

KIBITZER



Louisiana Bridge Association -- October, 2008

Peggy Allen, Editor

President's Message

The Memorial Game was held September 27 at 6:30. There were drinks, dinner and bridge for the price of bridge. It was a fun evening, with an opportunity to remember those who have left us. As usual, Elaine Prager did a great job for this event.

The club had roof damage from a tornado during Gustav. It was repaired this week. We will proceed with the inside damage now. It will cost about \$15,000. Since it was hurricane-related, the deductible for insurance will be 5% of the value of the building. We will not meet the deductible and will pay all expenses ourselves.

The club is in great shape financially, so this is not a major issue. We owe \$48,000 on our mortgage and will pay it off in two years. During the next two years, we expect about \$2,000 per month profits but zero cash flow due to the mortgage payments. We have accumulated about \$65,000 cash and CD's since we will need that to pay the damages and the advance costs of the 2010 National. We will be a little tight on cash until fall 2010 but should be OK. And we will be in great shape after that. For the last national, we increased the fees by 50 cents for a year in advance, but plan to avoid that this time.

We will have a 299er regional Oct. 2-5. Elaine Prager is in charge. Please help her any way you can. We will have normal open games that week, but plan to have them on the Edenborn side.

We had the carpet steam-cleaned Friday night the 27th of September. It was ready for the Saturday game. This was the only time before November that we could schedule this, so we had to cancel the Eight Is Enough that Friday night.

John Federico is chairman for the 2010 national in July 2010. During the 2010 national, we will have two evening dinners for about 75 people. If you wanted to host one of these at your home, please let John Federico know.

There is a door jam on the window sill by the Edenborn entrance to hold the door open if needed to push a wheel chair or something else in.

Sid LeBlanc, President



Tournament Results

Dallas Labor Day Regional Aug 26- Sep 1, 2008

Total masterpoints: 9872.69 earned by 1034 players.
Total attendance: 1729 tables.

Rank - MP's

581 4.09 Tadeusz Wiewiorowski
582 4.09 Mathilde Wiewiorowski



Tunica Regional Sep 15- Sep 21, 2008

Total masterpoints: 13,123.44 earned by 1036 players.
Total attendance: 2079 tables.

Rank - MP's

3 126.62 John Onstott, New Orleans LA
17 64.92 James Bush, Metairie LA
60 37.60 Anne Plauche, Metairie LA
61 37.60 Ronald Berenger, Metairie LA
62 36.84 Julius Rosenfield, River Ridge LA
63 36.84 Bernie Weiss, New Orleans LA
71 34.20 Lynn John Federico, Kenner LA
72 34.20 Larry Federico, Baton Rouge LA
129 25.21 Jane De Montluzin, Kenner LA
130 25.21 Douglas De Montluzin, Kenner LA

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Tunica Regional Results (continued)

Rank - MP's

216 17.79 Rita Price, Mandeville LA
237 16.00 Walter Frey, Sr, Metairie LA
238 16.00 Neal Frey, Metairie LA
302 13.25 Karen Lea, Ponchatoula LA
746 3.61 Cathy Rantz, New Orleans LA
747 3.61 Betty Townsend, La Place LA
748 3.61 Rosemary Austin, Kenner LA
749 3.61 Carolyn York, Metairie LA
790 3.02 Ana Urrutia, New Orleans LA
791 3.02 Lynne Hand, Metairie LA
806 2.77 Timothy Calamari Jr, Metairie LA
807 2.77 Beverly Dupre, New Orleans LA
894 1.57 Eleanor Onstott, New Orleans LA
988 0.74 Theresa Federico, Kenner LA

Tunica Firsts

John Onstott: Mon-Tue KO Bracket 1, Wed-Thu KO Bracket 1, Fri-Sat Comp KO Bracket 1, Sun Flight AX Swiss.
Anne Plauche & Ronald Berenger: Thu-Fri AM Comp KO.
Neal & Walter Frey: Thu-Fri KO Bracket 4.
Lynn John Federico, Larry Federico, Julius Rosenfield & Bernie Weiss: Fri-Sat AM Comp KO Bracket 2.

Upcoming Special Events

- **Metairie 299er Regional**, October 2 through October 5
- **Halloween Party***, Saturday, October 25, 7:15 P.M., \$6.00 Entry Fee, Extra points awarded because of Club Appreciation Week and ... don't forget your costume
- **Metairie Sectional**, November 6 through November 9

*The October 31 P.M. game has been cancelled – normal daytime Friday game will be held.



Know the Director's Rulings

Jennie Flynn Sauviac

Bid Out of Rotation

This month's rule usually arises from players not paying close attention to whose turn to bid it is. The first question that the Director will ask when called to the table because someone has bid out of turn will be directed to the Left Hand Opponent of the player who wrongfully bid. The LHO always has the option – *without consultation with partner* – to accept the out-of-rotation bid. If the bid is accepted, the auction proceeds.

However, if the LHO does not choose to accept the bid, the bid is cancelled. Then, numerous conditions apply to the Director's ruling. First, if the Out-of-Rotation Bid was made at the Right Hand Opponent's turn to bid and RHO passes, the offender may repeat his legal call without further penalty. Alternatively, if the RHO acts (bidding, doubling, or redoubling), offender's partner is forced to pass at his next turn to bid as long as the offender repeats the denomination of his bid out of turn. If the offender makes any other call, his partner is then required to pass for the rest of the auction.

Now, if the bid was made at the offender's partner's turn to call or the LHO's turn to call *and offender has not previously called*, offender's partner is barred from acting for the entire auction, and lead penalties may apply. The Director also may award an adjusted score. Now, if the offender has previously called in the auction, then Change of Call penalties apply and the offender's side may earn no score better than an average minus on the board.



In Memoriam

August "Slugger" Bagert
Louis M. Fiorella, Jr.



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.



70% Games

- 9/13 – Bob Bowers & Chuck Pitard 70.03%
- 9/18 – Robert Berthelot & Paul Freese 71.43%
- 9/23 – Ann Barone & James Glynn 70.79%
- 09/26 – Shirley Laudun & Carole O'Hare 74.00%

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.



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.



Web Sites

Club: www.la-bridge.com
District 10: <http://d10bridge.org/>
ACBL: www.ACBL.ORG

Our club web site has game results for the last two weeks, daily game schedules, and the 2008 Special Events calendar. It also has archives of the *Kibitzer*.

The District 10 web site has results from recent tournaments around the district, a schedule of upcoming tournaments in the district, and district administrative information, plus links to various unit web sites in District 10.

If you haven't done so, register at ACBL's web site. You can check your masterpoint totals and find complete schedules and results of regional and sectional tournaments all over North America. You can even participate in the *Bridge Bulletin* "It's Your Call" feature. Answer the bidding questions in this month's *Bulletin* and then compare your answers to the experts' choices next month.

