protect your rights, even if the opponent is quick to change the bid. Only the Director can still allow you to exercise all your options.

# Attention 299ers: Stock Up on RED Points

Mark your calendars for the Metairie 299er tournament, October 2-5. This is a **regional** 299er tournament, so all points awarded will be red points. Flyers are at the club, or see:

http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/Ads/2008/10/0810050.pdf

for more details.



### 4 Weeks FREE Bridge Lessons!

You can't play bridge without a partner and opponents, right? Help enlarge the bridge community by inviting "friends, neighbors, and enemies" to be introduced to our game for free.

These lessons are the Easy Bridge I course and students will play a game in their first lesson.

After four weeks of free lessons and play, they can take additional lessons for \$6.00 each week *and* win masterpoints at the same time.

Attendees may come with a partner, but there will be guaranteed partners for anyone who comes alone.

The evening series of Easy Bridge classes starts Tuesday, September 9, at 6:30. The morning series starts Thursday, September 11, at 9:30. Instructors will be Linda Stockton and Suzanne Cliffe.

All lessons will be at the bridge club, 2709 Edenborn Avenue. Telephone: 889-0869.



#### **Get the Glory You Deserve**

Did you have a 70% or better game? We want to report it in the *Kibitzer*. As soon as you complete a 70% game, have the director put a note in the *Kibitzer* envelope on the bulletin board in the hall.



#### **Things Bridge Players Say to Their Partners**

"Partner, when did you learn to play bridge? I know it was today, but what time today?"

"Partner, every day you play worse and worse, but today you are playing like it is the day after tomorrow."



#### Make Their Day – Ask a 299er to Play

Bronze LM's or higher, please ask a 299er to play. You will have no entry fee the first time you play with a 299er and for each new 299er you play with. See the list by the TV or ask Jennie Sauviac (888-2883) to refer you to a 299er who could benefit by playing with you.